



Love Thy Neighbor Ministries

The Good Neighbor Newsletter

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Executive Director's Report

By Steve Kacprzak

We praise God that He continues to use us to minister to adult long-term care residents and staff as well as those with dementia and their caregivers. In November Love Thy Neighbor Ministries will mark its 20-year anniversary.

The adult long-term care facilities in Pima County are open but the Covid pandemic has not completely gone. We've experienced sporadic outbreaks, which have caused some cancellations of scheduled visits and/or presentations. Through that we continued with one-on-one visits, small group Bible studies, our Traveling Bible Exhibits and the Good Neighbor Get Together.



This year marks the 500th anniversary (1522-2022) of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament into the German language. It's called the "September Bible", being printed and released in September 1522. In commemoration of that event Love Thy Neighbor Ministries and the Traveling Bible Exhibit have put together a special exhibit of Luther's Bibles and other of his manuscripts. In addition to care facilities this exhibit will be visiting Vistoso Community Church on September 18th and Calvary Christian Fellowship on September 25th. You're cordially invited to come and see the exhibit.

The campaign to recruit additional volunteers to serve in our Good Neighbor Get Together Ministries events has been successful. We're very pleased with the number and quality of our new volunteers. They have been trained and are ready to serve. All we need now are more guests! If you are caring for someone at home who has dementia or know someone who is, the Good Neighbor Get Together program can be of help. Check it out at www.LTNM.org.

*Blessings,
Steve*



Attention: Activity Directors

With Christmas just around the corner we're making plans for our annual *Blessings in a Bag* Christmas gift ministry. If you are interested in receiving gifts for your residents, please call or text us at 520-906-5842 or email us at LoveThyNeighbor@fastmail.fm, by the end of September for more information.

Do you remember door-to-door salesmen? Well, we have put together a brand new display presentation we call "Reflection on the Door-to-Door Salesman". And it's ready to visit your facility! Call or text us at 520-906-5842 or email us at LoveThyNeighbor@fastmail.fm for more information.

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24



Christmas is coming! We are currently gearing up for our Christmas gift program, *Blessings in a Bag*. There are two parts to this program. The first part is the Christmas trees which have tags showing gifts that you

can purchase. This year we are asking for sweatsuits and socks. These gifts will be given to specific residents of two large care facilities in Tucson. The trees will be going up in the foyer of Vistoso Community Church and Calvary Christian Fellowship in November for you to take your gift tags, or you can call me and we will give you the information you need to purchase a gift.

The other part of our Christmas program is hand-made gifts. Last year we gave 824 of these gifts – lap blankets, quilts, clothes protectors, hats and scarves, tote bags, pillows, pillow cases, bags for wheel-chairs and walkers, and Bibles with hand-made covers. That’s in addition to the 500 or so items given out during the year. At Christmas we give these gifts to a number of long-term care facilities, where the Activity



Directors determine which residents have the greatest need for them.

We have many ladies who have been working diligently all year to make these wonderful items, but we can always use more! There are hundreds of people in these facilities who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas and would be blessed to receive a hand-made gift from someone they do not know – but more importantly, from a Christian, sharing the love of Christ and a special blessing in celebration of our Savior’s birth.

There are a number of ways you could help us spread these blessings this year. We especially need quilts and blankets (sewn, knitted or crocheted). We also need activity aprons and muffs, and for these we will provide all the materials as well as instruction. And no sewing skills are required for the muffs! The time is short – about three months - but we know we can accomplish great things working for the Lord!



Please call me at 520-203-6519 for more information or to get started.

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*Be sure to note our new phone number:
520-906-5842*



Memorial Gift Received

In memory of Peter D.W. Lamm
From Brad and Susan Soland

Laughter Is Good Medicine

Children don't wait for permission to laugh; they laugh because it feels good. The average four-year-old laughs 500 times a day!

Some women are overly suspicious of their husbands.... When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she told her mate.

"Eve, honey, you're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You know you're the only woman on earth."

The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by a strange pain in the chest. It was his darling Eve poking him rather vigorously about the torso. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.



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