

NEIGHBORHOOD LIFE

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This year Neighborhood Life was able to serve by providing a meal during Vacation Bible School. We also assisted in setting up/cleaning up at two potlucks. At the Reed's Christmas Parade, Neighborhood Life set up a tent and provided hot chocolate with marshmallows and candy canes to those watching the parade. The Saints' Brew Dinner was our big finale. We were able to bring the church together to host this event as a parish. We had generous donations of ingredients, pies, socks, hats, gloves, and children's items. Chicken and dressing was purchased from Comer's Restaurant as the main course. With over 45 guests, we provided a full Christmas meal complete with Santa Claus and gifts.

Looking ahead to 2023, I hope for Neighborhood Life to continue to do the above events. A goal for the Saints' Brew Dinner is to provide live musical entertainment for our guests. A new service I would like to begin is to send a goody basket to Milam Elementary School for the teachers. This would be composed of snacks donated/purchased and sent to the school during testing season. This is a way to support our neighborhood school. We also have a void in the fall that was left by the ending of the festival at Robin's Field, as well as Trunk or Treat that I would like to fill. I look forward to brainstorming ways to fill that gap during our next meeting.

We were budgeted \$1,555 for 2022. \$575.98 were spent on the hot chocolate and Saints' Brew Dinner. I believe a budget of \$1,100 would cover the continuation of providing our two current events and also leave money left over to consider another event in the fall.