

Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2016

In Attendance: Pr. Short, Denise Steele, Arlene Fluke, Tanya Replogle, and Alyssa Burkett

Unable to Attend: Kevin Rizzo, Mike Macchiarolo, Pat Macchiarolo, Dan Kerr, Betsy Littlefield, Lori Dunkle, Rick Smith, Lisa Hagenbuch, and Emmi Hagenbuch

Topic	Discussion Points to Note	Actions, Decisions, Recommendations
Welcome and Gathering Prayer	The meeting began at 7:00pm, and Pastor Short offered an opening prayer and thank you.	Noted
Monthly Special Ministry Highlights/ Special Offerings	<p>The monthly appeals for 2016 were reviewed. Approved monthly special ministry highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ January – Youth Encounter – \$430 ✚ February – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl Offerings - \$410 + \$513 ✚ March – Free Community Dinner - \$505 plus \$300 Salvation Army; ELCA/LDR – Japan Earthquake -\$250 (Tome Ministry Fund); ELCA/LDR – Texas Flooding - \$250 (Tome Ministry Fund) ✚ April –Your Safe Haven - \$130 United Way of Bedford County / Scouting for Food – collected food items MS Walk 4/24/16 - \$412 ✚ May - Camp Sequanota - \$430 Pillow Cases for Children at Sewing Ministry ✚ June – A LSM Child Care Tuition Scholarships - \$215/ Bedford County Relay for Life ~ Saturday, 6/25 - \$212/ Light of Light Ministry (VBS) - \$295/ KIVA - \$100 ✚ July – Habitat for Humanity (Bedford County); ELCA/LDR – West Virginia Flooding ✚ August – Shawnee Camping Chaplaincy ✚ September – Gettysburg Seminary/ “God’s Work. Our Hands” – <i>Sunday, 9/18/16</i> ✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS ✚ November – Winter Clothing Ministry - \$242 ✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach - \$842/ Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i> 	<p>The money for Youth Encounter is still with Trinity. This group disbanded but there may be another group taking on the Youth Quake event.</p> <p>Total donated to the Relay for Life through Trinity was \$598.</p> <p>Alyssa Burkett made a motion to send \$250 (Tome Ministry Fund) to LDR efforts in West Virginia and Arlene Fluke seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous.</p> <p>Kara’s Closet has donated \$242 toward the Winter Clothing Ministry.</p> <p>Trinity has already received \$842 for the Bedford Food Outreach to date.</p> <p>Display Boards: August – Fred & Arlene Fluke September- Pr. Weinhold, Pr. Short, Rick Smith October – November – December – Pr. Short & Dan Kerr</p>
Updates on our Ongoing Ministries		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	Leigh Anne Gronborg has taken on this task for the interim. On average, about 8 notes per week are sent. Prayer cards are sent to those people/families that have experienced illnesses, deaths, and ongoing medical needs, as well as celebratory occasions such as baptisms, weddings, and births. Cards are also sent on the 1-year death anniversary as a remembrance for those who have lost a loved one. For the meals to heal ministry, Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners	One committee member commented that she really appreciated the meals she received after being in the hospital. It was nice to know that someone was thinking of her.

