



News from the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council

By Joanne Dicker, President

As we enter into this Thanksgiving season, what are you thankful for? I am thankful that I still have hope. "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of the things, and no good thing ever dies." (Shawshank Redemption) "Hope" has sustained me through the months: Hope that my family and friends remain healthy; hope that I will be able to hug and kiss those that I love; hope that a cure or vaccine will be developed sooner rather than later; hope that our country, so divided shall come together again and hope that we once again remember that we are bound together as citizens, neighbors and friends not divided by colors of red, blue, white, black.

This year, our **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration** will take place in the virtual world- on **Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Our theme is "Hope: a call for action." Clergy and members from all of our ten synagogues and churches will be participating in this unique change of venue. (Yes, we will still celebrate in song and verse.) Join us in sharing and transmitting hope this Thanksgiving season. Watch for future mailings containing the link to the Celebration.

Please also remember those who are less fortunate. The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council helps support four food pantries of our member congregations located at Congregation Beth Am, Kingswood Methodist Church, St. Alphonsus and St. Mary Parish. Your monetary donations are always welcome but especially needed at this time of year. I am also attaching a flier of requested non-perishable foods and dry goods should you wish to purchase and drop off at the food pantries directly. If you need assistance, I am also attaching contact information for our food and local pantries.

The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council proudly serves this community. If you have any programming suggestions, please forward them to me or your IFC representatives.

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For more information on any of our programs, please contact us by e-mail or telephone: nwsinterfaith@gmail.com, 224-699-0386 or visit our website at: <http://www.northwestsuburbaninterfaith.org>

Donations may be made directly to: Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council
PO Box 5301, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Save the date!



Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

“Hope, a call for action”

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 7pm on
line*

- Check future fliers and your congregation’s website for link

Featuring: Music, prayers, readings and shared
messages

Participating Houses of Worship:

Congregation Beth Am

Congregation Beth Judea

Congregation B’nai Shalom

Congregation Shir Hadash

Hope Lutheran Church

Kingswood United Methodist Church

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
St. Alphonsus Liguori Church
St. Mary Parish
Temple Chai

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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.
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 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.

Thank you so much for your help! Stay healthy and safe!

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