

## Linda's Clothes Closet



Linda's clothes closet has clothing items for men, women and children, and everything is free! The closet is open during meal hours only. Exceptions are made by appointment in emergency situations.

We welcome donations of clean clothes and shoes, which can be brought to the church office during business hours. All donations are tax deductible and upon request a donation receipt will be given.

## Community Outreach

Currently Loaves and Fishes is run entirely by a committee of dedicated volunteers, who do their best to provide necessary services to meet the needs of our guests. These services include:

### Referral Service

We refer people to over 108 different programs and agencies in Butte County, including AA, NA, expectant mothers prenatal and newborn care, parenting classes, free furniture, employment assistance (prescreening applicants for various positions) and emergency housing.

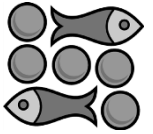
### Employment Skills Development

We help our guests prepare for entering the job market by providing the following:

- Job skills training in the culinary arts field
- Help with finding suitable job interview attire, hair and makeup.
- Volunteer Trainee Certificate Program

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## St. Nicholas' Loaves and Fishes Community Food Program



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FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY**

## Blessing Basket Food Pantry

Our Blessing Basket – food pantry started July 2010. We serve 85 families supplemental food twice a month. Half the families receive food on the first and third Fridays, the other half on the second and fourth Fridays. Families can receive this assistance for up to one year.

Each family receives perishable food (milk, eggs, bread and fresh produce in season) and non-perishable food (peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, rice, etc.). We use the guidelines as set by America's Second Harvest so we can be sure that families can create a balanced and nutritious diet.

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church receives food donations from local supermarkets, parishioners and caring people on the ridge. We get fresh seasonal produce from **Sawmill Creek Farms** in Paradise. Additionally, we receive donations six times a year from **A Simple Gesture Food Bank of Paradise**, this program is directly supported by our Paradise/Magalia community.



## Our Story

Our story began in early 2007, when Pastor Ann met a young mother who was dumpster diving for food to prepare dinner for her five young children. Pastor Ann invited the mother to come to church and tell her story. After that, our congregation decided something needed to be done. Pastor Ann, Nicole Lawhun, and Karen Everatt were the co-founders of the Hot Meal Program, which started with a dinner served once a month. Our first meal for 50 guests was prepared in May 2007 at Paradise Lutheran Church, who loaned us their kitchen until ours could be brought up to code.

In 2008 we moved home into our own kitchen. In May 2009, three members of our team visited St. Andrews in Monte Rio, a little church on the Russian River. What an affirming trip it was! From that trip the Blessing Basket Food Pantry and Linda's Clothes Closet were born. Realizing the potential and possibilities, we hired Ken Pfeiffer in June 2009. He led us through the growing pains that were to come that year.

At that point we stepped into the fast lane and haven't slowed down since. We invited other churches to join us and began serving dinner every Thursday. Next we added lunches each Tuesday and Saturday and a variety of outreach programs. We are a proud member of the Lunch with Us group that provides a free meal every day of the week to our community.

## Meals



### Lunch with Us

A free lunch program from House of God, The Holy Church of God, Paradise Adventist Church, Paradise Alliance, Paradise Lutheran Church, Paradise United Methodist Church, St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church and St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

MON	12-1:30	Paradise United Methodist
TU	12-1:30	St. Nicholas' Episcopal
WED	12-1:30	St. Thomas More Catholic
TH	No Lunch	Dinner at St. Nicholas' Episcopal 4-6 p.m.
FRI	12-1:30	Paradise Lutheran
SAT	12-1:30	St. Nicholas' Episcopal
SUN	12-1	Paradise Adventist

### Community Hot Meal Program

Free dinner program from St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church with Ridge Presbyterian Church.

THURS	4-6	St. Nicholas' Episcopal
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