

# THE MESSENGER

## MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We welcome you to come ...*

## Worship With Us!

*Sundays: 10:00 am*

**(Holy Communion every Sunday)**

## MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals take place at 9:00 am every Sunday. If you have not joined yet, please consider being part of this ministry. We would love to have you sing with us! Let us sing praises to our Lord.

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Will meet on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank You.

## TUESDAY BIBLE BUNCH

Have you ever really read the weekly Sunday lessons? Have you ever given them a second thought and how they relate to your everyday daily life? Have you talked about them with other people of faith? Why not start this Tuesday morning at 9:30 am? Come join us in Pastor's office. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk. We'll have a great time. Join us!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for people to sign up to read the lessons, ushers, bread providers, greeters, and more, during Worship, even assisting ministers. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. All readings are sent to you ahead of time to familiarize you with the text. You will find the sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please sign up today! Thank You.



## A FATHER'S DAY POEM

*A Father is:*

There in every moment, see his love and care, strength and hand to count on, freely he does share. Provider, toil so faithfully, to make our dreams come true, Give strong and tender discipline, Though it is hard to do, A Father is God's chosen one, to lead the family, and point to His will for life of love and harmony...

*Sue Kleen*

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU  
SAFE IN HIS ARMS**

JUNE birthdays:

- 04 Beverly Velazquez
- 06 Loree Azzaretto
- 07 Pastor Joanne
- 15 John Blaul
- 30 Cecelia Feddersen, Heidi Rivera



JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Susan Devlin
- 29 John Blaul

**W/ELCA MEETING – JUNE**

Join the women of Martin Luther on June 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Everyone is invited to join us – men included. Come check us out!

**Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast**

Join us on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00am as we make cinnamon raisin bread, join us for the fun and fellowship, and on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, for our bake sale. Should be yummy to the tummy!

**W/ELCA Bake Sale** – will be on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, before and after worship. They are looking for all of you bakers to assist them. If you would like to bring some baked goodies, bring them to church on Sunday, wrapped and priced please. Thank You.

**DON'T FORGET** – to visit our Martin Luther Lutheran Church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mlc1918](http://www.facebook.com/mlc1918) and 

**MLLC CHURCH CHOIR** – will be on a summer break. See you in the Fall. Have a great summer!

**CALLED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT –**

Alice Sandberg was called to the Church Triumphant on May 1, 2019. Alice was a long time member of Martin Luther Church since 1987. Please keep her family in your prayers.



**MLLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL**

Monthly Giving	Monthly Needed	Shortfall
\$4,195.00	\$9,601.00	\$5,406.00
YTD Giving	YTD Needed	YTD Shortfall
\$18,584.50	\$38,404.00	\$19,819.50

In an effort to be transparent about our finances at MLLC, we will be giving you a summary so that you may be aware of our situation. In Sunday's bulletin we will continue to give you the weekly giving.

**SOCK COLLECTION FOR THE SUMMER! –**

Did you know that the Night Ministry and New Horizon Center are in need of socks? Yes! They are. And we are going to help each of them out. During the summer months- June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> we will be collecting socks for men, women and children. For the Night Ministry we will be collecting white crew socks and athletic socks for men and women, all sizes. At the same time, we are collecting children's socks ages 3 to 12 years for New Horizon Center. You can start bringing them now. Please help out in this endeavor.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS OF MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH** – There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. This will be a time to update you on our financial situation as a congregation. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Thank You.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**



## **A Note from Pastor Joanne – “Relationships”**

Peter built a wall in his heart. He wanted nothing to do with the resurrection. He was hardheaded, guilty and radical. Jesus moved Peter, but he still didn't understand.

How often do we put walls of guilt around ourselves? We still WANT to go back to our old self. Jesus opened up a window for Peter. He called Peter to start believing again, and he would lead him. Sometimes we don't listen. We need to hear the words of Jesus again and again. We need to turn on our ears to hear Jesus. Peter was by no means perfect. He was human, but he was called to be a part of Jesus' people. There was a need and still is. He was sent to walk in Jesus's footsteps as we are. The Christian faith is personal but not alone. Each of us has to experience faith in a relationship.

