

Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

In Attendance: Pr. Short, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele, Alyssa Burkett, Arlene Fluke, Dan Kerr, Tanya Replogle, and Carol Seigfried

Unable to Attend: Betsy Littlefield, Betsy Littlefield, Mike Macchiarolo, Pat Macchiarolo, and Rick Smith

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 and highlighted. 2017 monthly special ministry highlights and appeals were discussed and outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ January – Life Promotions (Youth Encounter) ✚ February – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl of Caring ✚ March – Free Community Dinner / Free Community Dinner Hygiene Supplies ✚ April – United Way of Bedford County/ Scouting for Food – collect food items ✚ May – Your Safe Haven ✚ June – Camp Sequanota/ Bedford County Relay for Life ✚ July – ALSM Child Care Tuition Assistance ✚ August ✚ September – “God’s Work. Our Hands” – Sunday, 9/17/17 ✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS ✚ November – Children’s Winter Clothing Ministry ✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach / Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i> 	<p>The 2016 designated benevolence donations received totaled \$12,751.00. Along with the other funds given through Trinity to support ministries, the total 2016 outreach dollars were \$36,673.00.</p> <p>Display board assignments:</p> <p>January – Denise Steele & Alyssa Burkett February – Betsy Littlefield March – Mike Macchiarolo April – Rick Smith May – Pastor Weinhold June – Pastor Weinhold July – Denise Steele & Alyssa Burkett</p>
Ongoing Ministries		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	<p>Janelle Lowe continues this ministry by sending cards/notes to parishioners and friends. On average, about 8 notes per week are sent.</p> <p>Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners that have been hospitalized. Several people rotate doing this ministry. The parishioner or family is contacted and a meal is offered.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
Funeral Luncheons	Funeral luncheons are available if a family requests at the church. Several coordinators work with a core group of about 20 volunteers to do these meals.	A meeting is being held soon to talk about this ministry and coordinate efforts going forward.
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 with 2017 being the final year. In 2016, \$1,950 was paid out in grants, and the total lifetime grant equals \$26,069.25.	No new requests were made or discussed at the meeting.

Inquirer's Dinner	The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2017 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. On average about 30-40 people attend the event with the Outreach Team serving lunch and council members, staff, and pastors sharing information.	Kevin Rizzo will be the meal and serving coordinator with discussion about a soup and sandwich menu.
Outreach and Partnerships		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield coordinates this effort, and Trinity serves every 6 weeks. Trinity does hygiene & cleaning distribution several times during the year, and there were two distributions in 2016. The weekly event has become a home for many participants.	The Salvation Army has provided a gift of \$300 to provide financial support for this ministry.
Community (Ecumenical) Lenten Luncheon	The Lenten Luncheons are hosted and coordinated by the Bedford Presbyterian Church for the five Wednesdays of Lent (March 8-April 5).	Arlene Fluke will be the meal & serving coordinator for Trinity. The preferred dates are March 29 th or April 5 th .
BHS Baccalaureate	The Bedford High School Baccalaureate service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 21, 2017 at 2:00pm. Pastor Short coordinates this annual event. Refreshments are provided in Trinity Hall by the Children & Youth Ministry Team after the service.	Noted
Community Christmas Church Walk	This event is coordinated through the worship team and is held shortly after Christmas. This past year's walk was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 with a standing room only crowd.	This year's walk is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2017. Pastor Weinhold is the coordinator for this event.
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 participates in two weeks of kettle bell ringing, and over \$25,000 (total event) was collected in 2016. Over 90% of this money benefits the local community.
Children's Winter Clothing Ministry	Mary Ann Martz coordinates this program, and the number of children receiving clothing continues to increase.	34 children benefited from this ministry in 2016.
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, and the appreciation for communication with the supervisor.	Noted
Thrivent Financial (Fraternal Benefits)	Thrivent "Choice Dollars" were used for the free community dinner, Faith & Fun club, AV upgrades in Trinity Hall, and Camp Sequanota scholarships in 2016. Thrivent Action Teams totaled over \$10,500 in 2016 to support outreach & ministries of the church. The local Thrivent rep is Kurt Morris.	Choice Dollars are earmarked to the free community dinner, Faith & Fun club, Camp Sequanota scholarships, and planning and celebration resources for Trinity's 250 th Anniversary.

Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries		
ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries	<p>The Allegheny Synod continues to evolve with new leadership and more attention to smaller congregations. Trinity has pledged \$10,500 to Camp Sequanota for the "Framing Faith for the Future Campaign.</p> <p>The Shawnee Camping Ministry has a new coordinator, Pr. Toby Holland with a committee to help him.</p> <p>98% 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.</p> <p>Two missionaries in Kenya are sponsored and supported through the Synod. \$1,000 per year is earmarked for this ministry.</p> <p>United Lutheran Seminary is the name of the merger of the Gettysburg and Philadelphia seminaries. The process continues at this time.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>2017 is the final year for the 3-year campaign.</p> <p>Thank you to Fred Fluke for his many years of dedication to this ministry.</p> <p>ELCA World Hunger is the monthly appeal for February.</p> <p>Six disasters were funded in 2016.</p> <p>The missionaries are sponsored weekly in the bulleting.</p> <p>Noted</p>
Outreach Activity		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	<p>The 2016 event was coordinated by Rick Smith, and held on Sunday, September 18th at the Bedford County Library. A Thrivent Action Team helped to fund the expenses.</p>	<p>The 2017 event will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Ideas for the project will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
Updates: Local & Regional Ministries		
	<p><i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> serves around 440 households each month (about 1044 people). Free produce day has been outstanding (450-500 households) with donations from the Walmart Distribution Center.</p> <p><i>The Bedford County Food Bank</i> has found a new home in Bedford.</p> <p><i>Chalybeate Springs Ministry</i> – this ministry helps men upon release from incarceration with the goal of reducing the rate of recidivism.</p> <p><i>Habitat for Humanity</i> – the Bedford County is under new administration and reaches out to other groups in the community, not necessarily the churches.</p>	<p>The Food Outreach is able to stretch their monetary donations further with a very low average cost for food.</p> <p>The distribution will be done at the former Manns Choice school.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
New Business		
2017 Outreach Ministry Team Budget	<p>The 2017 budget for the Outreach Ministry Team was reviewed with a total budget of \$25,300. The expenditures in the 2016 Outreach budget were also reviewed.</p>	<p>It was noted that the Thrivent Action Teams have helped to offset costs for the Outreach ministries.</p>
Next meeting		
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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member