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Helping Neighbors ~ Improving Lives ~ Spreading Blessings

**Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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# Project Hope

## HAPPENINGS

Project Hope, Inc. is a non-profit organization which provides food and clothing assistance at no cost to families in need.

### Pantry Locations and Hours

#### Main Food Pantry

6201 N 60th St

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

11:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

#### Clothing Pantry

Tuesday & Thursday

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Satellite Food Pantry

##### St. Matthew Lutheran Church

1725 S 60th St

3rd Saturday of the Month

10 a.m. - Noon

##### Lutheran Church of the Master

2617 S 114th St

1st Sunday of the Month

Noon - 2 p.m.

3rd Monday of the Month

4 - 5:45 p.m.

### Inside this issue:

Collections During Lent

Thank You to Our Donors

Italian Sausage & Lentils Recipe

Donation Items Needed

Share your food with  
the hungry . . .

Give clothes to those  
who need them.

Isaiah 58:7

**Winter Edition**  
**January 2025**

### Donate Your Dollars:

On our website -  
projecthopeomaha.org  
or send to us in the mail.  
Envelope provided inside.

**Direct your Thrivent  
Choice Dollars to  
Project Hope.**

**Baker's Community  
Rewards Program:**  
Information inside.

**Spark Good @ Walmart:**  
Round Up program  
information inside.

**Donate Food & Clothing:**  
At our main pantry site.  
Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Clients Served**  
**October - December 2024**  
Average Households per  
Month — 563  
Average Individuals per  
Month — 1,933  
Average Households in  
Clothing Pantry — 204

## Mission & Value Statements

**Helping Neighbors ~ Improving Lives ~ Spreading Blessings**

We are called to feed and clothe God's people in need.

We believe nutritious food contributes to good health.

We value people with love, hope, compassion and dignity.



## Forty Days — Forty Items

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Lent.**

**We have a challenge for you!**

Each day of Lent, place one item in a bag, sack, or box to donate to Project Hope.

You may choose to collect food, clothing, household cleaning products, household paper products, or personal care items.

Check out the items we need on the inside of the back cover.

Please make sure that food items are not outdated, clothing items are clean and gently used, and household cleaning or personal care items have not been partially used.

**At the end of the forty days,  
donate these items to Project Hope!**

## Dillons Community Rewards Program

If you shop at **Bakers** and have a Dillons Food Store rewards card; you can now link your Dillons card to **Project Hope**.

**Go to <http://www.bakersplus.com>.**

Sign into your account or create your account.

Open—My Account. Scroll down to Community Rewards.

Search for and select **Project Hope or #AK280**.

You are now raising money for Project Hope.

**Remember to scan your Rewards card each time you checkout.**

**Thank You!**

## PANTRY NEEDS

**YOUR** pantry donations go directly to our clients and we thank you for your kindness.



### OUR GREATEST NEEDS ARE:

**FOOD NEEDS:** Cereal, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Applesauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Beans (Baked, Black, Chili, & Refried), Canned Meats (Chicken, Salmon, Sardines, Tuna, etc.), Rice or Pasta Sides, Ramen Noodles, Tuna & Hamburger Helper, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Canned Pasta Sauce (not glass jars), Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Box Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Condiments (Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, & Salad Dressings), Small Bottles Cooking Oil, and Microwave Popcorn.

**BABY NEEDS:** Baby Wipes, **Diapers Sizes 5 and 6 only**, & Pull-ups all sizes.

**PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:** Shampoo, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, & Deodorant.

**PAPER PRODUCTS:** Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue and Paper Towels.

**HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:** Small Bottles of Liquid Dish Soap, Small Bottles or Pods of Laundry Detergent, and General Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaners.

