



Dear Friend,

When you see the term **food pantry** what comes to mind?

Hungry homeless people standing in line with grocery carts that hold everything they own? Young parents seeking diapers and clothes for their small children? Seniors asking for canned goods so they can eat until the first of next month, when their Social Security check arrives? All of these answers are correct, but there are many more.

\$30 FUNDS LAYETTES FOR THREE NEW MOMS THAT INCLUDE A RECEIVING BLANKET, CLOTHES, DIAPERS & FOOD

Lutheran Social Services Southern California began in San Diego immediately after the conclusion of World War II. Hordes of veterans returned from fighting overseas, but there was a shortage of housing, employment and everyday cash.

Starting in First Lutheran Church San Diego, LSS dispensed food to every one who came. The need was immense, and eventually we moved out into various locations all over the county, so food could be made available to more people, and closer to where they lived.

Project Hand, our pantry in Chula Vista, emerged out of those early days, and is still serving the community today. It has been located on the campus of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for over 30 years.

One of our clients has been coming every month for six years.

Today, at 89 and suffering from arthritis, she is no longer able physically to get to our site. But her modest fixed income makes pantry items essential on a regular basis.

Now, her granddaughter uses an LSS proxy form to pick up the food on her behalf. "Mrs. T" writes down what she needs, along with her I.D., and then her granddaughter comes to Project Hand to retrieve the groceries. LSS stands between two generations in the family, offering food and compassion to both. Situations like that happen every day in many of our LSS locations.

At Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino our pantry reaches out beyond the 70 men who live in the homeless shelter on campus. People from the surrounding neighborhood also come for groceries on a regular basis. In February we provided 214 bags that fed 875 people. During March we distributed 148 bags that nourished 610 people.



Long Beach Food Pantry

\$50 SUPPLIES A FAMILY OF FOUR, WITH A WEEK'S GROCERIES

Our Long Beach pantry is open Monday through Friday. In March 526 food bags were distributed, and 1,462 families were served. As a result 5,165 people were fed.

In addition to assisting those without sufficient food, there is also a growing number who suffer from **food insecurity**. A college student in Long Beach works 32 hours each week and rents a single room from a family. However, it's not possible for her to receive government relief because she earns more than the eligible requirement. After paying the rent, she doesn't have enough money to purchase the food she needs.

\$100 PROVIDES TEN FOOD BAGS; EACH BAG FEEDS A FAMILY FOR THREE DAYS

One out of ten California State University students suffers from homelessness and food insecurity. The statistics are even worse for Los Angeles County Community College students: one out of five.

We are grateful for the donations you have given in the past, and we critically need your financial support now. Southern California has experienced a steady increase in the numbers of hungry men, women and children throughout the counties we serve. Your continued partnership with LSS will help us purchase items from local food banks in greater quantity, and that will enable us to feed more people.

In Christ's Service, Ron Drews, President/CEO

P.S. Attached is your LSS reply slip. Please check the box for the amount of your gift. No gift is too small, but please be as generous as possible. Return the reply slip in the enclosed envelope. Thanks so much!



*Names have been changed to protect our client's privacy

Yes! I will continue my partnership with LSS to feed more people.

Make checks payable to **LSSSC** (Gifts are deductible from taxable income to the full extent allowable by law).

GIFT AMOUNT:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 Other \$ _____

PLEASE DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO: Case Management Baby Goods Food CCLM Fire As Needed

Other _____

Email _____

PRINT NAME (as it appears on credit card):

AMEX VISA MASTERCARD

CC# _____ EXP. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ Signature _____



Please fill out and enclose this form with your Gift and Email in the envelope provided.



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

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DEADLINE
\$40
TICKET
Saturday,
JUNE
1st*



JUNE 22, 2019
LUTHERAN NIGHT

LA DODGERS vs
COLORADO ROCKIES

ALL RESERVED SEATS \$40 PER TICKET

NEW! Select your own seats through our dedicated link
ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH LINK BY SATURDAY, JUNE 1st
<https://groupmatics.events/event/DodgersLutheranNight>

For additional questions or info please
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The Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS and the Southwest CA Synod & Pacifica Synod of the ELCA present Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. This year we will join thousands of faith based organizations for Dodgers Christian Faith Day including pre-game, on-field recognition and post-game player event.

A Legacy for Your Loved Ones



If you have any of the following, then you have a great opportunity to leave your own legacy to those you love.

- IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) retirement accounts

- Investment accounts
- Checking, savings or CD account
- Life insurance you no longer need

You have the power and control to tell your administrator who will inherit your accounts when you pass away, and with a beneficiary designation, you still own the account and can continue to use it to meet your needs. You can name family, friends or an organization like LSSSC to inherit your account. When you leave a gift to us, we will be able to continue His work.

Please contact us at development@lsssc.org to begin learning about the many different ways you can create a custom gift.

Blue Earth Band Reunion Tour to Benefit Lutheran Social Services

The Blue Earth Band plays a unique combination of folk, blues, and acoustic country music, with shimmering harmonies and driving guitars, banjo, and harmonica.



This June, Tim Gustafson (M.A. Luther Seminary, Ph.D. University of Iowa), and Pastors Tim Larson (M.Div. LSTC) and Jay Egenes (M.Div. PLTS) will reunite for a short reunion tour to benefit Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

- **Friday, June 7** Trinity, Riverside / Concert at 7pm
- **Saturday, June 8** Hope, Palm Desert / 5:30pm Worship / Concert at 7pm
- **Sunday, June 9** Calvary, Solana Beach / Concert at 6pm
- **Monday, June 10** LSS Senior Center, Clairemont, San Diego / Concert at 7pm



Visit LSS at the upcoming Synod Assemblies

Lutheran Social Services will have a display table at each Synod gathering. Stop by to visit, pick up materials about our programs and talk directly with staff.

Pacifica Synod: May 10-11 Hope Lutheran Church/Palm Desert

Southwest California Synod: May 30-June 1 Cal Lutheran Campus

