



**Who We Are & What We Do**

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Benevolence Budget, 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 - July**



**Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

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



**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



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**Food Drive at University Kroger – Saturday, July 27**



Donations are essential to keep the Food Pantry operating. Most people think of monetary donations, but donations of food are equally as important! Luther Memorial is scheduled for a food drive at the Kroger on University City Blvd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. You can volunteer for a 2-hour shift or for all 4 hours. We also need people at the Food Pantry to weigh the collected food and put it on the shelves. Contact Sandy Hagman if you can volunteer. *Email:* [sandy.hagman@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.hagman@comcast.net), *Phone:* (540) 951-0270.

**Change for Change – Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

*Food is national security. Food is economy. It is employment, energy, history. Food is everything. José Andrés*



Change for Change for July is the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Luther Memorial is a strong supporter of the Food Pantry.

We have two volunteer teams. The first crew assists customers shopping at the Pantry and consists of Diane Catley, Chris Skogen, Mike and Mariella Deisenroth, Marti Larson, and Sandy Hagman. The second crew picks up food orders at the North Main Food Lion and delivers them to the Pantry then sorts and puts them on the shelves. This group consists of Charlie Harris, Bill King, Glen Buss, and Sandy and Terry Hagman (Diane and Dennis Catley also provide backup when needed).

The number of people accessing the Food Pantry continues to grow. Luther Memorial supports the Pantry in several ways. In addition to working at the Pantry, we also supply all bar soap (Ivory) that the Pantry distributes. We also provide an item for the Holiday Bags that the Pantry distributes in November (i.e., cream of mushroom soup).



This year the emphasis from the ELCA for "God's Work. Our Hands" is on hunger. Luther Memorial has provided Birthday Bags for children in the past. This year for "God's Work. Our Hands," we would like to provide 75 birthday bags. Beginning in July, we collect from the congregation cake mix, frosting, and 8 pack juice boxes for 75 bags. Your contributions for Change for Change will be used to purchase the following for each bag: 9x13 aluminum cake pan, candles, plates, napkins, a small favor, and bags to hold it all.

After church on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will assemble the bags before enjoying our annual pig pickin'.