"God's work. Our hands."

LMLC Social Ministry Newsletter

July 2025



Who We Are & What We Do

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Social Ministry Funding Plan, organizes Change for Change, approves requests for the Good Shepherd Fund, and informs the congregation of ways to minister to those in need in our community.

Stock the Pantries - April



Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry

Ground Coffee or Tea Bags (BIFP) – All of us enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the morning.



Micah's Mini-Pantry

For the summer Micah's Mini Pantry is converted into a Mini-Library. Place donated books on the cart in the Narthex.

Donate!

You can donate to Change for Change or any Social Ministry charities LMLC supports by scanning one of the codes with your smart phone and designating where you want your money to go.



PayPal Scan Code



Venmo Scan Code

Change for Change - Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry

Until All Are Fed: Change for Change for July is the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Luther Memorial continues to be a strong supporter of the Food Pantry.

With your donations we purchased 2880 bars of Ivory soap this year. Luther Memorial currently provides all the bar soap for the Pantry. We also purchased 246 cans of chicken when supplies can low in February.

Luther Memorial also supports the Food Pantry by volunteering. Our customer support group helps with customer shopping on the second Wednesday of the month, and our Food Lion food pickup team gets food orders on the fourth Tuesday of the month, transports the food to the pantry and stocks the shelves. We could use a couple of volunteers for the Wednesday shift. The hours are from 9:45 to 11:30. Contact Sandy Hagman sandy.hagman@comcast.net if interested.

In addition to the support from Luther Memorial and other faith-based communities, AARPA grants from the Town of Blacksburg are changing the face of the Pantry. With the grant money and donations from several contractors in the community, the Pantry is getting the following:

1. Solar Panels

Chris Roberts of Baseline Solar is donating and installing solar panels on the roof of the Pantry at no cost. This will enable the Pantry to keep their electrical costs down.

2. Generator

To ensure that our freezers keep running in case of an electrical outage, with the help of Sundown Electric and Waco Inc., the Pantry is installing a generator.

3. New EXIT Door

An exit door was created by Snyder & Associates General Contractor where there was a window. This makes a path where customers can exit the Pantry when they finish shopping without blocking the door for incoming customers, creating a smoother traffic flow.

Books for Micah's Mini-Pantry



Do you need to clean out space on your bookshelves? Don't forget that we are converting Micah's Mini-Pantry to a Mini-Library for the summer. Place the donated books on the cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.