

Community-Wide Request for Assistance Thanksgiving Meal Ministry 2019

Goes out with letters

In 1982, the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church approached his congregation with the idea of delivering hot Thanksgiving meals to 25 elderly residents of Spalding and Lamar counties, folks who had no prospects of enjoying a traditional Holiday meal. The next year, area agencies provided 50 names, so volunteers from a few other churches joined the mission. Over the years, as agency referrals grew, volunteers from more churches have made monetary donations and have given their time to prepare and deliver meals. Continuing community generosity has enabled us to expand the number of needy people we serve. Last year, people from twelve churches and 3 schools partnered to provide 1500 meals to residents of Pike, Lamar, and Spalding Counties. This ministry has become a true community-wide endeavor.

Our 2018 goal is to again prepare and deliver 1500 meals. Certainly, this is a challenging task. As we have been reminded time and time again, with God's help, nothing is impossible so, we are turning to our friends to ask you to participate.

WE NEED YOU!!! Please consider volunteering your time and talent to help with this worthwhile project. **We particularly need cookie bakers and deliverers.** Monetary donations are also needed to cover the cost of pumpkin pies, mashed potatoes, dressing and other supplies. And, of course, we need people who will give up part of their holiday week to prepare, pack, and deliver meals. Long time volunteers tell us this is their favorite tradition during the Thanksgiving season! Please say yes by completing this form or calling the Saint John office at 770-228-0662 Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 2:00.

Name _____ Phone number _____

____ I will bake ____ doz. cookies (sugar, oatmeal, choc. chip – no nuts or icing), deliver to St. John by **Tuesday, Nov. 26.**

____ I will donate to help defray cost of supplies (checks payable to St. John Lutheran-Thanksgiving Meal Ministry)

____ I will help prep food at St. John on **Wednesday, Nov. 27** before Thanksgiving (10:00 AM)

____ I will help serve/pack meals on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28** (9:00 AM)

____ I will deliver meals on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28** (10:00 AM) (**We need all the delivery help we can get!**)

____ I will help with cleanup on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28** (around 11:30 AM.)

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. We look forward to jointly proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ by ministering to His people!

If you know an elderly or disabled person who needs a hot Thanksgiving meal, please complete a Meal Request. Forms should be available in your church office or you may call Saint John at 770-228-0662.