

FEEDING SEYMOUR PROJECT – FAQ’S

APRIL 2020

Recently a request went out seeking volunteers to help with a meal distribution project in conjunction with other churches and agencies in town. Below are some questions that we thought it would be important to answer so you would understand what we’re doing, and if it would be in the scope of your being able to volunteer.

Right up front it is important to say that anyone who volunteers would not be sick, would not be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or been in contact with people who have tested positive or presumed to be positive. This is for your safety as well as the safety of others.

- What are the volunteer opportunities?
 - ✓ meal preparation and packaging of food at the school cafeteria from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m every Sunday beginning April 26 – July 5
 - ✓ food distribution at 326 DuPont Drive from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m. the same Sundays as above
 - ✓ Donation of “ration packs” – a gallon sized zip lock bag that includes one protein (peanut butter, cans of Vienna sausage, tuna, etc.), a fruit cup or Jell-O cup, a sleeve of saltines, a chewy granola or breakfast bar, and 2 – 3 pieces of hard candy (You may include more items if you wish.) These can be dropped off at Door #5 at Immanuel during business hours, M – F, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. If those hours are not convenient, call the church and we can make arrangements for pick up.
- What days are available for volunteering?
 - ✓ Sundays beginning on April 26 through July 5
- Where and how do I sign up?
 - ✓ Call the office at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 812-522-3118. We have a list of all the dates and the openings that are available.
- Where do volunteers for the meal prep meet?
 - ✓ If you’re help to prepare and package the meal, please meet at the ILS cafeteria via the door at the loading dock. Mr. Michael Hancock will be the supervisor.
- Where do volunteers for food distribution meet?
 - ✓ Meet at Way Maker Ministries office at 326 DuPont Drive in Seymour. Turn on the road where German American Bank and the Goodwill store are located.
- How many hot meals will be prepared each week?
 - ✓ We will begin preparing 150 meals per week. We may work up to 200 meals per week depending on the need.
- What are the duties for volunteers at the meal prep site?
 - ✓ These volunteers will be helping with the actual cooking of the food along with the packaging of the food into Styrofoam “Clam shells”. The food will be picked up at 4:30 p.m. to be taken to the distribution site. PPE’s will be provided.
- What are the duties for volunteers at the distribution site?
 - ✓ These volunteers will assist in distributing the meals to those who desire the food. They will do so in an orderly and safe manner, practicing safe social distancing, and sanitizing a distribution table between each pick up. PPE’s will be provided.
- What PPE will be provided for meal prep volunteers?

- ✓ A volunteer in the cafeteria will be provided gloves and mask (if they desire).
- What PPE will be provided for distribution volunteers?
 - ✓ A volunteer at the distribution site will receive both a mask and gloves. A trained member of Way Maker Ministries will be on site every day to train on how often to change the gloves during the distribution process and exactly how the distribution process is run.
- Is there any risk of exposure associated with volunteering?
 - ✓ PPE's will be furnished, and CDC approved guidelines will be used to help maintain distancing and cleanliness. Risk of exposure is minimal.
- What if we run out of hot meals at the distribution site?
 - ✓ We will have on hand at least 25 "ration packs" to distribute if the hot meals run out. This is an unlikely event to happen. If these packs are not used during a given week, they will be saved for the next distribution date.
- What other agencies or groups will we be working with directly to support these events?
 - ✓ Immanuel will be working in conjunction with Way Maker Ministries, Community Diner, Central Christian Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and at least one other agency to be determined. (Knights of Columbus will provide the trailer used for distribution.)
- Who will coordinate and keep order around the distribution site to ensure appropriate distancing and safety of recipients and volunteers?
 - ✓ CDC trained members of Way Maker Ministries will be on site at every distribution to ensure all safety precautions are taken.
- I'm not sure I want to risk getting out now. Is there another way to help?
 - ✓ Yes. Your prayers for the success of the program, for the elimination of the virus, for treatment of those infected, and for faithful volunteers are always appreciated.
 - ✓ You could prepare "ration packs" and deliver to the church.
 - ✓ You could donate some of the items for the "ration packs" and we can assemble at the school.
 - ✓ You can make a monetary donation. If you use a check, please put on the memo line "Feeding Seymour Project".
- What if I have other questions not answered here? Who do I contact?
 - ✓ Please call the church and ask for Pastor Rodriguez – 812-533-3118. Or email him at jrodriguez@immanuelseymour.com.