

Ministry Spotlight

Lebanon Community of Shalom

What is the Lebanon Community of Shalom?

Our mission is to impact the people of Boone County by feeding bodies and encouraging the spirit. Our vision is to feed our community so that one day no one will ever experience hunger.

What do we do?

The Lebanon Community of Shalom has been feeding Boone County's hungry and food insecure since 2002. Shalom offers a Hot Meal Program at Shalom House in Lebanon and the Kids' Sack Lunch Program through 8 distribution sites around Boone County.

What are some of our most recent accomplishments?

In 2017, Shalom House served 13,448 hot meals with a total of 3,600 volunteer hours. The Kids' Sack Lunch program distributed 225,900 lunches.



Grant Received *from Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana*

Through the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Rice Bowl Fund, Shalom was awarded a grant of \$5,000. The money will be used to purchase food for the July 9, 2018, distribution of the Kids' Sack Lunch Program. Volunteers from St. Alphonsus will prepare those sack lunches on July 6, 2018.

Parish volunteers will prepare and serve a hot meal and dessert at Shalom House on July 14. See back of page for more information about volunteering for hot meals.





How can you help?

Let us know if you, your family or your organization are available for preparing the sack lunches, distributing the lunches, and/or for helping with the Hot Meals Program at the Shalom House in Lebanon. Fundraising is also available for those who are enthusiastic about raising money for the Kids' Sack Lunch Program.

Contact Information:

- Call Pat Long (317) 873-0432
- Visit the website lebanoncommunityshalom.com

Hot Meals Are Served:

- **Tuesdays** 4:00 to 7:30 pm
- **Saturdays** 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Last **Thursday** of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 pm

Involvement:

2018 marks the third year of St. Alphonsus Parish's involvement with the Kids' Sack Lunch Program. Sack lunch distributions are made for any school break of 5 days or longer – fall, winter, spring and summer.

More than **11%** of people in Boone County are food insecure. That is approximately **6,370** people.

What does each Sack Lunch include?

Each qualified child (those Boone County school students who received free and reduced-priced lunches) receives a sack containing 5 easy-to-fix lunches. Additionally, milk vouchers are available. The Lebanon Library provides books that each child can select and keep. Our distribution point is the Whitestown Fire Department, serving from 5:00-6:00 pm.



St. Alphonsus Youth Group after bagging sack lunches, July 6, 2017.