## **Food Pantry Project**

The local food pantries were in need of food, and our members certainly were willing to help out. Here is the plan we used to make sure that the food received actually matched the current needs of the food pantries.

We passed out grocery bags as people left church and asked them to bring them back next Sunday with food items for our local food shelves. There are two here - one in Osceola and one in St. Croix Falls. We had checked with both prior to handing out the bags and attached a note to the bags indicating the items most needed at this time by the food pantries. We received more than 60 full bags of groceries back! Maybe you might want to use this idea in your community. Imagine if all the local churches took turns checking with the food pantry and collecting food in an intentional way.

The youth group loved to borrow several SUVs and help haul the food to the pantries. If your confirmation students are looking for servant projects, why not ask them to coordinate the entire effort?