

May 10, 2020

Dear Friends,

The members of St. John Lutheran Church and the City of Ely invite you to participate in the Ely Community Food Drive. Particularly in these times, area food pantries need our help. Monetary donations can be extremely helpful (see below) or we would be grateful for any of the following items:

- Financial donations (see below)
- Canned foods of any kind (meats, fruit, beans, soup, veggies)
- Pastas and rice
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner)
- Any other non-perishable food items (boxed meals, hamburger helper, etc.)

Please place this bag with your donation from the above items **outside your front door next Saturday, May 16**. **We will pick up bags beginning at 9:30 am**. If your bag is not picked up by 1:30 pm on May 16, please call 319-361-3061 to arrange for pick-up.

If you prefer, monetary donations are always welcome and go far through the agency's use of HACAP. Checks should be written made out to the food bank of your choice, but can be dropped off in the drop box outside city hall or the Ely Library book return slot anytime between May 10 and May 16. These will be collected and sent to the appropriate agency.

If you have any questions about the Ely Community Food Drive, please contact the church at 319-848-4510 or pastorstjohnely@southslope.net

We thank you for your participation and pray that God will continue to bless you richly!

PS We invite you to join St. John for worship online:

- Sunday Worship at 8:00 am on Facebook Live
  (Moving to one service at 9:00 am for the summer on May 26)
- Wednesday Worship at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live

Food Pantries supported by the Ely Community Food Drive. For financial donations **checks should be made payable directly to the Food Bank of your choice. Many also have an option to donate online if you prefer. Please put Ely Community Food Drive in the memo line.** You can drop off checks in the drop box outside city hall or the Ely Library book return slot anytime between May 10 and May 16.

North Liberty Community Pantry 89 North Jones Blvd North Liberty, IA 52317 319-519-6165

Mission of Hope 1700 B Ave NE, Suite 101 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319.365.1782

Olivet Neighborhood Mission 230 10th Street NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Solon Community Food Pantry 122 N West St. Solon, IA 52333 319.624.2288

Linn Community Food Bank 310 5th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 (319) 364-3543

Freedom Foundation (currently closed) Specifically supports veterans 609 Center Point Rd NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 319-826-2010