



Main Street Mission
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NOW COLLECTING:

- Lightly used:
Clothing and Shoes
- Blankets in good condition.

Drop donations in collection boxes in the Narthex and by the mailboxes. Look for the label "One Can Do More"

Council Action Report (January 13, 2019)

- Minutes from the December 9, 2018 Council meeting were unanimously approved.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and motion passed.
- A motion was made to send the loose offerings from both candle light services on Christmas Eve to MSM. The motion was seconded and motion passed.

READING REVELATION

The Book of Revelation is seen as a puzzling, confusing book of the Bible that is full of predictions, signs, and symbolism. It is often portrayed as a book of doom and gloom that sparks fear and doubt. However, this was not what the author of Revelation intended. Instead, Revelation is one of the greatest sources of hope found in the New Testament. Pastor Jerome is going to lead a ten-week study of the Book of Revelation. The study will meet every Monday, February 4-April 15 from 6:30-8:30pm in the FLC parlor. Bring your Bible, questions, comments and concerns as we tackle this amazing piece of Scripture.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS

"What does Stewardship Do?"

We share God's Love as we come together in partnership with others to work in our church, local community, nation, and the wider World. We will move forward with efforts in creation care, the use of our time, talent, (spiritual gifts), and treasures, financial stewardship including the annual response, healthy relationships, social justice, ministries in our church, local neighborhoods, and global communities including ELCA World Hunger.

Creation Care - Our collection of greeting cards and magazines for Trinity Health and Rehabilitation Center and Trinity Adult Care Center went well. This spring and fall we are looking for partners to help plant flowers in our planters. We hope we can find young and old to help with this fun learning experience. I know we have many members who have this talent! You will also see the ELCA collection boxes for used cell phones for victims of domestic violence and emergency contact purposes. We will help our friends both globally and locally by supporting these Global Ministry Initiatives.

1st Quarter – Lenten World Hunger – Barn Banks will be distributed to collect monies to purchase chicks through the ELCA "40 Days of Giving" Program.

2nd Quarter – Noisy Offering – Collect monies for School Supplies for our ELCA global partners.

3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter – LWR Health Kits. Collect items for these kits for the health and welfare of God's people around the globe. They will accompany (November) our quilts to the LWR distribution site.

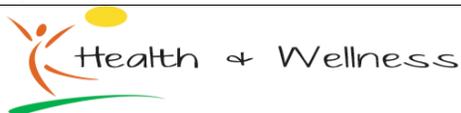
1st-4th Quarter – Quilting in the FLC. See bulletin for schedule or contact Terri Brown. Come and Enjoy!

Stewardship Snippets continued.....

Local Ministry Initiatives – 2nd Quarter – May/June/July – School Supplies for MSM. This is an important Ministry! Our collection is early this year because school begins August 6, 2019 for teachers and August 7 for students. Students will need supplies before school begins. 4th Quarter – RHM Shelter Items. Collect Health and Welfare items for RHM Shelter guests. Global Initiative – Clean water 5K. (Fall) Date to be decided soon. Missionary Support – Justin and Kristen Raymer, Fiona and Whitaker. See articles in the newsletter and on the bulletin board. Connect with their amazing work with Africa Inland Ministries (AIM) in Tanzania. I can't wait to see the new agricultural innovations, education and their adventure with translation of the Book of Luke into Alagwesa, the heart of the people they serve.

Submitted by Susan Moffatt

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please go online (www.thrivent.com) or call 1-800-847-4836) to direct your Choice Dollars to Grace or one of the many deserving organizations. 2018 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2019. If you are unsure how to do this, please see Lynn Lippard, David Linker, Marcus Reynolds or Tim Sloop.



The Health and Wellness Committee is promoting healthy lives at Grace and would like to invite you to join the Walking Club on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. See Anita Miller for more information.



VBS has begun planning and would love to have any and all volunteers. If you are willing to help with VBS, please call contact Leslie Sechler.

Sunday, February 10, 2019 is Scout Sunday at Grace. The Boy Scouts will be participating in the church service. Immediately following the service, the Scouts will hold a Chili Dinner in the FLC.

Africa Inland Mission

The following is a message of appreciation, inspiration and thanks to Grace for financial support to Africa Inland Mission

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your partnership in the ministry of Africa Inland Mission.

This letter is sent along with your annual receipt for all of 2018.

Late this year in a missionary prayer, I read the brief testimony of a young Sudanese boy who had put his faith in Jesus Christ. He Said: "Before I knew Jesus, I had a mean heart. I did not care about others' misfortunes." "Now my heart is soft toward them." As I read those words again, I thought about the masses of trunks and suitcases that line our headquarters wall as others have been touched by the same message. As I thought about this young boy, I see family's leave their home and make their sacrifice to share His Love to strangers a half of world away.

As we begin a new year, celebrate with us that today, amidst the chaos and complexity of our world, God's promise penned in Ezekiel so many years ago is still being fulfilled in hearts across this Earth: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Thank you for your support in this lasting work.

In Christ,

Andy Hornberger (Africa Inland Mission)

The Congregation Council would like to thank everyone who took time to complete the recent survey. There were 131 surveys completed and returned. There was a lot of information collected and it will take some time to compile and review it all. The Council will be working diligently over the next several months to accomplish this. The congregation will be given frequent updates on the progress. Again, thank you.