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The Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran receives \$5,000 "Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need" Grant

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation grant aids efforts to support physical, emotional and spiritual needs in community

MINNEAPOLIS (December 17, 2013) – The Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran, Chicago, IL, recently received a \$5,000 "Lutheran Community Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need" grant from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The funding was awarded to the Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran based on its effectiveness in addressing physical, emotional and /or spiritual needs in the local community such as food, clothing, shelter, fellowship, and care for the sick based on Jesus' words in Matthew 25: 35-36.

The Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran has also elected to participate in a complementary two-to-one challenge grant program sponsored by the Foundation. For every dollar raised by the Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran from donors by Mar. 31, 2014, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation will provide an additional 50 cents—up to \$5,000—in support of the organization's ministry.

"We are delighted to assist the Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran through this grant, said Richard Kleven, vice president of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. "We trust that this support will strengthen the Joined Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran outreach/ministry to those it serves."

About the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation

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