

## Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**In Attendance:** Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele, Arlene Fluke, Mike Macchiarolo, Dan Kerr, Betsy Littlefield, Alyssa Burkett and Pr Short

**Unable to Attend:** Tanya Replogle, Pat Macchiarolo, 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"> <li>✚ January – Youth Encounter – <b>\$430</b></li> <li>✚ February – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl Offerings - <b>\$410 + \$513=\$923.00</b></li> <li>✚ March – Free Community Dinner - <b>\$505</b> plus <b>\$300</b> Salvation Army; ELCA/LDR – Japan Earthquake -<b>\$250</b> (Tome Ministry Fund); ELCA/LDR – Texas Flooding - <b>\$250</b> (Tome Ministry Fund)</li> <li>✚ April –Your Safe Haven - <b>\$130</b> United Way of Bedford County / Scouting for Food – collected food items MS Walk 4/24/16 - <b>\$412</b></li> <li>✚ May - Camp Sequanota - <b>\$430</b> Pillow Cases for Children Sewing Ministry</li> <li>✚ June – A LSM Child Care Tuition Scholarships - <b>\$215/</b> Bedford County Relay for Life ~ Saturday, 6/25 - <b>\$212/</b> Light of Life Ministry (VBS) - <b>\$295/</b> KIVA - <b>\$100</b></li> <li>✚ July – Habitat for Humanity (Bedford County) - <b>\$170;</b> ELCA/LDR – West Virginia Flooding- <b>\$250</b> (Tome Ministry Fund) + <b>\$398 = \$648</b></li> <li>✚ August – Shawnee Camping Chaplaincy- <b>\$135</b></li> <li>✚ September – Gettysburg Seminary - <b>\$175/</b> “God’s Work. Our Hands” – <i>Sunday, 9/18/16</i></li> <li>✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS</li> <li>✚ November – Winter Clothing Ministry - <b>\$242</b></li> <li>✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach - <b>\$842/</b> Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i></li> </ul>	<p>Another group is taking on the Youth Quake event in place of Youth Encounter and is planning for one in Pittsburgh in 2017.</p> <p>Total donated to the Relay for Life through Trinity was <b>\$598.</b></p> <p><i>Display Boards for remainder of 2016:</i></p> <p>November – Mary Ann Martz December – Pr. Short &amp; Dan Kerr</p> <p><i>Display Boards for 2017:</i></p> <p>January (Youth Quake) – Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett</p> <p>February (ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl of Caring) – Betsy Littlefield &amp; Linda Vensel</p> <p>March (Free Community Dinner- food and special distributions)- Mike Macchiarolo</p>
<b>Updates on our Ongoing Ministries</b>		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	Pat Macchiarolo has retired from this ministry and Janelle Lowe has taken on this responsibility. On average, about 8 notes per week are sent. Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners that have been hospitalized. There have been lots of folks in the hospital over the past few months.	Janelle and Pat have met and talked about the greeting cards/ prayer notes. Janelle will be doing this going forward. A total of 11 meals have been accepted in the past 3 months.

Funeral Luncheons	There have not been any funeral dinners since the last outreach ministry team meeting in July 2016. Three or four 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 through 2017 using these funds. Discussion was held about the devastation by Hurricane Matthew and a request from the Women of Trinity for the 2017 Spring Retreat.	Dan Kerr made a motion to send <b>\$300</b> (Tome Ministry Fund) for each distinct request (Lutheran Disaster Response and Women of Trinity) and Mike Macchiarolo 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 will be held again in Spring 2017.
<b>Outreach and Partnerships</b>		
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. Over 7500 meals have been provided, and the weekly event has become a home for many participants.	Upcoming date for Trinity to serve is November 15 <sup>th</sup> .  Two hygiene & cleaning distributions have been done so far in 2016.
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.	The Baccalaureate with the BHS Class of 2017 is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017.
Community Christmas Church Walk	This event is coordinated through the worship team and is held shortly after Christmas. The walk begins at St. John's UCC, and includes Mt. Pisgah, Trinity, Presbyterian, St. Thomas and St. James. The walk ends at the Bedford United Methodist Church with refreshments.	This year's walk is Wednesday, December 28, 2016.
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. Dan Kerr expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Bedford Food Outreach for the donations from Salvation Army.
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.	It is anticipated that over 30 children will benefit from this ministry.
Trinity – ALSM Child Care "Growing Years"	The partnership between ALSM and Trinity has been going well. It was noted that there is a good rapport with the staff at the child care program.	Noted
Thrivent Financial (Fraternal Benefits)	Thrivent "Choice Dollars" are used for the free community dinner, Faith & Fun club, AV upgrades in Trinity Hall, and Camp Sequanota scholarships. Thrivent Action Teams totaled over \$7500 so far in 2016 to support outreach & ministries of the church.	It was noted that there is a new local Thrivent representative, Kurt Morris, in the Bedford area.

<b>Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries</b>		
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, flooding in Texas and West Virginia, and Hurricane Matthew.</p> <p>The Allegheny Synod has many pastoral vacancies in churches around us with some churches sharing pastors.</p>	<p>The Kenyan missionaries are sponsored weekly and listed in the church bulletin.</p> <p>February is the designated month for special appeals for the ELCA World Hunger.</p> <p>The Gettysburg and Philadelphia seminaries have started to merge together, and will continue while watching the accreditation requirements.</p>
<b>Reflection/Update</b>		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	<p>The 2016 event was coordinated by Rick Smith, and held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bedford County Library. A Thrivent Action Team helped to fund the expenses.</p>	<p>Ideas for 2017 included Shawnee State Park and, the children's park by the Green. More ideas will be shared at the next committee meeting</p>
<b>Updates: Local &amp; Regional Ministries</b>		
	<p><i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> serves around 400 households each month. Free produce day has been outstanding (500+ households) with donations from the Walmart Distribution Center.</p> <p><i>The Bedford County Food Bank</i> is looking for a site to reopen in Bedford.</p> <p><i>Shawnee Camping Ministry</i> – The summer went well, and the camper is all closed up. Pastor Toby Holland is spearheading this now.</p> <p><i>Habitat for Humanity</i> – the Bedford County chapter is starting a project on the north side of Everett. No communication has been received to this point from the organization.</p>	<p>Numbers are down some with participants directed to the proper locations in their area.</p> <p>Fred and Arlene Fluke were recognized at the Allegheny Synod Assembly for their work with the Shawnee Camping Ministry.</p>
<b>New Business</b>		
2017 Outreach Ministry Team Budget Proposal	<p>The proposed 2017 budget for the Outreach Ministry Team was reviewed and compared with the proposed and actual budget costs from the past three years. The total proposed Outreach Ministry Team 2017 budget is \$25,300 which includes a \$500 increase in giving to the Allegheny Synod and additional monies designated for the Lenten Luncheon meal.</p>	<p>Kevin Rizzo made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 committee budget and Dan Kerr seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member