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Dear St. Edward's Family,

Greetings in the loving Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love over the weekend in our collection of food for the Lake Cares Food Pantry. We were able to give 299 pounds of food. Praise the Lord! We will continue to receive your donations every Saturday between 10 AM and Noon.

We have another opportunity to help our community as we march through this pandemic crisis together. As we coordinate our efforts with the city and the Lake Cares Food Pantry, we are launching a free take out spaghetti dinner on Thursday nights. Our launch date will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have at least 150 meals available each Thursday evening through the month of May (perhaps longer). First come first serve. It is an exciting opportunity to bless our local community, especially our neighbors who have recently become unemployed.

There are a number of ways that you can help with this outreach:

First, we will set aside any spaghetti and sauce that is donated on Saturdays. If you are able to donate these items in particular that would be a great help.

Second, we will be purchasing ground beef, bread, and other items for the meals. If you are able to make a financial gift toward this outreach dinner, please do so. We will be running the funds through the Rector's Discretionary Account. If you make a donation, please include Discretion Account on the memo line. I know some of you have asked if you can give some of your stimulus money to help the community and this would be a great way to do so.

Third, we do need some volunteers. Deacon Kim is managing the volunteers for this outreach. We will keep the team under ten people, keep social distancing, and wear masks and gloves. We need healthy parishioners to help with directing the vehicles, plating the food, and servers to bring the meals to the cars. If you are interested, please call Deacon Kim to be added to the list.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Edward's Episcopal Church through prayer, witness, and giving.

*Feed the hungry! Help those in trouble! Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you shall be as bright as day (Isaiah 58:10).*

Blessings and Peace,

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