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Pastor

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School Principal

OUR MISSION

The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church are living proof of the grace of God through salvation in Jesus Christ. Empowered by Christ, our mission is to reach out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel that all may be united in Christ.



School Mission

The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to provide a loving atmosphere of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

"Here am I, Lord, send me!"

In November, Immanuel Lutheran Church will be having our annual pledge Sunday. This once a year event helps us as Christians to evaluate what we are able to give to our Church to further spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We give of ourselves through our time, talents, and treasures. Join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as we proclaim to our Lord the sacrifices that we will make this coming year, and prayerfully consider how you can personally grow as a Christian this coming year.





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SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday on

WXCT RADIO 990 AM

1:00 P.M.

From Pastor Karner's Desk

"Just Like Our Parents"

Soon, many of us will have the opportunity to sit down with family and/or friends and give thanks for all of God's blessings. Of course, Christians don't need a special day to show our gratitude to the Almighty. But Thanksgiving has always been ranked near the top of "favorite holidays." I know it's that way in my own family. And speaking of families, family



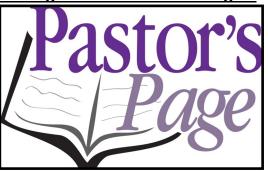
traditions are what makes Thanksgiving (and other holidays) memorable. Those traditions are kept

alive by each generation as we pass them along – grandparents to parents, parents to children, and children to their children.

Have you ever noticed how often it is that children emulate their parents? Children watch their parents and they do what they see them doing. This is how they learn to speak. They watch the shape and form of their parents' mouths and they try to make the same shape so that they

can make the same sounds.

But children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything: and children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncom-



fortable, and sometimes embarrassing, situation where a child does or says what one of their parents have done or said... something that isn't too flattering! Sitcoms thrive on this sort of thing. And it only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents. And they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His



Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father." We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs; heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, because of His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our

income to the work of the church. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we're enabled to lead holy are His children. And children want to be like their lives. We're strengthened to emulate the generosity of parents. our heavenly Father by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we've witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we're recipients of it. It's because we've received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts aren't just spiritual. They're temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize

this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house,

home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

And so we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week,

> and set aside a generous portion of dship God's daily bread for His work in the church. Not because He's commanded us to do so. But rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate

His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we

Pastor Karner

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24



THANK YOU!

Our Thanks go out to each of you for your prayers and support for our mission and ministry here in Ghana. We ask you to pray for us as we settle into our Accra home during October and continue to share Christ, and His love, for all!

"The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all His works." Psalm 145:13b

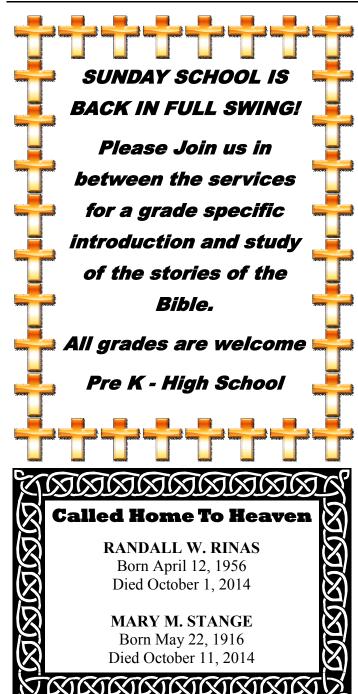
To support our work financially, you may send a taxdeductible gift to:

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> > Or

Mission Central P.O. Box 790089 40718 Highway E 16 Mapleton, IA. 51034

Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod " or "Mission Central". Mark checks "Schumacher-Ghana." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website.







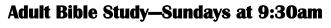
Other Worship Opportunities:

Chapel Service - Wednesdays 10:00am

Walk & Talk - Tuesdays 9:30am

Emmaus Walkers - Thursdays 6:30am

Women's Bible Study -Contact Maggie Karner



Form your own Bible Study!



Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 2, 2014: **8:00am** 10:45am All Saint's Sunday

Sunday, November 9, 2014: 8:00am **10:45am** Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 16, 2014: **8:00am** 10:45am

Sunday, November 21, 2014: 8:00am **10:45am**

Sunday, November 30, 2014: **8:00am 10:45am**



CHURCH NEWS

Missouri Synod September Theme:

Stewardship







Just an FYI for everyone to get their flu shots. Today, there is much talk regarding the Ebola virus. Even though there have been no cases reported in Conn., we want to be aware of symptoms to report. If you know of someone who has been out of the country or has been in contact with someone who has been out of the country and is experiencing symptoms, you need to report it

immediately. The incubation period can be up to 21 days before experiencing any symptoms. They are not contagious during this time. High fever 101.5 or greater, sweat, vomiting, diarrhea, bleeding problems, bruising, and severe headaches should be reported immediately. Ebola is not airborne. It is passed thru body fluids, urine, feces, blood, mucous and thru open sores on the skin. You should be observed for 21 days and kept in isolation if you were in the presence of anyone who has been diagnosed with Ebola for your own protection and for those around you. We need to remember that we are never alone. Jesus is with us always and will never leave us. Remember good hygiene is important. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.



I'd like to thank everyone who joined us for lunch at BARC on Wed. Oct 8th. Our group has increased from 2 to 14. We try to meet once a month. We made plans once again, to go out to lunch at 12:30pm on November 19, 2014 at Marilyn's in Forestville. All the women of Immanuel are invited to join us. Just let me know if you plan on going so I can let them know how many to expect. It is a great way to share your faith with your friends from

church. Please think of a name we can call the group and bring your suggestions at the next lunch. Hope to see you there!! Remember also to join us on Tuesday mornings for Walk and Talk. You can walk at your own pace. After our walk, we meet and have coffee and discuss different topics, always with our focus on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please join us at the Parish Center on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Women's

Bible Study the last Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the Parish Center. Please join us. There are many homebound people in our congregation that would enjoy a visit from you. If you are interested in visiting shut ins, please leave a message at the Parish Center with your phone number and I'll make it a point to contact you as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from the parish nurse, please let me know as well.

Gods Blessings, Roberta Kuhr RN



SCOTT KILLIAN and GRACE JENNINGS

Married at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, Connecticut Saturday, October 18, 2014 Thank You Immanuel Lutheran Church! I am so very grateful to receive this college scholarship from you. It will be used to further my education as I go onto my Sophomore year at Naugatuck Valley Community College pursuing a health sciences degree.

Sincerely,

Stephen Helming

1 Thessalonians 1:2: "We always thank god for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers."

YOUNG AT HEART

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS



It's time to celebrate on November 6th! Our lunch group has been doing these senior lunches for **Twenty Years** (20)and invite you to join us as we celebrate. Yes, twenty years ago in 1994 some Immanuel members formed the Senior Saints and started this program of monthly lunches. Our name is changed but some of the same original charter members still faithfully attend and contribute wonderful food for our buffets. We will have photo albums available for you to see some of our early events.

We will have our traditional Soup & Sandwich Lunch, with our great cooks bringing the foods, along with an Anniversary Cake. This is the last lunch in the Old School Basement this year. If you need a ride, or have questions, please call



Carol Maron 582-9608. Webster Bank is sending two employees for our lunch program who will talk about



keeping our money safe and avoiding **Scams**. Please join us for this very important information. We will also honor our Veterans in attendance.

Next month, on December 9th Tuesday, we will hold our annual **Christmas Party** at Nuchies Restaurant in Forestville. We will distributing these invitations to you at our Nov. 6 lunch, but put December 9 on your calendar now.

Can you visit one of or homebound members before the snow flys? If you need a name or phone number, try the office or phone our Parish Nurse, Roberta Kuhr. We saw a number of new faces last month when 66 of us attended our Oktoberfest Lunch and enjoyed the Old Tyme Fiddlers.

Remember to join us on November 6 for our 20th Anniversary Lunch and help us celebrate with food and Christian fellowship!



From The Helping Ministry Warm-A-Child MaryAnn Kalwat

Don't be shocked to see a Christmas tree in the hall outside the library just after Halloween! No, we are

not having a sale, but we are bringing you the opportunity to help area children in need of warm clothing for the upcoming long winter. The mitten tree will display several



colorful paper mittens with the actual size and type of clothing needed for each child. Right now we are serving children from St. Vincent DePaul, both Bristol Pre-schools, Edgewood School, and requests from Immanuel members. If anyone knows of any children that they feel could benefit from this program please notify me at mkalwat@comcast.net or 860-583-2975 There will be more information about this annual campaign in the weekly bulletin, the November Messenger, and the Wolf's Howl (school newspaper.) MaryAnn Kalwat

TAG

Tag Sale:

November 8, 8-2 pm. Please donate items by leaving them on the stage or calling Linda Beaudoin(860)589-6431 for

pick up. No couches or TV's please. Please be considerate by donating clean, useable items.

