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COA TOY DRIVE BEGINS

The special outreach project for this month is the Toy Drive for the Christian Outreach in Action's annual Christmas party benefiting over 2000 homeless and under-privileged children ages infant to 16. You can participate by bringing new, unwrapped toys of approximately \$15-\$20 value for infants to age 12 and/or \$20 gift cards to Target or Walmart for the teenagers. There is a drop off box in the Sanctuary and in the Child Care Center, Room 2. Please make your donations before December 4th. We are encouraging our mission partners, Puerto de Paz, Village of Grace and the Boy Scouts to participate in the drive.

Mindy, our preschool director, holds an annual holiday party that includes a toy drive, too, and she will be contributing to our boxes from that as well as the preschool families.

This is a great way to start off the Christmas season.



PRESCHOOL YARD RESTORED

Boy Scout Dylan Jenkins chose as his Eagle Scout project restoring the lawn in the south end of the preschool play yard. The project removed all the rocks and faux river bed with the logs etc. and leveled out the area. New plants were added along the edges, and the lawn is being nurtured back to health. This was achieved over three or four weeks and many nights. Many wheelbarrow loads of rocks went to the dumpster. His project is officially complete, although he has been watering and weeding to assure that the grass grows back, and the project looks good. There will also be a new, sturdier, fence in place. We thank Dylan for his efforts. We will benefit from his project for years to come.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council met Tuesday, November 15. Here's a summary of what was accomplished during that meeting.

- ✂ Reports from Boy Scout Troop 531, Preschool, Music, and treasurer were accepted.
- ✂ A check for \$420 was presented from the scout troop's yard sale proceeds.
- ✂ Finance report showed total offering for October was \$4,803.
- ✂ Pastor Miller expressed his desire to see more people in the pews at 10:45 a.m.
- ✂ Ideas for future service projects were discussed.
- ✂ Thanked Susanne D'Arcy for donating two swivel desk chairs that are now in the Pastor's office.
- ✂ Plans were made to make the needed repairs to Mary House before it can be rented.
- ✂ The 2017 proposed budget was approved.

FIRESIDE ROOM PAINTED

Workman from the Village of Grace spent many hours last Wednesday preparing the Fireside Room for painting on Saturday. Check it out. It is an extremely professional job, and we thank Village of Grace for the volunteer labor that so improves our facility.

PASTOR AND KIM HAVE A NEW HOME

If Pastor and Kim seem a little disheveled, you will know they have been packing and unpacking this last week. Their new address is 4155 Knoxville, Lakewood, CA 90713. Phone numbers remain the same.



Remember in your Prayers:

Compassionate God, we pray for all those who are struggling in body, mind or spirit. Grant them a sense of your peace. In Jesus name. Amen

Smitherman Family, death of Victoria, **Laura Patrick**, eye test results, **Wolfe Family**, loss of Jim, **Peter Martinez**, death of Delores, **Bill Graveson**, cancer, Family of **Patti Reynolds**, **Michaela Cecala**, cancer., **Polly Green**, Cindy's mother, **surgery**, **Dick and Judy Pinkham**, cousins of Hamilton's, heart attacks, **Ketelaar family**, loss of Pam, **Family of Doug Griffin**, friend of Cindy's, **Avis Gerards**, **West Wyatt**, Al Walker's cousin, **Olen Lowry** and family, cancer, **Marie Berger**, Linda Peterson's friend, **hip surgery**, **Cody Brown**, cancer, **Ken Anderson**, cancer, **Marienne Hamilton**; **Lea Walker and Family**, death of Ida Savage, **Jordan Walker**, **Nick Walker**, **John Wolfe**, cancer.

And also: Our Preschool Staff & Families, **Puerta de Paz ministry**, **Boy Scout Troop #531**, **Pacifica Synod and ELCA**; **Village of Grace Church**

EVERY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study in
Fireside Room
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
with Holy Communion
11:45 a.m. Fellowship in Fireside Room

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 4: Good Samaritan Sunday
December 4: Last day to bring toys
December 11: Preschool Christmas
Program in Church
December 20: Council Meeting
December 24: Christmas Eve Service

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What does "evangelical" mean in Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

We look to the New Testament and Greek language to understand the word "evangelical." It describes one who believes the good news of Jesus Christ. We reclaim this meaning despite how it has been appropriated to divide and judge people. We share the gospel freely and embrace each other as diverse yet whole people in Jesus Christ.

Women's Bible Study will be rescheduled in the new year.

2017 Thrivent Wall Calendars are available for free. Pick one up during fellowship in the Fireside Room.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

The Thursday morning Bible study will not meet this Thursday due to the holiday. It will continue on December 1 with the study of Ecclesiastes. Join in the conversation, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside room.

Email: kgmiller624@yahoo.com Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call ahead for appointment. *The Buzz* is issued on the Sunday following the council meeting.

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