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Dear St. Edward's Family,

Greetings in the merciful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have an opportunity to minister to our local community. The Lake Cares Food Pantry is now desperately low on food for our neighbors in need. The need has increased with unemployment on the rise and the giving has decreased with people staying home and churches not meeting in person. So here are two ways we can help.

Starting this Saturday, we will have a drop off table outside of the church near Hartridge Hall so that you can donate some food items. The table will be available each Saturday from 10 AM to Noon. The food will then be delivered to Lake Cares. They need canned items such as soup, fruit, tuna, proteins (meat, stew, etc.), peanut butter, and vegetables. You may bring other items too.

A second way to help is by volunteering on the days they distribute food. The shifts are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings, and also on Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers direct traffic as folks drive through to obtain a bag of food; they also assist in bagging the food. The food bank staff and volunteers adhere to CDC guidelines such as social distancing. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call Deacon Kim Spear (352-978-0661) and she will let Lake Cares know that we have people who are interested in helping.

Thank you for helping with this mission into the community. If you would like to find out more about Lake Cares their website is www.lakecares.org.

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

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (I Corinthians 9:10-12).

Blessings and Peace,

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