

Community Outreach & Advocacy Ministry (COAM)
Monthly Progress Report
July 18, 2017 - 7:00 PM

In attendance: Brenda Tubbs, Dixie Hanson and Sheri Groenveld

We celebrated and we accomplished -

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 were able to send \$2,000 to El Salvador for the building of the retaining wall at the church. We were also able to take \$1,000 with us for a love offering for ministries in El Salvador including Hope House (the homeless shelter) and the Lutheran School.

Summer Tutoring ends next week. In hindsight, we could have added one more week. Dixie has an Action team coming soon to get supplies for backpacks to give to all tutoring students. Backpacks were donated and all children from the summer tutoring will receive a backpack with school supplies on their last day of tutoring.

We're working on -

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.

Other Advocacy - We are also interested in possibly having a small group attend a possible town hall or meeting with Julia Brownley while she is home during the August recess from Congress. Sheri is on the list to receive information about any upcoming Town Hall/meetings.

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 has applied for an action team to purchase the backpacks.

El Salvador Sunday - possible Temple Talks and forum on Sunday, August 13.

Kits for homeless people. Kits items handy wipes, water bottle, granola bar, band-aids and sunscreen. Miriam has applied for an action team and we will look at putting the kits together on the church patio on a Sunday in August sometime. Plan to make 50 kits.

Ongoing -

Meals Program & Fair Trade Coffee, Micah 6:8 article for September - need someone.

Future -

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

Looking at a **Music4Meals/End of summer bash** idea for date - Saturday, September 23 at 4 PM. 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.

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.

God's Work Our Hands Day - looking at Saturday, September 9 and a project for the city of Thousand Oaks. Dixie to check with Ron Manwell.

✓ Next meeting date: August 15 (Tuesday) @ 7:00 PM

Notes by: Sheri Groenveld