

Many folks have enjoyed the tradition of having an Advent Calendar to help prepare them for Christmas. There have been many versions over the years: simple, numbered windows to open; chocolate or candy treats to discover; even Legos! This year at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, we want to encourage you to participate in our "Reverse Advent Calendar" challenge. It's a simple and fun way to ground ourselves in what Christmas proclaims—God is love, and has come to you in Jesus!

How does it work? Find a box or big grocery bag, and each day, place the item from the list in the box! It's that simple. Then, when your box or bag is ready, bring it to LCR, and we'll get it delivered to folks who need it. You become a blessing to the world, just as God blessed us with the greatest gift of all—Jesus.

To add a special devotional element, you could put a new item in the box/bag to say a prayer for those who will be receiving your Advent box/bag! You can find our devotions online at LCRMarion.org/Advent, or call the church office—(319) 377-4689. Thanks so much!

Day 1: canned vegetables

Day 2: peanut butter

Day 3: raisins/dried fruit

Day 4: toothpaste

Day 5: socks

Day 6: baby food/formula

Day 7: cereal/oatmeal

Day 8: canned meat

Day 9: comb/hair product

Day 10: dry pasta

Day 11: hand sanitizer

Day 12: hat/mittens

Day 13: baby wipes/diapers

Day 14: box of Kleenex

Day 15: bath tissue

Day 16: can of soup/stew

Day 17: dried beans

Day 18: toothbrush/paste

Day 19: instant potatoes

Day 20: canned pasta/sauce

Day 21: box jello/pudding

Day 22: canned fruit

Day 23: rice

Day 24: granola bars

Day 25: salt/pepper/spices