

TOWER TALK

June 19 and 20, 2010

OUTREACH AT ST. THOMAS

- HOST-

Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas
Part of JoCo IHN - a ministry to homeless families

JoCo IHN CRITICAL NEED

In the last couple of weeks many of us received a note from JoCo IHN regarding a serious deficit in the budget and the need for donations. As with many charitable organizations, the IHN spring appeal netted less than anticipated. Yet, the need has increased. This ministry to situationally homeless families right here in Johnson Co is critical.

Last week St. Thomas sent a donation from our Outreach budget. We pray for the continued operation of IHN. We also ask that STA members consider making a donation to IHN, either by sending a check to JoCo IHN, 11503 Strang Line Rd Ste C, Olathe, KS 66062 or by writing a check to St. Thomas and marking JOCO IHN on the memo line.

New volunteers are needed in our St. Thomas' HOST ministry, part of IHN. If you would like to become part of this ministry, training for volunteers will be Thurs., July 8, 6:30-9 at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal, 6630 Nall, Mission, KS. St. Michaels is the newest congregation to join IHN. Training sessions are open to anyone and all are welcome to attend. No RSVP is required.

- EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK - A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

ST. PAUL'S EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: The pantry serviced 70 households this past week with 13 NEW neighbors...

Many thanks to the small but mighty band of volunteers served this past Saturday morning ...Ron Weil, Susan Strom and Donna Fye from St. Thomas the Apostle on their regular second Saturday. The prior Wednesday's volunteers from St. Thomas were Leila Potts, Beth Anderson, Denis Peters.

Besides faithful pantry volunteers who show up every week to help in the physical areas of the pantry; there are other hands and hearts that go into making each pantry day successful. A group of faithful volunteers deliver excess baked goods from area stores, drivers who go to Harvesters every Wednesday morning to pick up food and on Saturdays to deliver produce from Whole Foods. There are many ways to make a difference...

The pantry needs this week: jelly (especially now with school out), spaghetti sauce (canned/plastic jars); we are really low on TOILET PAPER, coffee regular AND INSTANT, liquid dish soap (please no dishwasher soap), laundry detergent, oil, personal hygiene products, and other bulk items to break down; we also need PAPER grocery bags.

If you have questions about volunteering or donations, please contact Kim Palmer 816-807-4004 or kpalmer27@hotmail.com or kim.palmer.stpaulskck@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST AT ST. PAUL'S PROGRAM

We want to send out a HUGE, heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers from St. Thomas the Apostle who helped make the Breakfast at St. Paul's Church on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend a great success!! On Saturday, May 29, 2010, **207 Guests** were served a hot breakfast and felt the Holiday Love from the Members of STA Church who volunteered.

Volunteer sign-up for this event was low, so a "call for help" went out, thanks to Meribeth Risebig. God provided and assistance came from our "Frequent Flyer" Volunteers: Francis Ames, Shannon and Laura Bond, Joe and Priscilla Cox, Jack and Judy Dutra, Jackie Lichius and Ron Weil. In addition, we were blessed with assistance from new Volunteers: Georgina and Zoe Green and Kahla Owens. You ALL did a Great Job!!

We want you to know how much we appreciate your time and assistance!! As one Guest mentioned to me as he dropped off his dishes, "God Bless You and thanks for the great grub!" We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! Thank you for sharing your time and your love for this special program!

-- Sincerely, Lynn and Dan Elman and Guests
of the Breakfast at St. Paul's Church



ReNew

July 11-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

"ReNew" revolves around caring for our Earth and each other. We have an exciting opportunity to create a fun-filled week for kids with Bible stories, planting and recycled crafts!

Registration forms are available on our website home page, or at church in Laura Wiltanger's mailbox.

Our VBS week is slowly coming together. We are busy gathering volunteers and donations for projects, but our list is ever evolving! Listed below are the details, but please don't hesitate to call Tracy Ferren (851-8350) or Laura Wiltanger (302-1424) with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still in need of many volunteers! We have had good luck recruiting leaders for groups and activities so far, but there are many support roles still available. Please join us all week or just for one or two nights! Can you help out at just the beginning of the evening? We have something for you! Are you available only Sunday afternoon? We can put you to work decorating! We can find a place for you working with children, cooking and cleaning, or just behind the scenes. Just let us know what works for you. We'd love to have as many people involved as possible.

DONATIONS NEEDED—NEW LIST AGAIN! Our program for the week is tentatively planned, so we have a more accurate idea of needs. As of now, we are excited to announce that we have plenty of boxes (shoe boxes, too!)! The only thing that might fall under that category is "junk food..." we still need some of those empty containers (cookies, chips, etc).

Other needs: Medium size Terra Cotta Pots (used or not), Birdseed, Potting Soil, Brown and Multi-colored Chenille Stems, Glue sticks, Wildflower Seeds, Seed Cups, 2 liter Soda Bottles, Cotton Balls, Bottlecaps, Empty Vegetable Cans (with "safe" edges), Hub Caps, "Gallon" sized Plastic Bags, Plastic Sand Buckets and/or Large Plastic Ice Cream Tubs (we can only use these if we get enough for every child, so please label if you send a new item so we can return!); To be returned—please label!: Plastic Shovels, Small Aprons, Magnifying Glasses, Small Gardening Gloves, Gardening Hats.

Please watch our white board next to our donation boxes for a current list. It will be updated weekly before church on Sunday. Thanks so much for your support! It is bound to be an exciting week!

Clothing Drive for St. Paul's Thrift

The ChristCare Small Group Leadership Training class is planning a missional service project. We are collecting good, clean clothing for the St. Paul Thrift Store. Details will follow soon but wanted you to have a "heads up" so that as you clean out your closets you will save the clothes for the drive. If you have any questions, contact Katie Knoll Lenon at the church or Linda Bemis, 913-856-4689.