	that have been hospitalized. There have been lots of folks in the hospital over the past few months.	
Funeral Luncheons	There have not been any funeral dinners since the last outreach ministry team meeting in April 2015. Three or four parishioners served as coordinators and work with a core group of about 20 volunteers to do these meals.	Noted
Tome Ministry Fund	These funds are earmarked to enhance a Lutheran witness in, but not limited to, Bedford County. About \$1200 in interest is available for "grants" during the year. Trinity has a \$500 per year commitment to Camp Sequanota using these funds. Discussion was held about recent natural disasters that have occurred in the United States.	Alyssa Burkett made a motion to send \$250 (Tome Ministry Fund) to LDR efforts in West Virginia and Arlene Fluke seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous.
Inquirer's Dinner	The event was held on May 1, 2016 in the social room. New parishioners had an opportunity to hear about life in Trinity and ways that they can become involved in the congregation.	The event was well attended and well received. A thank you to all those that helped with the event.
Outreach and Partnerships		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield coordinates this effort, and Trinity usually serves 8 or 9 times a year. Trinity does hygiene & cleaning distribution quarterly which is very appreciated by the participants. The Salvation Army has helped to sponsor some of these distributions along with funding through Thrivent Action Teams.	Upcoming dates for Trinity to serve are July 19 th , August 30 th , October 4 th and November 15 th .
BHS Baccalaureate	The Bedford High School Baccalaureate service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 22, 2016 at 2:00pm. Pastor Short coordinates this annual event. Refreshments are provided in Trinity Hall by the Children & Youth Ministry Team after the service.	This year's baccalaureate was one of the liveliest that they have ever had. Families are very appreciative of this service.
Community Christmas Church Walk	This event is coordinated through the worship team and is held shortly after Christmas. Music is provided at each church on the walk with refreshments at the last church.	The tentative date for this year's walk is Wednesday, December 28, 2016. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday, the walk will be moved to Wednesday.
Salvation Army Bedford Service Unit	Trinity has a wonderful partnership with the local unit. Pastor Weinhold is the chairperson of the Bedford Service Unit, and they have been very generous to the community with donations to the Bedford Food Outreach, the free community dinners (the hygiene packages and support of the participating congregations), rental assistance and energy assistance through the Center for Community Action.	Trinity has three members on the board with Pastor Weinhold serving as the new chairperson of the Local Service Unit.
Children's Winter Clothing Ministry	Mary Ann Martz coordinates this program, and the number of children receiving clothing has increased over the past two years.	Kara's Closet has donated \$242 toward the Winter Clothing Ministry.
Trinity – ALSM Child Care "Growing Years"	The partnership between ALSM and Trinity has been going well. Painting was done in one classroom and the carpets were cleaned in the entire area.	Noted
Thrivent Financial (Fraternal Benefits)	Thrivent "Choice Dollars" have totaled \$2,252 as of July 6, 2016. These funds are used for the free community dinner, Faith & Fun club, AV upgrades in Trinity Hall, and Camp Sequanota scholarships.	The Trinity congregation has used over 20 Thrivent Action Teams so far this year for over \$5000 to help support Trinity's

	Thrivent Action Teams for \$250 are another resource for all Thrivent members to use.	outreach and ministry in the community.
Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries		
ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries	<p>Past activities that the congregation and outreach team supported included Kenyan Missionaries, Camp Sequanota, Gettysburg Seminary, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Allegheny Synod Seminarian Endowment Fund, and the Allegheny Synod.</p> <p>100% of donations to ELCA World Hunger go to providing food where it is needed.</p> <p>The congregation responds to the Lutheran Disaster Relief appeals as they present themselves during the year such as the Japan earthquake and flooding in Texas and West Virginia.</p> <p>The Allegheny Synod is holding Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve on July 24th with a tailgate before the game. Bishop Michael was present at Trinity on May 15th for the Feast of the Pentecost and confirmation of Trinity Youth.</p> <p>.</p>	<i>Thrivent Action Team funding is available for Thrivent members to access to assist with fundraising. More information can be obtained at the Thrivent website or through leadership board members.</i>
Reflection/Update		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	<p>The 2016 event is being coordinated by Rick Smith, and provides a wonderful chance for people of all ages to work together, give back to the community, and help others.</p> <p>So far, there are two Thrivent Action Team funds to help pay for the expenses.</p>	The date for the 2016 event will be Sunday, September 18 th . More details will be coming up in the near future.
Updates: Local & Regional Ministries		
	<p><i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> serves over 500 households each month. Free produce day has been outstanding with donations from the Walmart Distribution Center.</p> <p><i>Shawnee Camping Ministry</i> – The Blackburns have been serving as the chaplains this summer, and the ministry held a Marianna's fundraiser that went over well.</p> <p><i>Habitat for Humanity</i> – the Bedford County chapter is once again active in Bedford County. No communication has been received to this point from the organization.</p>	<p>The Bedford County Food Bank is now separate from the Bedford Food Outreach.</p> <p>Fred and Arlene Fluke were recognized at the Allegheny Synod Assembly for their work with the Shawnee Camping Ministry.</p>
Next meeting		
Next meeting	The next meeting for the Outreach Ministry Team will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00pm.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member