We build up obstacles. We build walls. We build fences; we build doors; we close the windows; we have checkpoints. Do these make for good relationships, good conversations? Jesus says follow me! Jesus sends us out just as we are. Sometimes we need someone to simply be there, not to do anything or be anything in particular, but to just let us feel we are supported and cared about. How good are we with that?

How important are our friends and relationships to live, grow and change. What are we looking for in relationships? Who are those with whom you have a relationship? Are they acquaintances or friends? Would you see them again? Are they like you? God calls us to be on the team, to be in relationship with someone or someones. Are we open to new relationships? Can we be persistent in hospitality, or are we risking self-disclosure?

As disciples in this church, we are all sent into the world to live out the love we have experienced. Embracing the reality that we are all “sent” in some way helps us keep it in perspective when are tempted to let our hearts be troubled or when we are tempted to give in to fear. There is intentionality in our efforts to keep God's commandments.

There is nothing better than seeing people who are different come together for a common purpose, the mission of Jesus. We see this when we gather for worship. People come together with different experiences and at different ages and stages of life. It is so great to hear voices raised for a collective confession, a communal prayer, and a congregational hymn. It makes sense for the gathered people of God to be of one in worship.

The call for all nations, ALL OF US, to come together to glorify God is a call that reminds us what really matters, God at the center, so that our lives can be centered and re-centered around love, peace, compassion, hope, and justice. If we don't praise God together, we may be tempted to praise our own efforts—and to stay fixated on circling the wagons of people who are just like us. But if we praise our God, who draws the circles wider than we could ever imagine, we will be held together by God's grace as a royal priesthood of believers filled with humility and hope. Let's break down the walls within and without us. Let's talk to others about how Jesus loves everyday.

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*

# Prayer Request

Members of the congregation who are in nursing, retirement facilities, or homebound:

Cindy Rudolph  
Patricia Neubert  
Doris Kemreit  
Hella Rollinger  
Doris Ove

Also include:

*Christopher Bucaro* ( Frank and Karen Bucaro's son), pray for healing  
*Linnie Kolinski* (Lisa Neubert's sister in law's mother), prayers for strength and healing  
*Shashi Sangha*, prayers for good health  
*Lorraine (Wastel) Bone* (cousin of Karen Bucaro), prayers for recovery  
*Carol Clair* (sister of Rich Pfursich), prayers for healing  
*Gail DuPlessis*, prayers for strength and healing  
*Nicky Salpietro* (son of Peggy Salpietro), prayers for good health  
*Frank and Karen Bucaro*, prayers for healing  
*Laura Strohmeyer* (Heidi Rivera's sister in law), prayers for healing  
*Anna Kirk* (friend of Richard Pfursich), prayers for healing  
*Patricia Keady* (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
*Beverly Venuso* (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
*John Blaul*, prayers for recovery  
*John Skarkus* (brother in law of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for healing  
*Lovie Kustak* (friend of Jan Vlcek), prayers for improved health  
*Patricia Ruttkay*, prayers for healing  
*Barb Winter*, prayers for healing  
*Karen-Jo Roll* (niece of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for recovery after stroke  
*Joyce Nickiel* (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
*Anne Walker and Joanne Walker*, prayers for healing  
*Vern Stahl*, prayers for healing

