

Community Outreach & Advocacy Ministry (COAM)
Monthly Progress Report
June 20, 2017 - 7:00 PM

In attendance: Brenda Tubbs, Dixie Hanson, Sheri Groenveld, Miriam Nakayama and Karla Lysdal-Moffitt

We celebrated and we accomplished -

Working with Thrivent members in the congregation to help them use Action teams. We had a forum scheduled for May 28 to educate on applying for an action team. Lots of good feedback since the forum. Sue Bauer has an idea at the forum to have a coordinator to help people apply for action teams.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters - we held an offering of letters on June 11 Our letters were advocating to keep in funding for programs like WIC, SNAP and Medicaid in the federal budget. These are the programs that support those most in need in our country. We wrote 49 letters. We plan to bless the letters this Sunday, June 25 and then mail out. A fasting hand-out was given to everyone. Bread for the World is advocating a fast on the 21st of each month to promote awareness that day is usually when most people's SNAP benefits run out.

Habitat for Humanity completed the build at Trinity Lane of eight homes in Santa Paula!

We're working on -

El Salvador Trip - July 6-12. 13 people going on the trip - Pastor Erik, Nina Wong, Carmen Warren, Corina, Ishmael, Maria Villeda, Sheri, Kori, Luke Groenveld, Espen Slattum, Kari Slattum, Shawn Howie, Shauna Marshall. We need to raise about \$200 more to build the fencing around the church plus additional money raised would be good for the Hope House Homeless Shelter, the orphanage and our sister church in general. We will take an offering this Sunday, June 25.

Summer Tutoring to run from June 27- July 27, 2017, working on recruiting and planning. Orientation on June 20 & 22 at 9:30 AM each day.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters - we are looking August 20 as a possible date. Idea to advocate for a permanent homeless shelter in Thousand Oaks through Ventura County. Sheri to check in with Denise Cortes about information to put into our letters.

Backpacks for High School students - Holy Trinity will be supplying 10 backpacks with school supplies to go to Lutheran Social Services by August 1. Plan to bless the backpacks on Sunday, July 30. Janny has an action team card and will purchase the supplies. Dixie to apply for an action team for the backpacks.

Ongoing -

Meals Program & Fair Trade Coffee, Micah 6:8 article for August - ideas to ask Terri Kelly, Joan Cressman, Mike Lynch, Ila Jean Kragthorpe (prison visitation).

Future -

Peace Pole, idea agreement is on adding Farsi and make the event a Muslim interfaith one. More to come.....

Janny had the idea of a church service activity of building **kits for homeless people**. Kits items recommended by LSS - handy wipes, water bottle, granola bar, band-aids, sunscreen. Miriam to apply for an action team and we will look at doing this in August sometime. Plan to make 50 kits.

Looking at a **Music4Meals/End of summer bash** idea for end of August. We need to check in with Praise Band and see if we can recruit the Praise Band plus a couple of other bands to get the ball rolling. Idea to have an event with songs from musicals... with Mike McCambridge....

Walk to Fight Poverty to benefit Lutheran Social Services is scheduled for Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 PM. This year the walk is on a Sunday afternoon instead of Saturday morning.

Question from Pastor Erik on **changing meeting time to 6:30 PM?** That doesn't work as Lectio Divina finishes at 7:00 PM.

✓ Next meeting date: July 18 (Tuesday) @ 7:00 PM

Notes by: Sheri Groenveld