Proceeds will benefit the 7th and 8th grade to trip to Washington D.C. and the youth trip to New Orleans in 2016. Remember youth and parents your help and donations are needed. Set up will be November 7th after school until it is done.

Baked goods and coffee will be sold as well.

Parents bring something so your child gets credit toward their trip.



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

The Women of Immanuel will hold their annual Christmas potluck on

Thursday, **December 4th** at 6:00 pm in the **Old School Basement**. Note the change of date to the first Thursday in December. Bring your favorite dish and a friend; desserts will be provided. All women are welcome. Mark your calendar to celebrate the Advent of the coming of our Lord with your sisters in Christ. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION Sharing the Good News

Jesus loves you! It is not just a just a coincidence that every pastor speaks of that saving love every Sunday.

We have Good News to share. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

Can even a causal acquaintance see Christ's love in our lives?

Every time we interact with another person, whether driving, standing in line, or doing any of our normal day-to-day activities, we are missionaries. We don't have to be able to give a sermon to be a witness; we just have to be ready to share our story about God in our life.

Missions Sharing doesn't have to be a speech; after all, you only have a minute or two in the check-out line. You do have time to be helpful. time for a friendly smile, and time for a pleasant greeting acknowledging that God has given us this wonderful day of rain or sunshine. That smile may open the door to a relationship and the opportunity to share the Gospel. God uses us to open the door and then He does the rest!

Pat Reichert Vice President of Special Focus Ministries

VOICE OF CARE MINISTRY TO THE DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED \$50.600

There are over 300,000 people with developmental disabilities in northern Illinois and ninety percent of

them are not connected with a congregation. For 10 years, Voice of Care has continually reached out to these people



through the efforts of two chaplains and many volunteers to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to where these people live and work. Voice of Care would like to tell its story throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to engage others in giving of their resources and to begin similar programs in their own communities. Voice of Care uses all of its present resources for outreach ministry and needs additional resources to upgrade its office technology and to create a variety of ways, including multi-media presentations, through which its story can be told.



Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, through the training and resources that Voice of Care provides, many congregations are reaching out through Sunday school, Bible studies, and respite care programs. Bless this grant, dear Lord, to bring the message of Christ to children and adults who are

developmentally challenged. In Jesus' precious and saving name we pray, Amen.

LWML 2015 Convention Des Moines, Iowa – June 25-28, 2015

Bountiful! Sow · Nourish · Reap

Save the dates! Mark your calendar for next June 25-28, 2015 to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. We gather under the theme Bountiful! Sow · Nourish · Reap to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to work in the Father's harvest field. Go to www.lwml.org/events/ conventions/2015-des-moines for more information.





ATTENTION ALL VETERANS
AND ACTIVE MILITARY
PERSONNEL—On Friday,
November 7th the students
of Immanuel will be honoring all those who have

served in our military at our annual Veterans Day Program beginning at 9 a.m. Come hear the students as the share songs, poems and other recognition as we thank God that He has given us a free country.





Thank you to the many people who made this year's Sauerkraut supper a huge success. We would also like to thank the many people who supported this dinner by their attendance.

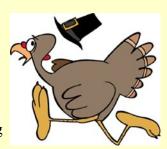


NEW ACTION TEAM PROGRAM

Thrivent has a new program providing seed money for fundraisers, service activities and educational events. They will provide a \$250 Visa card to be used as seed money for each event. For more information, please contact Linda Beaudoin (860-589-6431) or Jim Krupski (860-583-5631).

THIRD ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL:

This year, we will be collecting frozen turkeys to help our church supply food baskets for Thanksgiving. We are asking students to bring



a frozen turkey to school on Friday N

school on Friday November 14th, and place it on the stage in the gym. Turkeys may be brought on Sunday, November 16th as well. (Turkeys will be coming on sale in the coming weeks, so it is a good time to give to those in need.)

SAVE THE DATES



Come and celebrate the birthday of our Lord with students of Immanuel.