*Joe Brumtmyer*, prayers for healing  
*Russ & Lorraine Schuessler*, prayers for good health  
*Carl and Beverly Storz* (brother and sister in law of Lorraine), prayers for healing  
*Ruth Mehnert* (Anne Walker's niece), prayers for healing  
*Michael Keady* (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
*Shirley Bristow* (friend of Vern Stahl), prayers for healing  
*George Avent* (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
*Desiree Salpietro Gigl* (Peggy Salpietro's granddaughter), prayers for healing  
*Carrie Keady* (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
*Mary Hoenig* (friend of Jan Vlcek)  
*Phyllis Pappas* (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
*Janice Phillips* (friend of Peggy Salpietro), prayers for peace  
*Jeff Kaplan*, friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek  
*Barbara Blezien* (Anne Walker's daughter), prayers for healing  
*Doris Moss* (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), for healing  
*Carol Clair* (Rich Pfursich's sister), prayers for healing  
*Patti Pallohusky* (sister of Karen Bucaro)  
*Emery Grace Planz* (great-great niece of Karen and Frank Bucaro)



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If you wish to **ADD OR REMOVE** names, please so indicate and return to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Need \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Staff at Martin Luther

Pastor The Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald  
Office Administrator Monica Pesole  
Sexton Joe Azzaretto  
Music Director/Musician David Hildner

### Church Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

Richard Pfursich  
Ron Vlcek  
Jan Vlcek  
Heidi Rivera  
Lori Azzaretto  
Peggy Salpietro  
Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

### Appointed by Church Council

Monica Pesole, Treasurer  
Ron Vlcek, Financial Secretary

### Readers/Lectors

Members of Martin Luther

### Ushers

John Blaul  
Vern Stahl  
Michael DeRobertis  
Guy Neubert  
Richard Pfursich

### Counter

Anne Walker

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - All Members of MLLC

### Bible Bunch (Tuesdays at 9:30am)

Pastor Joanne  
John Blaul  
Peggy Salpietro

(All are invited to attend)

### Acolyte

John Blaul

### Altar Guild

Loree Azzaretto

**WELCA** - All women of Martin Luther Church

### Stewardship Committee

Guy & Lisa Neubert  
Ron & Jan Vlcek  
Pat Ruttkay  
Peggy Salpietro  
Pastor Joanne

### Choir Members

**(Practice Sundays at 9:00am-September through May)**

Pastor Joanne  
Guy Neubert  
Lisa Neubert  
Judy MacPherson Schumacher  
(Is your name here? Can we count on you as a member of the choir?). Are you interested in starting a handbell choir??

### Worship and Music (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)

David Hildner  
Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald  
You??

### MLLC Mission Team

Who will join us??

