

Church & Society - Missions Update

LotsaPasta Food Drive – Catalina wrapped up the February LotsaPasta and will deliver the many, many food donations to the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Bank on March 3rd. This was a citywide food drive to collect 5000 packages of pasta, 5000 cans or plastic containers of pasta sauce, and 5000 boxes of mac & cheese. Good job Catalina!! Oops! Did you miss the deadline? No problem. We always have a food collection basket in the Sanctuary narthex for collecting nonperishable food for ICS on an ongoing basis. (no glass containers please). As always, your generosity is so much appreciated.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making Marathon – It's Back!!! Some of you have been asking when we will make sandwiches again. How about Friday afternoon, **March 14th**? We need about 20 people to meet from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm In Room E23, (next to the kitchen). This is a popular mission outreach, where our volunteers can sit and fellowship with one another while making 500 or more sandwiches for our neighbors living with hunger. Can't make it on March 14th? Don't fret. We'll run this sandwich marathon again several more times this year.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – We will cook and serve our special chicken and vegetable soup again at 6:30 am on Saturday, **March 8th**. (Even 7:00 am would work)! Would you like to join a small team of volunteers who cook and serve our excellent chicken-vegetable soup to our hungry neighbors? The work involves standing, lifting, cooking, and serving, using large commercial pots in a very small kitchen. Our volunteers must be gloved, and over the age of 12. Interested? Notify Doug Wingert, at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Primavera Men's Shelter – We have a cooking team for our April 26th outreach dinner, but we really need help filling the **March 22nd** date. If you can you help on Saturday, March 22nd from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, please notify Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office. We cook and serve a great meal to men living with homelessness and they greatly appreciate our efforts. The meals are planned in advance and the grocery shopping is done by team leaders. New volunteers are always paired with experienced volunteers. The work involves standing and lifting, cooking, and serving. All volunteers who are gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. Who can help us out on **March 22nd**?

Office Snack Packs – Catalina continues to offer snacks and bottled water to our homeless and hungry neighbors. Prior contributions toward this outreach have been exhausted, so we hope to fund this important mission effort in 2025 through your generous donations.