December 12th—Festive Christmas Music Concert 7 p.m. in the Gym

December 15th—Preschool Christmas Program 9 a.m. in the church.

December 17th—School Christmas Program "The Special Christmas Lamb" 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the church.

JOIN THE ILS WOLVES BOOSTER CLUB

\$45.00 for a family membership \$35.00 for an individual. You get Free admission to all regular season home games! The Booster Club supports all ILS athletic teams!





Oct. 7, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

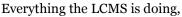
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As Ebola continues its deadly sweep across West Africa — the death toll rising to some 3,500 at this writing — the people of the LCMS continue to respond with prayer and support for our relief efforts.

So far, we have given mercy grants totaling \$67,729 to help our brothers and sisters in the most afflicted nations — Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea — grants made possible by the generosity of LCMS members.

In Liberia, we are providing food supplies and other essentials, particularly for people who can't get to their workplaces to make a living. We're also offering sanitation and cleaning supplies to households as a preventive measure. And, we are engaging with Lutheran congregations and schools to educate people on how

Ebola is spread and contained. Meanwhile, in Sierra Leone and Guinea, we are assisting with providing food in remote areas where basic supplies are not available.



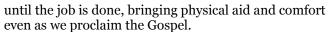
working through our main point of contact, missionary David Erber, the Synod's area director for West Africa, is being done with church leaders in the region. This is the best way — assisting our partners as they have the ability to use our help. We can do much more together than alone, as was demonstrated recently in the highly successful Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

The same holds true within our Synod. Many have contacted our offices wondering how they can help fight Ebola. The most effective way is to give through the LCMS, allowing our missionaries and staff to come alongside African church leaders to coordinate with our LCMS Disaster Response and Health Ministry efforts. The Synod's online giving page — https://www.lcms.org/givenow/epidemics — is for this purpose, directing funds

to the LCMS' Epidemics & Infectious Diseases Response Fund.

The battle to save lives from Ebola will be a long fight, some saying up to two years. And now there are reports of another disease, the so-called Marburg virus, coming out of

Uganda. We will be in this for the long haul — that is a hallmark of LCMS mercy work. As Lutherans, we stay



The Church's work of mercy extends beyond national borders, and it cooperates with others in meeting human need. That is the model of our current battle against Ebola — Christ's love for the whole person, body and soul, as our supreme example for life in this world. Christian service of our neighbor finds its source, motivation and example in Christ's incarnate, redeeming, atoning, active love (Phil. 2:1-11). Every aspect of the faith drives us outside ourselves to care for our neighbor.

I invite you to share the contents of this letter with your congregation.

With thanksgiving to God for your faithful service on behalf of the Gospel, I remain Yours in Christ,

Matthew C. Harrison, President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

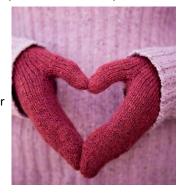
Warm-A-Child from the Helping Ministry

For this holiday season we again are presenting a wonderful way for our church and school community to help some needy children from local public schools, St. Vincent de Paul, Bristol Pre-schools, and from within our own congregation. The Warm-A-Child Christmas tree, found by the library is decorated with paper mittens describing specific clothing requests. If you would please choose a mitten or two, fulfill the request, and place the gift wrapped package(s) (with the mitten attached) back under the tree by Dec. 7, your gift will be very, very appreciated. If anyone has requests for this service, please call MaryAnn at 860-583-2975.

We are also sending unwrapped newborn items to the area's Crisis Pregnancy Center. We hope to fill

some boxes with lots of diapers, clothing, and just about anything suitable for an infant.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. And... have fun shopping!





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Youth News



TAG SALE

On November 8th from 8:00an until about 2:00pm. Help is



also needed setting up on Friday, November 7th after school. Participants will reflect funds allocated

HARVEST PARTY

Saturday, November 1, 2014 in the Old School Basement from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, the Jr. high Youth Group will have snacks, games, and fellowship. Dress

vill have snacks, games, and fellowship. Dress up in a costume! Prizes will be given for the most original and creative





SCHOOL ALUMNI COMMITTEE

We are assembling a committee to find and enter data on our ILS graduates. If you are interested, call the School at 860-583-5631.



JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
FOR BIBLE STUDY!



ILC Youth is on facebook! (where else...right?!) We're ILC Youth Group....come join us...pics and posts!

