Greetings from Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. First, a big thank you for your support. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a generous community! Without the support of our local churches, we would not exist. Maple River Loaves and Fishes is one of your local missions, where you can see firsthand, the impact of your giving.

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, Loaves and Fishes hands out “holiday” boxes. Each box contains a Turkey and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner and Ham plus all the trimmings for a Christmas dinner. The dates for this are Saturday November 21st and Saturday December 19that St. John’s in Mapleton. We will pack the boxes at 8 am those mornings. This year we will hand out about 140 boxes for each holiday. The cost for these boxes is $40. My 4th grade math (and a calculator) tells me that is approximately $11,000! Please consider sponsoring 1 or more boxes this year. 100% of your donations go directly to food.

This past September, the food shelf gave out over 15,000 pounds of food. The last 6 months we are averaging 115 families each month and 14,800 pounds per month. The need in our area continues to be great.

COVID-19 has impacted so many areas of our lives as well as families in the area, including your own. This holiday season, please consider sponsoring holiday meals for local families in need.

Maple River Loaves and Fishes is located in the back of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Our mailing address is PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065 and the phone number is 507-524-3046. Our hours are 3-6pm on Tuesdays and 9-noon on Saturdays.

Thank you again for your support this holiday season.

Jon Klenk

Executive Director

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