Closed Dates

Cleaning/Inventory: Friday, June 20th

Independence Day: Fri., July 4th & Sat., July 5th

Cleaning/Inventory: Friday, August 8th

Labor Day Weekend: Monday, September 1st

Cleaning/Inventory: Friday, October 10th

Thanksgiving: Friday, November 28th

Friday, November 28

Wednesday, December 24th

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- THE PROJECT CONCERN PANTRY CREW





Summer 2025



Blooming with Hope: Your Summer Pantry Update!

As the world around us awakens with the vibrant colors and fresh energy of summer, we at Project Concern are filled with gratitude for your ongoing support. Your kindness helps us plant seeds of hope and nourishment in our community, ensuring that everyone has access to the food and resources they need to thrive. Thank you for being a vital part of our growing family.

As the seasons change, our needs remain constant. Here are a few ways you can help us continue to serve our community this spring:

- Most Needed Items: Canned tuna, soup, bread, produce (bananas, apples), jelly/jam, hygiene products, kitchen sponges, Ziplock bags (all sizes).
- **Spring Cleaning Donations:** As you declutter your pantries, please consider donating unopened, non-expired, non-

perishable food items you no longer need. We also accept gently used clothing, shoes, housewares and linens.

- Host a Summer Food/Pet Food/Personal
 Care Item Drive: Organize a food drive with
 your workplace, school, or community group.
 It's a wonderful way to make a significant
 impact. We have signage available for pickup
 or we can email it and you print it out yourself.
 Email missie.beaber@projectconcerncudahy.
 org if you are interested in hosting a drive for us!
- Financial Contributions: Monetary donations allow us to purchase specific items needed and support our operational costs. You can donate online at www.projectconcerncudahy.org or mail a check to PO Box 100093, Cudahy, WI 53110 or use the enclosed envelope.

Project Concern of Cudahy-St. Francis

Our Mission: To compassionately provide a path to selfsufficiency by providing basic needs such as food, clothing and access to additional community resources.

Food Pantry Services:

- Emergency food in collaboration with Hunger Task Force and Feeding America
- Clothing, household items, toys, books and more
- Personal care products
- Information and referral services
- Birthday bag and gift for children
- Seasonal programs: School supplies for students; Holiday food baskets; Christmas gift program

All services are provided free of charge. Thank you to our many supporters!

Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Program for the Elderly

Our Mission: To help our senior neighbors remain independent and safe in their homes.

Services for Senior Neighbors:

- Referrals to other programs
- Resources on health, finances and more
- Personal visits by phone or in person

Free Medical Lending Library

This free service is available to all Cudahy and St. Francis residents regardless of age.

Canes

- Raised toilet seats
- And more!

Equipment can be borrowed for 90 days and if neccessary, may be renewed for an additional 90 days.

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Location: P.O. Box 100093

3672 E. Plankinton Ave. Cudahy, WI 53110-0093 Lower Level -

> Nativity of the Lord Parish Cudahy, WI 53110

Hours of Operation:

Monday..... 9:00am to Noon 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon Friday 9:00 am to Noon First Saturday of month 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Transforming Hunger Into Hope

As you may have heard, we recently completed the purchase of the school building located next door to where we currently reside. This was more than 6 years in the works and to say we're both hopeful and relieved to finally have a foundation for our new home is an understatement. Over the next few months, we will roll out a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to build our new home. A space that can fully serve the needs of our community. Right now, our current location has two major challenges. 1) The church needs the space we currently occupy in order to sustain their ministry. 2) The basement brings mobility, accessibility and logistic issues that hinder our ability to serve our elderly, disabled and differently-abled patrons. We also use one door, with stairs, for all deliveries in and out of our building, creating a continual log jam. We continue to see the number of families served grow to prepandemic highs. Project Concern and our team of dedicated staff and volunteers are proud to transform hunger into hope and we continue to do that with your generous support. Please watch for more exiting info on our new home project!

The Numbers At A Glance





How Does Your Garden Grow?

As the weather begins to warm and we start planning our gardens, we would like to ask for your help in feeding our families fresh produce. Fresh fruits and vegetables are one of the food items we purchase out of our own budget. Through the growing season, we do receive fresh produce from the Hunger Task Force Farm, but it leaves the coolers just about as soon as it arrives. Often, when we do have produce, we hear families say things like "Wow, I haven't had fresh carrots in months!" or "I'm trying to make healthier choices and these salad greens are perfect!" Getting your fruits and veggies out of can is good, but fresh produce is best. And that's where you

We're launching a program called "How Does Your Garden Grow?" in which community members like yourself will plant an extra veggie plant (or two!) and then donate whatever you're able to harvest from those plants.

Here are the most asked for items in our produce department:

Leafy Salad Greens Cucumbers Zucchini Tomatoes (all varieties) Radishes Beets Fresh Herbs Peas

Yellow Squash Green Beans Raspberries Strawberries

Help Us Rescue Food

Do you know of a grocery or convenience store that would be willing to donate food close to it's expiration date? We rescue perfectly good food that might look imperfect and put it into the hands of seniors, children, families and veterans who would otherwise go without. We currently work with Wal-mart and Pick 'n Save (Through Feeding America's Direct Connect Program), Layton Fruit Market and recently connected with Groppies (thanks to Lynn!). If you are also willing to help pick up these items and deliver them to the Food Pantry, that is a bonus, but not required.

Client Story (Shared With Permission)

While we respect the privacy of those we serve, we want to share a glimpse of the impact your support has. Recently, a single mother of two shared with us how the food pantry has been a lifeline for her family during a difficult time. "Knowing that I can come here and get nutritious food helps me make ends meet and focus on providing for my children," she said. "I am so grateful for the kindness and support I've received."

Stories like these remind us of the vital role that Project Concern plays in our community. Your contributions help us provide hope and stability to our neighbors in need.

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