



Mission Moment

A survey conducted in late 2019 at Argyle School District in Argyle WI indicated that 28% of middle school students and 21% of high school students experienced hunger due to lack of food at home. Based on the results of this survey, Argyle School District implemented in early 2020 a new program called Ole's Cupboard. Ole's Cupboard provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children when school lunch and breakfast is unavailable on a weekend or school holiday. All food is nonperishable and provided to children free of charge.

Though the program is intended to help those children whose families find it difficult to have enough food for the entire month, all children are eligible for this program.

Ole's Cupboard is run completely by a group of volunteers who order and stock the cabinets, transport food from suppliers, pack food bags, track inventory, and distribute backpacks to participating families.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of families the school now serves has increased from 5 families to 11. With these 11 families, this accounts for 58 people (including 23 students). Food is now

distributed twice a week to families. Because of this increased demand and the need to sustain the demand for the foreseeable future, additional monetary resources were needed.

Because of the generosity of our congregations and your offerings to LUAD, you have made this ministry possible. Thank you!

Jody Moen, a volunteer with the Ole's Cupboard Backpack Program and a member of Adams Lutheran Church in rural Argyle, was made aware of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD) grant opportunities by an Adams council member. She worked with Pastor Shelley Nelson to submit a grant application to LUAD. LUAD

awarded the grant to Adams Lutheran Church who, in turn, donated it to Ole's Cupboard. This donation will go far in making sure Ole's Cupboard students and their families have the food they need to nourish both their bodies and minds.

On behalf of Ole's Cupboard and Adams Lutheran Church, please accept our grateful thanks for this expression of generosity and support.

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