

March Message to our NW Suburban Interfaith Council's Friends

My name is Richard Rosen. This February I was elected and honored to lead our interfaith council's lay membership for 2021.

Over my 25 years as a member of the council, I have witnessed interfaith council's growing impact. We have by our support in fighting against community hunger through our participation in the i-walk & by other means via raising money & canned goods donations for our 4 members' food pantries.....and by faith, through our inspirational and popular annual Thanksgiving celebration. This year, once the COVID shut in experience is over, we will be planning to sponsor a community children's book drive, participate in the Feed My Starving Children's programming and engage in local environmental issues

It is estimated that the membership at our 10 places of worship is between 6,000 to 7500 families. It is our lay representative's hope we can get to know you better; and, for you to know one another better this year. In doing so and due to the popularity of zoom, we would like, with clergy approval, to present interesting programming for you. For example, at our February meeting, it was suggested that a zoomed interfaith virtual tour of Jerusalem might be a good idea. I am asking for your programming opinions and suggestions that might interest you. I can be contacted at..... rickrosen18@sbcglobal.net

As you know, these are troubling times. We now find it easy to find fault with one another, be it political or for any reason. We know that bigotry still exists. I believe that through our message of faith and fellowship, we can advance greater kindness and understanding for our community.

Richard Rosen
President NW Suburban Interfaith Council..

p.s. please include in your newsletters the following information regarding our local food pantries

Our food pantries and many of your neighbors desperately need your help! Due to the continued issues with the Corona virus, many more of our neighbors are in need of food and every day supplies. Please help us support our local food pantries either through monetary donations or purchasing of needed supplies. If you are in need, see the list below of our food pantries and the township food pantries.

If you are able, **please purchase and donate** any of the following items:

Canned Soup	Canned Chili	Crackers	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Cereals	Ramen Noodles	Toilet Paper
Canned Vegetables	Peanut Butter	Pasta Sauce	Paper Towels
Grape Jelly	Oatmeal	Soap	Flour
Boxed Pasta	Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti O's	Snacks
Canned Tuna	Canned Chicken	Bagged Rice	Tooth Paste
Baby Diapers	Vegetable Oil	Laundry detergent	

Locations of our food pantries, pick up and drop of hours: (Please note that many food pantries have geographical restrictions for food distribution:)

- 1. St. Mary Parish: 10 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove.** Food is distributed on the third Saturday of the month. (ID and current utility bill required) Food Donations will be collected on the first weekend of the month: Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you cannot donate at these times, please contact the parish office at 847-541-1450 ext. 131 to make arrangements.
- 2. Kingswood Methodist Church:** 401 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, IL. Food is distributed on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. (ID and proof of residency in Wheeling Township required.) Food donations are collected 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please leave food donations inside the church on the east side entrance on the tables provided...847-398-0770
- 3. St. Alphonsus 411 N. Wheeling Road, Prospect Heights.** Food is distributed on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. (ID, proof of residency in Prospect Heights, Wheeling or Mt. Prospect and current utility bill required) Food donations are collected between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the parish office.
- 4. Beth Am: 1377 Abbot Court, Buffalo Grove** Food is distributed on the 2nd and last Sunday of the month or call: 847-383-5017. (ID required.)

Township pantries:

- 1. Vernon Township: 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove:** Drive through pantry hours 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9:00-12:00, families at 8:00 (847) 634-4600, ID required. Donations of non-perishable foods are accepted 9am to 1pm.
- 2. Wheeling Township: 1616 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.** (847) 259-7730 Pre-packed bags are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, and again between 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Residents will need to provide a picture ID and proof of residency. Donations of food are accepted Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.