

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your dedicated support of our mission to feed hungry children in Monroe County. As you know, we had to postpone our April meal packing event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the meantime, childhood food insecurity did not take a vacation. The need for our meals is greater than ever. We also recognize that we have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of our volunteers. Our committee at University Lutheran Church is collaborating with Generosity Feeds to organize a physically distanced meal packing event on **October 3, 2020**. Last Friday, we discussed measures to keep our volunteers safe and promote physical distancing:

First, our event will take place in three “micro-shifts” of 50 volunteers each. Using smaller crews will allow our volunteers to physically distance from each other.

Second, we will take a 90-minute break between each shift to thoroughly sanitize all surfaces.

Third, we will check the temperature of every volunteer before they enter our meal packing facility.

Fourth, volunteers will sanitize their hands before entering the facility.

Finally, we will provide volunteers with personal protective equipment, including a mask, hair net, and gloves.

Of course, this list of precautions is not exhaustive. Safety measures will likely evolve as we gain a better understanding of the virus. However, we wanted to give you the most up-to-date information possible because we value your commitment to this endeavor.

After the fall semester at IU starts on August 26, our website will go live. It is likely that volunteers will need to re-register for our new event date. We will reach out to you with specific details about shift times, location, and registration as we approach the fall semester. Due to the nature of the situation, the details are subject to change, and we will keep you up posted with new information. Hopefully, we will unite in generosity to create **10,000 meals** on October 3!

Thank you again for your partnership in our mission to stop hunger and start hope in Monroe County. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our event or suggestions for additional safety measures. Stay safe, hunger heroes!

Blessings,

Matthew Ross

Event Director, University Lutheran Feeds Bloomington