



FAITH COMMUNITIES

PACK THE PEWS WEEKENDS

Pack the Pews weekends are opportunities to come together as people of faith to address food insecurity. Some faith partners participate by collecting throughout the entire March Campaign and designating a Pack the Pews weekend as a final push to bring in food and funds. Others focus their efforts solely on one Pack the Pews weekend.

- Hand out paper grocery bags on Ash Wednesday or a designated Sunday during March.
- Staple the enclosed list of most need items to the bag. Have your members bring the filled bags back each Sunday or on your designated Pack the Pews weekend.

SAMPLE TEXT TO GET YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY STARTED:

Respond to food insecurity in our community by filling a grocery bag with much needed food and household items for our local foodshelf, Family Pathways.

BULLETIN INSERT SAMPLE TEXT:

This March, we join Family Pathways' food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local Family Pathways foodshelf and/or monetary donations throughout March.



SAMPLE BIBLICAL QUOTE

When you pick the food of your land at gathering time, do not pick all the way to the corners of your field. And do not gather the food left on the ground there after you have picked. Do not gather what is left among your vines, or gather the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for those in need and for the stranger.

- Leviticus 19:9-10

Do you have fun stories or pictures from your Pack the Pews events? Email them to michellet@familypathways.org and we will share on Family Pathways' facebook page!