



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Little Food Pantry Debuts in January 2024
In Celebration of 75 Years of supporting our local neighbors



The Details

- This new addition to our community will directly support those who need a little extra ... to include staff, nursery school staff and clients. **The Pantry is for everyone.**
- The Pantry is for **those who want and/or need to give.**
- The Pantry should be stocked with non-perishables, canned meals, staples – beans, veggies. The Pantry will have a ½ page laminated list of preferred items attached inside.
- The Little Food Pantry will be located, securely in the flowerbed area outside the Fellowship Hall.
- The goal is to launch the new initiative in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of HTLC.





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Design and Supply

Robert Tedesco, Master Carpenter designed the Pantry using ecofriendly and weather hearty bamboo as the base. The clean, earthlike qualities of the natural wood and the circle of stained glass that surrounds us during worship was the inspiration for the design.

Stocking the Little Free Pantry

- Those who wish to contribute may do so at their discretion when convenient.
- Groups are welcome to organize a special restock.
- Please note that irregular supply is an effective control keeping both consumption and traffic manageable





Promo and Monitoring

How will we promote the Little Food Pantry?

- Except for the initial announcement and Blessing of the Pantry, we won't.
- The Pantry is meant to be organic in its nature. **Give when and what you can.**

How will our Little Food Pantry be monitored?

- The Tedesco family will monitor for expired foods, provide general cleaning, if needed.
- The Pantry will be examined regularly to be sure the structure is safe and in good repair.





Little Free Pantry

What is the Little Free Pantry Origin?

- Jessica McClard launched the grassroots movement in May 2016 in Fayetteville, AR, a wooden box on a post.
- She hoped her spin on the Little Free Library concept would pique local awareness of food insecurity while creating a space for neighbors to help meet neighborhood food needs.
- A month later, Crystal Rock Cathedral Women's Ministries planted "Blessing Box" in Ardmore, OK, by August 2016, the movement was global.

Does the Little Pantry initiative align with HTLC's Mission – Yes, Their Guiding Principles are:

we share the movement *The mini pantry movement is everyone's, and we talk about it.*

we work together *Together, we create something big from something "little."*

we challenge assumptions *We are interdependent.*

we practice radical trust *..We are inherently trustworthy.*

we give without expectations or strings *...We mutually benefit.*

we feed neighbors *...Our neighborhoods can make good change from the bottom up.*