

SENIOR MOMENTS

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Easter Baskets

The Easter basket project for our homebound members was wonderful! Baskets were delivered to all our homebound families by fellow older adults of Trinity. Great items were donated, and the preschool made special cards and a "stained glass" cross for each basket. I have already received great feedback from those getting the baskets. What they enjoyed in addition to what was in the baskets was the delivery by caring friends. What a simple but effective ministry. The visits brighten a day that at times can get to be pretty long. Many of you make a habit of visiting these friends, so keep it up. If you would like to start making occasional calls let Tom know so he can help with the logistics. Thanks for being such caring people!

Trinity Foundation Presentation

We had scheduled for April a presentation by Rex Garrelts about the Trinity Foundation. We are going to reschedule that for a later date. Rex is undergoing surgery and it will take him a little time to recuperate. This is a presentation well worth your time. The Trinity Foundation provides funds for many of the ministries that take place at Trinity. Rex will enlighten us as to what they have done and their make-up. We wish Rex the best with his surgery and pray for a good recovery. We will let you know when this presentation will be rescheduled.

"Won't you be my Neighbor?"

In May at both campuses, Pastor Phil will host a presentation on how to be a good neighbor. Pastor Phil has been practicing many of the principles found in the book *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. Jesus spoke of going out of our way to be good neighbors. We will look at practical ways to put this ministry into action. The plan is to follow up during the summer months with steps you can take to implement the art of neighboring. Look for the dates soon to be announced.



Service



I want to thank our adult community for the "hands on" ministry they shared this past year. It often is the simple action of caring that makes a big difference in the lives of others. Though many of you do much throughout the year, I am especially thinking of four special instances. In the early fall we made "hand up" bags to pass out to homeless people we encountered in our everyday lives. This was a simple project that I didn't think got off to a great start. It is fun to see how God uses our efforts in his own time. It took a few weeks for people to start distributing the bags, but it has had a life of its own. Recently a former member continued passing them out as he traveled across the city. His boss noticed what he was doing, and they are considering doing a similar type service project.

In December we went Christmas caroling at some facilities where we have members. This was fun and joyful for both the singers and those who were the recipients. For many at the facilities, our caroling was one of the few ways the Gospel message came to them at Christmas time. The bonus for us was we had fun and were able to share Christmas joy within our group. The Shawnee adults had a Christmas party and carol sing as well. In addition, they raised some much-needed funds to help assist a Shawnee family. Well done!

I have already talked about the Easter basket project. Once again thank you for giving to others in Jesus name. Let's work together to find more things we can do. If you have suggestions I'm listening.

Older Adult Ministry



I thought I would keep you up to date as to some things happening with older adult ministry on a little larger scale. Concordia University Chicago has invited me to sit in on a think tank in May. The College of Gerontology is sponsoring the two-day event and I am excited to be able to take part. In June, the Kansas District is having their District convention. There are a couple of resolutions scheduled to be brought forth that deal with older adult ministry. The resolutions recommend studying how best to raise the level of involvement as seniors to continue to share as important members of God's kingdom. In July, the Kansas District will once again offer the Saints Alive after 55 event. I was able to attend last year and am helping with it this year. It was a great presentation with Rich Bimler as the keynote speaker. This year the president of the Oklahoma District will be the keynote speaker. I would like to take a group from Trinity to this year's offering. I will have more details coming.