

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, we opened our doors to our community and welcomed over 130 people to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Craft Activities, and Egg Hunt. Seventeen Action Team Members were involved in making this third annual event a huge success. Lots of shopping for and planning went into this special morning. The week of the event, members of our Action Team set up and decorated the Upstairs Fellowship Hall (UFH) and the Activity Room (AR) to make them look pretty and inviting for all attending, especially the children. Action Team Members also stuffed bags with candy that was donated by LCOC Members, along with coupons for free items from one of the local McDonald's and from the nearby 7-11. The team also wrapped cutlery for the breakfast. The next morning we all arrived early to prepare pancakes and sausage; get ready for all the wonderful craft activities; and plan for and hide the eggs for two separate hunts (Preschool - 2nd Grade; and 3rd through 5th Grades). Action Team Members handed out raffle tickets for a variety of prizes. Action Team Members served the breakfast and drinks to our guests. Action Team members hid eggs and managed the two hunts. Action Team Members assisted children in having fun in the Activity Room coloring, making crafts, etc. prior to the hunts. The Easter Bunny was outdoors and indoors making sure all of our guests felt special. After the activities (breakfast, crafts, hunt), everyone came back into the UFH for the prize awards and drawings. (One large gold and one large silver egg (for each hunt) were hidden for special prizes for the "finders". Special gifts were handed out for the most eggs found at each hunt.) The Easter Bunny handed out each prize (large chocolate bunnies, baskets filled with Easter goodies, a large stuffed baby chick, and lots of special candies and other goodies) as the numbers were drawn and the winners came forward. One of our Action Team Members videoed and/or took pictures of much of the event. Everyone was thanked for coming and wished a blessed Easter. As our guests left, each child received a bag of Easter candy and other treats, which members of our LCOC congregation purchased and brought in prior to the event (Thanks LCOC members for living and giving generously). After cleaning up the UFH and AR, the Action Team had lunch together, celebrating a wonderful opportunity to live and give generously. We are thankful for Thrivent Financial, LCOC Congregation, Community Businesses, and our great Action Team (Lloyd and Colette Lyngdal, Patti Beattie, Lorelei Ditton, Eileen Eicher, Mark Gimmi, Heather Gimmi, Sarah Gimmi, Darla Ferris, Debbie Hamilton, Carla Kreppein, Daniel Owusu, Pastor Darcy, Jennifer Rice, Roger Rudy, Jo Ann Rudy, and Diane Westen). Thanks also to Tricia Schilder who helped to decorate the Bunny's special area. The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Craft Activities, and Egg Hunt, was filled with love as we were able to do "God's Work, Our Hands".