



FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY

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“A Neighbor’s Independence Depends on You.”

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♪ “Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities.

Let’s celebrate together!” Matthew 25:23 (NLT) ♪

Let's Celebrate!

I am behind two months of newsletters and promise to get one out very soon. However, I did want to write a note to everyone to fill you in on all the exciting things that have been going on within Faith in Action!

First of all, the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was a great night. In the newsletter I will go into greater detail and include pictures. Plans are already underway for next year's banquet! However, what really has me jumping up and down is the very fun and successful Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! We served in the neighborhood of 270 people and were able to enjoy fellowship with one another in what appeared to be a quaint Italian restaurant. The tables were decorated with greenery, adorned with candlelight and complemented with bowls of breadsticks and grapes. Italian music played in the background. Meanwhile the ladies and gentlemen in the kitchen were whipping up their signature spaghetti sauce, baking garlic bread and fixing salads! The auction was a complete success as well! All together we took in a little over \$2,000! What a blessing that is and will be!

None of it could have come together had it not been for all the help that went into the evening. I want to thank all the churches and individuals that donated food for the dinner. These included First Christian Church, Bell Ridge Christian Church, Brocton Christian Church, First Assembly of God, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Kansas Christian Church, Lake Ridge Christian Church, Paris Christian Church, The Presbyterian Church, New Providence Presbyterian Church, Vermilion United Methodist Church, Hume Christian Church, Nevins Christian Church, Success Christian Church, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. We appreciate everyone who donated items to the Auctions. These included Lillie Davis, Thelda Pitts, Debbie McConkey, Sara Goddard, Diana Acord, Wilma Overton, Paul and Jean Willoughby, Benjamin's Office Supply, Norma Henson, Kendra Simpson, Karen Webster, Gloria Simpson, and all anonymous donors.

The planning committee did a great job planning the event and had a great time doing it. They included Debbie McConkey, Susan Bradford, Rita Goodman, Karen Littleton and Diana Acord. Helpers the night of the event included our cooks in the kitchen: Linda White, Rita Goodman, Edie Emrick, Harry Walker, and Monte Reichenberg. All other helpers included Karen Littleton, Debbie McConkey, Ron Hensley, Ron Nugent, Karl and Barbara Marshall, Diana Acord, Susan Bradford, Shirley Bishop, Cindy Soughers, Katie Marlowe, Jean Willoughby, Lillie Davis, Norma Henson, Cathy Walker, Stella Cannon, Bob Wilson, Julie, Jacob, and Aaron Garver. I hope I didn't miss anyone, but if I did... **know that you all are appreciated!**

Please pass our appreciation on to all the churches and all those you know who helped in anyway who are not yet a part of FIAEC. The community working together made the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction a very successful event!

Faith in Action continues to Grow! **To date we have had the opportunity to reach out to 359 residents and their families throughout Edgar County.** This number increases monthly and the needs may be from needing a little encouragement through a weekly telephone conversation to the construction of a wheelchair ramp. We are averaging over 150 contacts a month with our resident care receivers and an average of 40+ volunteers turn in time sheets each month. This is fantastic!!!

We are growing in the number of volunteers! **This month we were happy to welcome Dorothy Farnham and Joe Vandermark into our volunteer family.** Dorothy is interested in offering encouragement to our residents through telephone visiting. Joe will be working with Monte and the Special Project crew in our construction projects. **We are very happy to welcome our two newest volunteers!**

Also I want to remind everyone of dates coming up...Monday – the 27th from 4:00 – 8:00 is Pizza Hut Night with Linda White as hostess . Last month Pizza Hut donated over \$106! That was terrific! We sure have a great time visiting during our Pizza Hut Nights. It is a good time of fellowship.

Tuesday the 28th is our Creative Card Angels at 10:00am at the FIA Office. This is a good time also. The blessing however is for the residents who receive the cards that are made. If you would like to join the Card Angels, call 466-6388 or 275-3500 for more information, or plan to be here Tuesday morning.

I want to thank our Prayer Partners for being in prayer for the needs and concerns as well as praising for the blessings of Faith in Action. We know your prayers are powerful as we clearly see and feel the results. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner, let me know. Our November prayer request list will be mailed to our Partners very soon.

We have so much to celebrate!

Thank you for all you do to carry out the work of Faith in Action of Edgar County!

God Bless,

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