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Dear Church Family,

As 2022 comes to end, I thought you might be interested in what has happened at LCN this year.

First, I want to thank you for all you have done to support LCN as we strive to assist our Leelanau County neighbors in need. Diapers, new jammies for our youngest neighbors, gift cards and new goods for our Leelanau Holiday program, food to our food pantry, new and used items to Samaritans' Closet and of course, money. Donations of goods and money account for over ½ of our income.

We have seen approximate 50% increase in neighbors visiting our food pantry this year. Costs of food has increased significantly for us and for our neighbors. Our food pantry is running about \$40,000 over budget this year, but thankfully with the community support we are able to meet this growing need.

Our financial assistance program (NAM) is on budget but are seeing increased financial needs from our neighbors. What used to be a \$400-\$500 ask for rent is now a \$1,000-\$1,500 ask. Propane and fuel oil is steadily increasing!

Life is difficult for our Leelanau County neighbors but with your help we will continue to be there for them.

Although we are only "open" on Mondays, there is so much work that goes on behind the scenes throughout the week. When someone calls LCN, they will get my cell phone number on the recording which they are free to call if they are in need of our service. We also answer our emails and Facebook every day, usually several times a day. We are there for our neighbors 7 days a week.

Thank you all for everything you do for our neighbors, especially using us as your avenue to support them.

May you all have a wonderful holiday season and a very, very happy New Year!

Best regards,

Mary Stanton
Executive Director