**CLOTHING PANTRY:** New socks and underwear.



## ITALIAN SAUSAGE AND LENTILS

This hearty dish makes great leftovers. The lentils hold up well and don't get mushy. You can cut up the sausages and mix them in with the lentils if desired.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 tablespoon olive oil          | 5 links Italian sausage             |
| 1 medium onion, chopped         | 4 stalks celery, chopped            |
| 2 carrots, peeled and chopped   | 2 cloves garlic, minced             |
| 2 cups lentils (brown or green) | ¼ cup red wine or cranberry juice   |
| 1 15 ounce can diced tomatoes   | 4 cups broth (chicken or vegetable) |
| 1 teaspoon dried oregano        | 1 teaspoon kosher salt              |
| ½ teaspoon black pepper         | ½ cup chopped parsley               |

1. Heat olive oil in dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Add in sausages and cook just until browned (they will not be cooked through at this point.) Remove sausages from pot and set aside.
2. To the pot, add chopped onion, carrot, celery, and garlic. Cook until the vegetables start to soften, about 5 minutes. Stir in the lentils and red wine, and cook for a minute. Pour in the canned tomatoes, broth, oregano, and salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer. Add back in the sausages, pressing into the lentils. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally until lentils are al dente, about 30 minutes.
3. Remove cooked sausages from pot. Stir in parsley. Serve lentils in a bowl with a link of sausage on top.

Recipe courtesy of This Italian Kitchen.



## Walmart Spark Good Round Up Program

Go to [Walmart.com/SparkGood](https://www.walmart.com/SparkGood) and choose Project Hope as your charity. You can now round up your change and the extra money will be donated to us when you shop on the Walmart app or Walmart.com.

**Thank you for rounding up!**



## Legacy Gifts

When making your estate plans, please consider making a legacy gift to Project Hope. We now have an Endowment Fund through the ELCA Foundation Ministry Growth Fund.

## We Need Volunteers Willing to Lend Us Helping Hands Monday thru Friday 9:30 am—3:00 pm



Please contact Jennifer via email at [projecthope.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:projecthope.jennifer@gmail.com) or call us at 402-453-7649 to schedule volunteer time or if you have any questions about volunteering.



## CLOTHING PANTRY IS OPEN

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 11:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**We are accepting only winter clothing including coats, boots, hats and gloves.**

Please remember that clothing items must be clean and gently used. Donations are accepted Tuesday & Thursday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

## Scheduled & Investment Giving

Schedule your gift through our website at **[www.projecthopeomaha.org](https://www.projecthopeomaha.org)**, via PayPal.

This option allows you to support our programs regularly throughout the year and beyond.

Project Hope also has the ability for you to donate portions of your personal stock investments to support our mission via our Charles Schwab account. This option may provide you with tax benefits.

Please contact us to complete a transfer transaction.





## THANK YOU!!



**THANK YOU** to the church members who have provided food for Project Hope during October, November, and December 2024. We appreciate your continued support and help with our mission.

St. Michael Lutheran Church	Liberty Church
Bethel Lutheran Church	St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Resurrection Lutheran Church	St. Thomas Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church of the Master	Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Lord of Love Lutheran Church	Zion Lutheran Church
Augustana Lutheran Church	St. Marks Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church	Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	United Methodist Church
GraceHill Lutheran Church	Calvary Lighthouse Church

**Blessings to all of you for remembering our neighbors!**

*Thank You*

**Thank you to these groups for their donations during October, November, and December!**

Saving Grace for delivering food items twice weekly.

Whispering Roots organization for providing many food items.

Hy-Vee Peony Park donating grocery sacks.

Parkwood Terrace Apartments donated food and personal care items.

Sons of Norway donating paper products, personal care items, and socks..

BFF from Benson Business district donated food, clothing and personal care items.

Prosource Wholesale of Omaha donated food, paper products and personal care items.

Tenaska donated winter coats.

The Humble Lily donated shoes and clothing.

Use the attached envelope to support our mission with your monetary donation.

## Thank You to the following Churches Donating Nonfood Items the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024:

St. Michael Lutheran Church	Zion Lutheran Church
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Augustana Lutheran Church
Bethel Lutheran Church	St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	Calvary Lighthouse Church
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	Lutheran Church of the Master



**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES  
AND ORGANIZATIONS  
SUPPORTING US FINANCIALLY.  
FORTH QUARTER 2024**



CALVARY LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH WOMEN  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND  
LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER  
LUTHERAN WOMEN OF OMAHA  
MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

FOREVER YESTERDAY THRIFT STORE  
MILOMA LODGE #328  
OMAHA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
THRIVENT NATIONAL  
TOGETHER A GREATER GOOD (TAGG)



## Grants Received 4rd Quarter 2024

CyberGrants for \$525.

International Paper Foundation \$8,000 for Food.

William E & Rose Marie Davis Foundation for \$2,000.

**Thank you to the above organizations for supporting our mission.**