From The Editor:

It is so tough to live your life as a Christian. Every day when I wake up, I thank the good Lord for allowing me to wake, and pray that He helps me through the day without screwing up too bad. Last week I didn't do so well. I got sucked into a conversation complaining about something someone was or wasn't doing. I usually try to avoid gossip situations at all costs because I realize how destructive that sort of thing can be, but for some reason, my sympathetic ear turned into an attack on



someone who was not around to defend themselves. Half way through the conversation I realized where it was going, and I tried to look for an escape, but was a contributor none the less. The rest of the day I felt awful. I couldn't stop thinking about the poor person that we were talking about. Half way through the week, the thing that we were complaining about



became irrelevant because the person that we were talking about had addressed it. This made me feel even worse. Sins like that have a way of eating away at you until forgiveness is requested. God knows that we are all weak human beings with a penchant for sinning, yet He forgives our sins anyway and continues to

love us. What an amazing God! If I can take away anything from this slip up, it would be that we are all very different people with different ideas, work habits, interests, and priorities. Just because someone may not think or act like you, it doesn't mean that they are wrong and you are right. We are all in this thing called life together so follow the Golden Rule and treat everyone the way you would like to be treated. It is so simple, sometimes it seems impossible.

NOVEMBER 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30. Beth Anderson Dicie Balash Andrew Follo Bryant Kowalski Chelsea Schaffrick						1.Karin Behrendt Ray Cunningham Alena Hauer Morgan Hebert- Dubois
2. Bobby Boucher Maureen Cochran Ashley Goritz Courtney Laudati Amanda Northrop Brenda Senesac Sara Triplett	3.Taylor Milano	4. Albert Emmert Erna Litke	5. Jane Dalger Diane Erling Caryn Hill	6. Amanda Duval Donna Kuharski Otto Kuhn Janet Voisine	7. Janet Riemer Suzanne Wentland	8. Ray Ryskowski Jr.
9.	10. Peter Malsheske Candace Michelson Mary Reckert	11. Sally Bartucca Michael Cassala Hermann Erling Jr. John Sonnenberg Samuel Ward	12. Breanna Hoyt Norman Kirschner Emily Larson Michelle Matthews Catherine Sonstroem Eric Starczyk	13.Colten Beaudoin Jill Casey Nathan Kirschner	14. Brian Dalke Holly Fitz Corrine Freimuth	15. Stephen Mockler Clarance Hultman Brenda Krosnicki
16. Isabella Gagliardi Rick Gurgigno	17. Edith Cook Nancy Malsheske Kelley McIntyre William Palmisano Taylor Winters	18. Elna Huntley Rudolph Jabs Robert Theriault	19. Ashley Bielert Alice Helming David McCorriston Martha Pond Martin Rakich-Kelly Holly Simard	20. Diane Read	21. Patricia Bohn Melissa Haras Bruce Hardin Deanna Hill	22. Sean Averso Julie Burt Beth Houle Ryan Kosiba Ida May Ingrid Triplett Vivian Yurko
23. Marion Freitag Dawn Santilli	24. Ruth Muesel Duane Reich Zakry Rodriguez	25. Raye Bohn Chris Ertl Warren Kirschner Michael Lauretti Sr.	26. Paul Balash Lori Fitzherbert Jeffrey Girard Joan Heidorn Verna Koehn Kelsey Wiegert	27. James Dimeo Evelyn Phillips	28. Louis Laudati Jared Scoville Marie Vorwerk Eugene Zahnke	29. Debora Finn Ovelto Ciccarelli George Kalwat Ayrana Lorancaitis Elijah Ward

Food Drive

Sponsored by the Helping Ministry SUNDAY, November 16, 2014

7:30a.m. - 12:00pm

Drop off at Immanuel Lutheran Gymnasium

The Helping Ministry would like to **THANK** those who have generously donated to past food drives. Immanuel has been an enormous help to many local food pantries.

Some suggested items:

- Baby food
- Coffee
- Jelly
- Soap

Canned food

Cereal

• Pasta

- Fresh vegetables & fruits
- 33 gallon black trash bags
- ToothpasteShampoo

- Frozen turkeys
- Paper towels

- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter Toilet paper

• Meals in a can

Note: The October & November Mite Box Offering will go toward the food drive.

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