



Orphan Grain Train Central Nebraska Branch Bulletin October 15, 2018

Semi-Annual Convention

Our semi-annual convention was held on September 22nd at Peace Lutheran Church. Grant Schmidt from the Norfolk office gave a very informative address about what is going on for OGT. Grant and Gary Wieck spoke about the formation of a new OGT branch organization in Panama. The Panama Branch will enable OGT to distribute goods throughout Central and South America.

Additionally, Grant talked about a new project in St. Petersburg, Russia called Hanna House. It will be a halfway house for girls leaving orphanages in Russia. All children in Russian orphanages are required to leave at age 18. Hanna House will allow the girls to receive some kind of vocational training and life skills for living on their own. Currently many of those girls fall victim to drug and sex trafficking because the girls have no support system. Hanna House was something that Pastor Reehl had wanted to establish for some time. His daughter Karen and three other people traveled to St. Petersburg to meet with Lutheran church officials to get this new home established. Please keep the Hanna House project in your prayers.

Al & Bev Nixon from Kenesaw won this year's convention quilt that was raffled off. Al & Bev, along with several other members of their church, are monthly volunteers at the warehouse.

While the convention attendance was down significantly from past years, we still raised about \$4,700 from the quilt raffle, silent and live auctions and the freewill offering for the noon meal.

Shipments: Lame Deer & Navajo Lutheran School

In September we sent our truck to the Lame Deer reservation in Montana with clothing, blankets, household items and several pieces of small furniture. Thanks to Ron & Pat Pinn for driving the load.

In October we sent our truck to the Navajo Lutheran School mission in Rock Point, AZ. The load included bikes, sports equipment, clothing, blankets, school kits and supplies and other items. Thanks to Ron Morris and Gary Helms for making the delivery.

The next scheduled shipment will be to Panama. More details for that shipment will appear in the next newsletter.

Visitors

On September 20th Pastor Julio Lopez, his wife Silvia and some friends from Sioux City, IA stopped at the warehouse for a tour. They brought new and used clothing collected in Sioux City for a shipment to Mission, TX in November. These visitors are friends of Dennis & Joyce Senff.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars are an important source of income for Central Nebraska Branch. Since we became eligible to receive Choice Dollars in 2011, we have received over \$100,000. For those who own Thrivent insurance and investment products, please keep Central Nebraska Branch in mind when you designate those dollars.

Toothpaste -Hygiene Kits

We recently learned that in the future, we will no longer be able to include toothpaste in hygiene kits. This is because toothpaste has an expiration date. If you have purchased toothpaste for hygiene kits you plan to put together soon, please include the toothpaste. In the future we will have to exclude toothpaste from hygiene kits.

FISH FEED DATES 2018-2019 - CENTRAL NE BRANCH, GRAND ISLAND, NE

Contact: Beth Stark, Fish Coordinator for OGT Central NE branch, Grand Island, NE @
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OCT 21st – CALVARY, Rosemont, NE – 11:30-1:00 PM – Fish (B&B)
NOV 4th – TRINITY, Campbell, NE – 11:00-1:00 PM – Fish (B&B)

Fish Feed dates confirmed for 2019

APRIL 10, 2019 – PEACE, Waverly – Fish
APRIL 28, 2019 – ST. PAUL, Auburn – Fish
JUNE 2, 2019 – TRINITY, Lexington - Fish/Brats
JUNE 14, 2019-ZONE 8 LLL, ZION, Hastings -Fish
JUNE 23, 2019-CROSS OF CHRIST, Aurora – Fish/Brats
JUNE 30, 2019-ST. PAUL, Shelton – Fish/Brats
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019-1st TRINITY, Beatrice – Fish
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019-HOLY CROSS, Kearney – Brats
OCTOBER 13, 2019-GRACE LUTHERAN, Fairbury - Fish
OCTOBER 20, 2019-CALVARY, Rosemont – Fish
NOVEMBER 3, 2019-TRINITY, Campbell – Fish

**Beginning in 2019, we will no longer schedule more than one
fish or brat feed on the same date.**

Anyone wanting a specific date for 2019 should make a request as early as possible.

Additional Dates:

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019 - Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE Convention



Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.