



Summer 2025

*"All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied.  
"Then bring them here to me," Jesus said. MT 14:17-18*

### Thank You to Chris & Janice

As we transition into a new leadership team, we say thank you to Hope Center Pantry Directors Janice & Chris Clemens for their 4+ years of hard work and compassion.

Their journey started with a notice in the Nativity of Our Lord bulletin, their home parish, to help the Pantry with the Post Office Food Drive. They enjoyed this one-time experience, so Janice volunteered at the Pantry once a month starting Fall 2019, and Chris joined her, after retiring a year later. Soon Donna Kessler asked them to step in as Pantry Directors. After prayer and personal discernment, the Clemens said yes, officially taking over on June 1, 2021.

They have and will continue to volunteer for their home parish, Ashwaubenon schools, Ashwaubenon Park & Rec, ADRC, and Homebound Meals. Their faith is a strong force for they believe that "God will put us where we are needed, and we

will continue to give back until we can't. We will work where our talents are usable".

They're looking forward to watching more of their grandchildren's baseball & softball games this summer, and they're blessed to



see their work ethic of giving back continued in

their daughters and five grandchildren as they too are helping in their community.

### Meet the New Co-Directors

Our new co-directors started out as members of the Hope Center Board of Directors. Karen Beaumia, a member of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish, desires as co-director to "help lead all the volunteers and to be the face of Jesus to all our guests", and her vision for the Pantry is to be "the best pantry we can be to provide for the needs of our guests."

Curt Moore, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish felt "challenged to continue the legacy built over many years by previous pantry leaders", wanting the Pantry to continue making a difference in the lives of those in need in our community. He believes that "None of us can do everything but all of us can do something."

Sally Tiegs, a parishioner at St. Joseph's Parish since 1998, has a goal as co-director to see the pantry continue to place nutritious food in the hands of those in the community who need this help. She's glad to be a part of the community that comes together to make this happen."



L to R: Karen Beaumia, Sally Tiegs, Curt Moore

### Hams From Feeding America

This past Easter, our Hope Center Pantry was blessed with a generous gift from Feeding America: 48 beautiful 10-pound spiral hams. These hams mean so much to our Pantry guests—a hearty, meaningful centerpiece for their Easter celebration and enough leftovers to stretch into

comforting meals in the days that follow, such as in sandwiches, casseroles, and soups. Thanks to Feeding America for helping us make this Easter a little brighter for so many with a reminder of how food brings not just nourishment but joy and dignity to the table.

### Angels Disguised as BP Managers

This spring, a BP manager stopped by with a large food donation and a story. She had been working when a trucker stopped in, wondering if he could dump some pallets of food in the gas station's dumpster—food stuffs like cans of soup, cheese sauce, and spaghetti sauce that were to be delivered to a grocery store. But a few cans of canned soup were crushed, and a few jars of sauce were broken, so the store rejected *all* the damaged pallets. The trucker needed to dump it quickly, so he could get back on the road. With quick thinking, the manager told him to put it into their storage area, and she'd give it to a food pantry. She brought the food to us, but there was more food than she could drop off, so we arranged to pick up the rest on the following Saturday. Overall, the value of what we received from this *mishap* was worth more than \$1100.00. We're so thankful to the angels disguised as BP Managers!



### Birthday Bag Donations

We at Hope Center Pantry are deeply grateful to the women at Amanda's House (a.k.a. Mandolin Foundation) and two local high school girls' soccer teams: Southwest Trojans and Notre Dame Academy Tritons, who have donated numerous birthday bags that we can now give out to the children and families we serve. Each cheery bag contains tissue paper, cake mix, frosting,

candles, and a toy, which will bring smiles and celebration to the young children of our Pantry guests who may otherwise go without. Along with giving them a way to celebrate, they also remind our guests that their community cares.



## To Stay Connected

**Pantry website:** Along with Pantry *stories* and *newsletters* on the website, we maintain an updated *list* of our most needed items as well as a *link* to where monetary donations can be shared with the Pantry. <https://hopecentergb.com/hope-center-pantry/>

**Pantry Facebook Page:** Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** us on Facebook to keep up with the latest happenings at the Pantry. Tell your friends & family about our Facebook page. More **LIKES** will help to spread the news about the Pantry. <https://www.facebook.com/HopeCenterPantryGreenBay>



**Hope Center Pantry:** If you need to contact us, you can email the Pantry at [hopecenterpantrygb@gmail.com](mailto:hopecenterpantrygb@gmail.com) or call at **920-437-3356**

*With gratitude, we see countless acts of compassion, generosity, and empathy of people helping people, building community and establishing connections.*  
*We are truly One Body in Christ.*