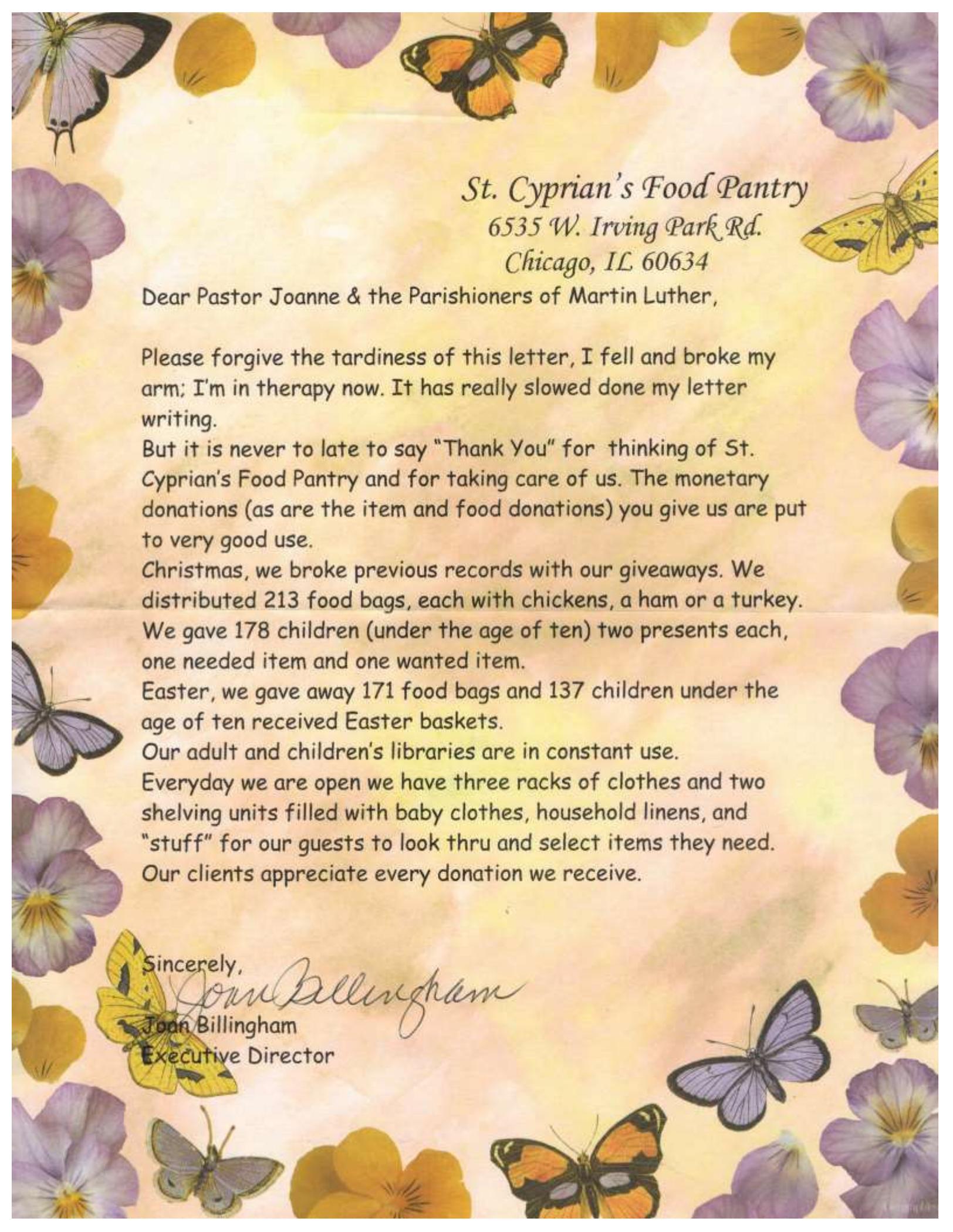




# JUNE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	1 10 am Bread Making
<b>2</b> Ascension of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bake Sale	3	4 9:30 am Bible Bunch	5 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	6	7 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W. Synod Assembly	8 Synod Assembly
<b>9</b> Day of Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	10	11 9:30 am Bible Bunch	12 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase 12 noon W/ELCA Mtg.	13	14 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W. <b>Flag Day</b>	15
<b>16</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	17	18 9:30 am Bible Bunch	19 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	20	21 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer!!</b>	22
<b>23</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Church Council	24	25 9:30 am Bible Bunch	26 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	27	28 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	29
<b>30</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time						



*St. Cyprian's Food Pantry*  
6535 W. Irving Park Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Pastor Joanne & the Parishioners of Martin Luther,

Please forgive the tardiness of this letter, I fell and broke my arm; I'm in therapy now. It has really slowed down my letter writing.

But it is never too late to say "Thank You" for thinking of St. Cyprian's Food Pantry and for taking care of us. The monetary donations (as are the item and food donations) you give us are put to very good use.

Christmas, we broke previous records with our giveaways. We distributed 213 food bags, each with chickens, a ham or a turkey. We gave 178 children (under the age of ten) two presents each, one needed item and one wanted item.

Easter, we gave away 171 food bags and 137 children under the age of ten received Easter baskets.

Our adult and children's libraries are in constant use.

Everyday we are open we have three racks of clothes and two shelving units filled with baby clothes, household linens, and "stuff" for our guests to look thru and select items they need.

Our clients appreciate every donation we receive.

Sincerely,

*Joan Billingham*  
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Executive Director