

## Men of Hosanna

The Men of Hosanna completed a thirty-day fund-raiser to raise enough money to pack 110 Christmas gift boxes for the Seafarers' Center. A total of \$2376 was contributed by the congregation. The North Central Houston Chapter of THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS approved matching funds at \$.33 on the dollar. This worked out to be an additional \$792 for a grand total of \$3168 for the Seafarer's Christmas Gift Box project. . That was enough to purchase the contents of personal hygiene items and other small gifts to fill 110 boxes.

The Hosanna Conformation class, Men of Hosanna and other members of the congregation (21 people) packed the boxes at the church on Wednesday evening on December 14, 2011. This year as part of a Family Service project, the CREW and other members of the congregation wrapped the boxes in Christmas paper in the Library after the church service Sunday December 18. Pastor Bolt and Bob McConnell delivered all the boxes and a \$300 check to the Seafarer's Center on Monday Dec 19. Thanks to everyone for your financial donations, shoeboxes and for packing and wrapping all the Christmas Gift boxes.

Thanks for continuing to save aluminum and aluminum cans. Just place your bags of cans behind the trash dumpster. The Men of Hosanna will take the aluminum to a recycling center. **Cecil Streetman and Jim Sales delivered more aluminum in October with the \$50.89 in proceeds going to the Hosanna Care Team.** They use it to buy quilting supplies. Women of Hosanna put the quilts together. Then the quilts are given to the adults and children who are in the IHN Program. The **2011 total recycled aluminum YTD is \$295.85. Total recycling for 2010 was \$398.65.**

**Mark your calendars for the annual Men of Hosanna Breakfast.** Chairman Rollie Lund reports the date will be either Saturday January 21 or 28, 2012 at **Denny's Restaurant** located kitty-corner from Springwood Methodist Church on 1960 West and Butte Creek Road. As soon as the date is firmed up, other details such as the cost will be communicated.

**Do you enjoy fun, fellowship and working** on service projects for the church and community with other men? Then why not consider joining the Men of Hosanna. You don't have to be a member of Hosanna to join. Contact either Richard Dove (281-370-8287) or Bob McConnell (281-440-5432) and they will get your name added to the roster of ninety-eight (**98**) other men who have joined. **Feel free to fill out the form on the bottom of this newsletter and return it to Bob McConnell or tack it to the bulletin board in the sign-up area in the Narthex. Welcome to our latest Men of Hosanna roster addition – Phil Dagen!**

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## **Summary of Men of Hosanna Activities for the year 2011**

### **January**

Chairman Rollie Lund reported that 28 men and their guests showed up on Saturday January 29th for the annual men's group breakfast at Denny's Restaurant. Pastor John Boldt opened the meeting with a breakfast prayer. After breakfast, Richard Dove chaired a brief business meeting. Next the men took turns introducing each other. \$135.35 was donated to fund the Care Package project. The meeting was closed by the group praying the Lord's Prayer.

### **February**

On Thursday evening February 28<sup>th</sup>, 22 men and their guests enjoyed our annual Bar-B-Q dinner. After dinner, the men put together 48 Care Packages for our College Youth, those in the Military and our graduating High School seniors.

### **March**

On Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, Head Chef Tripp Smith reported that the Men of Hosanna served brunch to 25 of Hosanna's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (W.E.L.C.A.).

### **April**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 55 men, women and guests enjoyed the annual Good Friday Golf tournament at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Hempstead.

### **May**

On Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 14 men and guests of the Men of Hosanna met Cecil Streetman at Hosanna before daylight and took off for Galveston Island for the second annual half-day fishing trip.

### **October – November**

The annual Fall Classic Hosanna/Kinsmen golf tournament was held on Saturday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bear Creek Golf course. 49 golfers and their guests enjoyed the great golfing weather and fellowship.

In October, The Men of Hosanna sponsored a thirty-day fund raiser to fill Christmas gift boxes for the Seafarer's Center. By mid-November, Hosanna had contributed \$2376. The North Central Houston Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gave us matching funds of \$792 bringing the total funds raised to \$3,168. This was enough to fill 120 shoeboxes with personal hygiene items and gifts. In addition, the \$300 that was contributed by the congregation from the October "Noisy Offering" was given to the Chaplain's Fund at the Seafarer's Center. Thanks to the congregation for donating the shoeboxes too.

### **December**

The High School Confirmation class, with the help of the Men of Hosanna and other members of the congregation, packed all the boxes on Wednesday evening Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. The High School CREW and members of the congregation wrapped all the boxes with Christmas paper on Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Boldt and Bob McConnell of The Men of Hosanna delivered the 120 gift boxes to the Seafarer's Center on Monday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

On aluminum recycling for 2011, we've received \$293.85. Thanks Hosanna! This money was given to the Hosanna Care Team. They will use it for quilting supplies for quilts given to N.A.M Interfaith Hospitality. Thanks to Cecil Streetman, Jim Sales, Roy & Jacob Romijn for hauling the aluminum to recycling for Hosanna.