Ideas for Churches to Ease Food Insecurity

Free lunch on a day when the local library is closed
Monthly "Living with Loss" potluck meal
Help host an ecumenically-run café
Free breakfast weekly
Senior Food Box and Pasta Friday

Deliver Meals on Wheels
Distribute snack/essential bags weekly
Pack and distribute food bags for Labor Day (or other holidays when programs are closed)

Food pantry
Neighbor choice food pantry: guests select the foods they wish to eat
Family Essentials pantry: health and hygiene products

Community garden
Cooking classes, how to shop on a budget
Simple recipe sharing
Resource directory of active area food ministries

<u>To increase resources:</u>
Create volunteer options for other congregations, civic groups, schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, etc. to participate by:

- supplying needed foods
- preparing the meal
- helping with set up and clean up
- spending time socializing with guests

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