

OUTREACH TEAM

JANUARY—MAY 2024

From the Chairperson:

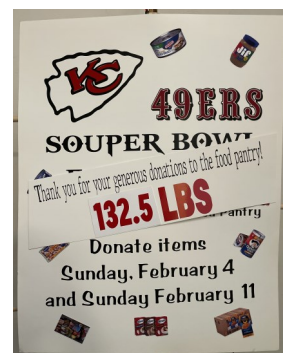
I'm so excited to bring this "information letter" to you so you know some of the things the Outreach Team, with the help of the parish and friends, has been doing. Since January our Team has added some new members and the energy level and ideas are amazing. One of the goals is to become more active in the community and find needs to be met. This Team consists of Pam Yardley, Rebecca Fernau, Andrew Amiotte, Joni King, Daniel Bowen, Melody Herbert, Jack Isaacs and myself as Chairperson. The unity of this Team is amazing and we are very open to ideas, volunteers, and help from each of you. Thank you to the entire Church community for all the support you give!

Janice German, Chairperson

Thank you to everyone for helping with these projects! We couldn't do it without you!

SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

To help support the local food pantry, canned and non-perishable goods were collected February 4 and February 11. Over 132 lbs of food were collected and delivered to the Shepherd's Pantry at the Immanuel Lutheran Church.



CONSUMING FIRE DANCE STUDIO FUNDRAISER



Saturday, April 13, Consuming Fire Dance Studio, a non-profit organization, held a fundraiser at the Church. This was to help with scholarships for the dancers, costumes, etc. They netted \$779 and gifted \$109 back to the Outreach Team for future projects. The special treat at the end of the evening was watching the dancers do a special performance for all those attending.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER

In May an application was submitted to have the Chadron UMC join the Chadron Chamber of Commerce. We are looking forward to this collaboration which will assist us in being a more active part of the community, helping get the word out of different events, services, classes, etc. that the Church will be holding and working to support the Chamber and what they do for the community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

Instructors in the educational programs at the Church were recognized at the April potluck dinner. They were given small succulent plants with a sign that said “Thank you for helping us Grow in Faith”. Thank you to MiaKayla Koerber for leading the Wednesday Youth Group, Camden Snyder for teaching the Children’s Sunday School, Immanuella Tchona for teaching and assisting the Wednesday Youth Group and Bobby Griese for helping teach the Wednesday Youth Group, Lami Oladimeji for leading the Campus Ministry and Pastor Tunde for leading the Adult Bible Study.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM RECOGNIZED

At the February Potluck, we recognized the members for the Congregational Care Team. These ladies are so great with sending out birthday cards, anniversary cards, get well cards, etc. We thanked them with little bags of goodies. Those recognized were Jane Druecker, Charlene Savage, Pam Heiser, Doralie Lawson, Suze Jones, Cleo Koerber and Vicki Kotschwar.

MOTHER’S DAY

On Mother’s Day, May 12, all the Mother’s and special women in our lives who attended worship service were given a long stemmed rose. The roses were presented by the Sunday School children. Thanks to all the “Mom’s” for all they do each day!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

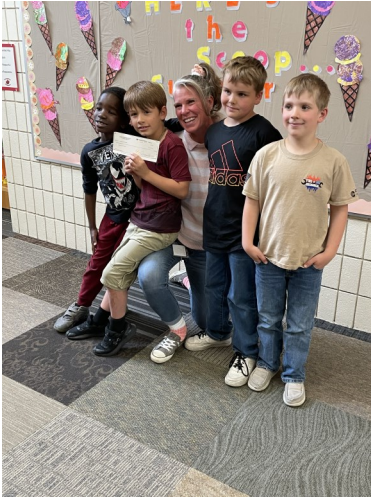
In April, the Special Olympics were held at the CSC PAC and Outreach provided volunteers to help with the event. It was a fun day! Thank you to Rebecca Fernau and Adri Calle for the organizational work that goes into this event.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE OLADIMEJI FAMILY

A Meal Train has been set up for the Oladimeji Family while Lami is taking chemo treatments. Thank you to everyone who has helped—May and June dates are all filled up and more dates have been added for July and August. To sign up to bring a meal, you can do so at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/e262dl>.

FUEL THE KIDS

On Wednesday, May 8, our Sunday school students at the primary school presented a check for Fuel the Kids in the amount of \$500 to Primary School Principal, Mrs. Mack. The check is to the Chadron Public Schools and will be used to help with unpaid lunch accounts. This money comes from offerings made by the children during Sunday school and children's message. Mrs. Mack recognized these students and the Chadron UMC with a Primary School Principal Facebook post and a special thank you card that was sent to the church. Thanks to everyone who gives to the Children's Ministry throughout the year.



Pictured: Jesse Oladimeji Orion Herbert, Mrs. Mack, Ethan Calle, Knox Smith

Not Pictured: Breck Smith and Jethro Oladimeji

CHADRON VFD AND FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, May 14 a meal was taken to the Chadron VFD at the firehall to say Thank You for their service to the community. Thanks to all who helped prepare and deliver the meal—sloppy joes, chips, baked beans, salads, desserts, etc. They were overwhelmed with the amount of food. All of the volunteers were very appreciative and we are still receiving feedback.

This was also the week of Police Officer Recognition and thanks to Vicki K. for taking rolls and cookies to the Police Department!

