

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have asked the Lord to show us opportunities to help meet the needs of our local community during this crisis. I want to share three that have arisen nearby.

The food pantry at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation needs volunteer help with distributing food, or to bag/box food to prepare for distribution. For food donations needs are: tuna, any canned meat (chicken, turkey, etc.), jelly, cereal (any kind), canned vegetables, and canned fruit. They accept monetary donations as well. Please contact Debbie Keszler at [WLBFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:WLBFoodPantry@gmail.com) for more information.

The food pantry at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Broadway in Long Branch could use volunteers to box for distribution and are in need of the same food donations as listed above. Contact Janet Massaro at [jmass7849@gmail.com](mailto:jmass7849@gmail.com).

Last but not least, Coastal Communities Family Success Center or CCFSC (I am on their board of trustees) has asked for help. On a regular basis, CCFSC supports approximately 100 local families most of whom are food insecure. Now with the crisis, the center is being overwhelmed with calls for help from many new clients. Some families have not eaten for days. The director has personally been shopping for and delivering food for as many families as she can. Some families are without transportation and even getting to the food pantries is a challenge. Some calls are from seniors who need to stay in their homes as they or their loved ones are health compromised.

The CCFSC has a small staff and needs help both financially, and with volunteers to shop for food and make deliveries.

If you will help financially the address to send a check is:

Coastal Communities Family Success Center

300 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740

or you may donate using the PayPal "Donate" button at <http://coastalfsc.org>

If you have a few hours to shop and/or deliver groceries, please call Lisa Wilson at (732) 571-1670. Just let Lisa (the Director) know that I referred you from our church.

CCFSC also helps with the Seventh Avenue Community Garden which allows many of these same families to grow food. The director has asked for a couple of people with strong arms **this Saturday at noon** to help her Spring clean the gardens on Seventh Avenue (732) 571-1670

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider these needs.