KENNETH BUTLER MEMORIAL SOUP KITCHEN

Quarterly Newsletter - April, 2022

Current Wish List:

- *Styrofoam 3 comp. lg. foam hinged lid containers (9 1/2 x 9 1/4 x 3 -Dart 95HT3R 200/box)
- *Plastic 16 oz deli containers with lids
- *Velveeta (or generic) blocks
- *Brown sugar
- *Crackers (any kind)
- *White vinegar
- *Canned mixed vegetables
- *Quart zip lock storage bags





WORDS FROM JILL

from the desk of Executive Director, **Jill Ebbert**

Spring is almost here! It's always so exciting to watch nature come back to life. Blue skies, warmer temperatures, sunshine - what a relaxing picture in your mind. Next picture - limbs to pick up, flowers to plant, garden to till and plant, lawn equipment to get ready, open the windows and air the house out, wash those dirty windows etc. Everything is easier when the sun shines and we count our blessings! Enjoy the beautiful spring.

We are taking steps to bring more life back to the kitchen also. Our vertical lift has been completed and, once the inspection is completed, we can start clearing, cleaning, and rearranging the dining room. Look at the beautiful pictures of the lift on the left. It will make things much easier and safer. I hope to have all of the pieces of our reopening puzzle put together in the next few weeks.

Here are some ways you can help with the puzzle. If you know anyone with a servant's heart and some free time, please encourage them to contact us about volunteering. We need all sorts of people in here to reopen the dining room - dishwashers, preppers, servers, cleaners, and the ever popular "I'll do whatever needs done today" people. Also, please send our way anyone you know who may need some help with food. Prices on everything are soaring and so is our desire to serve.

Until next time,

Jill

WORDS FROM A VOLUNTEER

By Chuck Smith

I'm just one of the cogs in the wheel that keeps things going at the soup kitchen, and what a privilege it is.

I have 3 fantastic kids, with equally awesome spouses. Together I have 11 wonderful grandkids and one spoiled loving dog Duke.

I have always loved reading cookbooks like a book, front to back. Good Eats is my favorite cooking show. I grill year round on my ceramic grill. I make my own vinegars--raisin is awesome! I have sourdough I started more than 20 years ago with hundreds of loaves made. I also make signs, t-shirts and hats. I also collect coins and am pro 2nd amendment.

This March 14TH will be my 4th year here and I have enjoyed every day of volunteering.

I first heard of KBMSK around late 2016 when Jill came to the church I was attending and gave a brief talk about KBMSK. I was really impressed with her short presentation. It was easy to see, and feel her love and devotion to providing meals and other services for those in need. For the next year or so I didn't forget what she said. I wanted to help as much as I could in this mission. I finally had a start date, I was nervous, but I thrive on the unknown, that's when I'm in my element. I always find a way to make something work, as I did in my past work experience operating a chemical plant. I can cut a cucumber or carrots and sort eggs, as I did my first day, just as well as anyone else. What a privilege it is to work with these other volunteers!

I soon learned that I would be making soup out of the most unusual leftover ingredients on Fridays. I could not imagine mixing all this together. Under the direction of Jill, I was told, "make this into that using this...and add some of this and a little that...it will work!" And guess what? It does!

The goal is really simple--make the best food possible with the ingredients given, in a safe manner, for anyone in need. We all do it week in week out!

What kind of surprises me at times is how often we work so hard to be ready at meal time. It all comes together somehow just a few minutes before serving time.

I understand the process, and execute it to the best of my ability, but it can be said God has his hand in what we all do at the soup kitchen.

I appreciated the safety measures staff took to protect us during this time, but truly missed the contact with those in need that I had working the window and Friday sack lunches. I do miss the one-on-one contact.

Little did I know that I would find such fantastic friendships that have enriched my life so much! I feel so thankful to be in this family of awesome, loving, giving and talented people.

Jill is always thanking us for the work done, we thank her for the opportunity to serve at KBMSK.

WORDS FROM A PATRON

The Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen is truly a blessing! It means so much to me to experience receiving food from such sweet and thoughtfully dedicated volunteers. They feel like an ideal supportive family who are nonjudgmental and who look after you and care about your needs being met. I have had many tough times of struggling financially and needing to go to this soup kitchen simply for food to eat. At first I was embarrassed to go, but Chris and many of the volunteers reassured me that it's okay and that they have enough food to give, no matter our circumstances and that it's open to all. Thanks be to God for the tremendous blessing of the soup kitchen, but especially all who dedicate their time and give their hearts helping one another.

WORDS FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR

We give a recurring monthly donation to KBSK for the simple fact that it's what Jesus has asked us to do, caring for our brothers and sisters in need promotes the sanctity of every life. God has a purpose for every life that has been given. To deny help to anyone is tragic and selfish. There is always a way to help, it may not always be monetarily but, we've all been called to help in some way. God is depending on all of us to be his hands and feet. I suppose the shorter answer as to why are we partners with the Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen is it's the only right thing to do when you know there are people hurting and needing you to step up.

Serving times:

Carry out meals only
11-1 and 5-7 Monday - Friday

Office hours:

9:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday Closed Saturday and Sunday

Delivery hours at office door (alley door) or back door:

9:00 - 11:30am &1:30 - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

KBMSK Dream Soup:

- Start with one building, old and crumbling
- Bring it back to life and fill it with heaping piles of food donations
- Add in loyal, true volunteers and donors (the more the merrier)
- Sprinkle in generous amounts of love and compassion
- Top with a dash of creativity and adaptability
- Let simmer

Yield: Physical, emotional and social nourishment for all

WORDS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

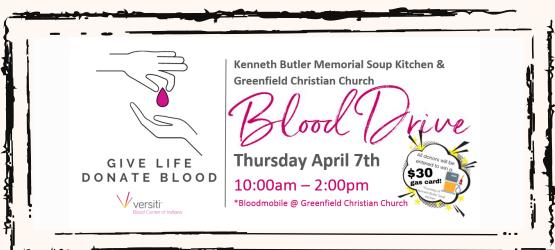
Help Wanted: Board Members

If you have a passion for our mission of feeding hungry people, we would like to talk to you about serving on our board of directors

We are a hard-working board with responsibilities outside of the normal monthly business meetings.

If this opportunity interests you, please call Jill at the kitchen to discuss the position





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SATURDAY, APRIL2

GREENFIELD ELKS #1720
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM FOR SUPPER
GAME STARTS AT 6:00

\$10/PERSON TO PLAY
WITH \$10/TEAM GOING TO THE POT-WINNER TAKE ALL!

GREENFIELD ELKS WILL BE PROVIDING THE MEAL:
PULLED BBQ PORK, SLAW WITH CHIPS AND A
SODA FOR \$7.00
CASH BAR AVAILABLE





We need DISHWASHERS! Day and evening shifts available

You can commit to volunteer once a week, once a month or whatever fits your schedule!

Please call or email Chris if you would like more information on this opportunity to serve! 317-462-9900 or kbmskinc@myninestar.net

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BENEFITING THE KENNETH BUTLER MEMORIAL SOUP KITCHEN

May 14, 2022

Registration and food starts at 5:30 must be registered by 6:15 and game starts at 6:30

Elks Club of Greenfield

820 S State St, Greenfield, IN

8 deals per game—8 games total
Winners move to next table and change partners each game
Don't need to have a partner to participate
Top 3 scorers win cash prizes

\$10 per person—half to the kitchen, half to the prize pot
.25 for each euchre—BRING QUARTERS!
Dinner basket (TBD) and cash bar available

Register at Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/events/740726057063612