



## Orphan Grain Train Central Nebraska Branch Bulletin February 19, 2018

### Shipments to People's City Mission & Upcoming Panama Shipment

In December the Central Nebraska Branch made its first shipment of winter clothing and blankets to People's City Mission in Lincoln, NE. Another shipment followed in early January. People's City Mission was established by local churches in 1907. It provides food and shelter for transient men, women, and children averaging about 350 people per day. Donated items including those from OGT are available to impoverished families at no cost. People's City Mission operates efficiently with about 89% of donation being used for program expenses.

A shipment of hospital beds and other medical equipment, along with clothing, blankets, and school desks and chairs is planned for February to Panama. More details will be provided for this shipment later.

### Supporting Orphan Grain Train

For all who own an IRA or similar retirement account and are at least 70 ½ years old in 2017, here is another way to support the Central Nebraska Branch.

Your required Minimum Distributions from your retirement account can be made directly to Orphan Grain Train. By doing so you will not be required to include the retirement distribution as income on your tax return. The trustee of your retirement account can make the distribution to OGT at your request by sending it to OGT at PO Box 545, Grand Island, NE 68801. Your trustee will also need OGT's Employer Identification Number (31-1614650). Please contact Dick Troester at 308-380-3730 if you have questions.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you own Thrivent insurance or investments, you may have Choice Dollars which you can direct to Central Nebraska Orphan Grain Train. If you have not designated your Choice Dollars this year, it's not too late to do so before money goes away. Thrivent Choice Dollars are an important source of money which helps the Central Nebraska Branch fulfill its mission. Designating Choice Dollars takes only a few minutes and can be done by calling 1-800-847-4836 or by visiting [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).

### Farwell to Charlotte Thompson

Charlotte Thompson of Grand Island, who has served as lead volunteer at our warehouse for the last two years, has moved out of state because of her husband's job transfer. A farewell gathering was recently held in her honor. We are currently looking for someone to fill her position on Thursdays. We are glad to announce that Donna Kunze of Worms is now the lead volunteer on Tuesdays. Welcome, Donna!



### Fish Feed Dates

To schedule a fish feed for 2018, please contact Beth Stark, Fish Feed Coordinator for Central Nebraska Branch of Orphan Grain Train. Call 402-469-7839 or email [ogtbeth@gmail.com](mailto:ogtbeth@gmail.com).

March 9<sup>th</sup>- UNL- Lincoln, NE 5-8 PM Fish

March 14<sup>th</sup>- Trinity- Blue Hill, NE 5:30-7:00 PM Fish  
March 18<sup>th</sup>- Zion, Shickley, NE 11:00-1:00 PM Fish/Brats  
March 21<sup>st</sup>- Peace, Waverly, NE 5:15-7:00 PM Fish  
April 8<sup>th</sup>- St. John's, Columbus, NE 11:00-1:00 PM Fish  
April 15<sup>th</sup>- Hickory Grove, Auburn, NE 11:00-1:00 PM Fish  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Trinity, Lexington, NE Noon-1:00 PM Fish&Brats  
June 15<sup>th</sup>- LLL, Zion, Hastings, NE 5:30-7:00 PM Fish  
June 24<sup>th</sup>- Cross of Christ, Aurora, NE 11:30-1:30 PM Fish  
July 14<sup>th</sup>- St Peter, Hampton, NE 5:30-7:00 PM Fish  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>- First Trinity, Beatrice, NE 11:00-1:00 PM Fish  
September 9<sup>th</sup>- Holy Cross, Kearney, NE 11:00-12:30 PM Brats  
September 16<sup>th</sup>- St Paul, Shelton, NE 11:30-1:00 PM Brats  
September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>- LWML Nebraska District South Convention, Kearney, NE  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>- OGT – Central NE Branch, Grand Island, NE Annual Meeting  
October 14<sup>th</sup>- Grace, Fairbury, NE 11:30-1:00 PM Fish  
October 21<sup>st</sup>- Calvary, Rosemont, NE 11:30-1:00 PM Fish  
November 4<sup>th</sup>- Trinity, Campbell, NE 11:00- 1:00 PM Fish

**Bible Verse:** <sup>18</sup>Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
Isaiah 43:18-19