



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND
CARNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**(PROVIDING FOR APPROX. 15-20 STUDENTS
PER WEEKEND)**

Why Food For Thought?

- 3100 students in Baltimore County Public Schools fall into category of “homeless or in desperate need”. 50,000 additional children qualify for free and reduced meals (FARM).
- These students are “food insecure”; their access to nutritious food is chronically unstable.
- Children who do not get enough food are distracted, display behavior problems, complain of stomach aches and headaches, and may have learning difficulties.
- Hunger at a young age is a major obstacle to success not only in school but throughout life.

We at St. John's would like to make sure that no children go hungry and for several years now, have committed to supplying these children with a bag of nutritious food to take home with them every weekend.

This year, rather than replenishing our stock for the upcoming year, we need to start from scratch. When the schools closed in March, 2020, we turned over all of our stock to Christus Victor Food Pantry since food pantries were in dire need of food and we didn't know when schools would reopen.

The people of St. John's have shown so much compassion for the children in past years. Hopefully we can again come through for these children. You will find collection bins on the 2nd and 3rd floor landings. Thanks for your generosity!