

## Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

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

**Unable to Attend:** Betsy Littlefield and Pat Macchiarolo

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 special monthly appeals for 2017 were discussed and outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ January – Life Promotions (Youth Encounter) \$230.00</li> <li>✚ February – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl of Caring (\$741.74)</li> <li>✚ March – Free Community Dinner / Hygiene Supplies (\$655.00) + (\$20.00)/Kiva (\$29.00)</li> <li>✚ April – United Way of Bedford County/ Scouting for Food – collect food items</li> <li>✚ May – Your Safe Haven</li> <li>✚ June – ELCA Good Gifts/ Bedford County Relay for Life (Kettles at Doors 6/18/17)</li> <li>✚ July – Camp Sequanota</li> <li>✚ August - ALSM Child Care Tuition Assistance</li> <li>✚ September – “God’s Work. Our Hands” – <i>Sunday, 9/17/17</i></li> <li>✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS</li> <li>✚ November – Children’s Winter Clothing Ministry</li> <li>✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach (\$100) / Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i></li> </ul>	<p>Display board assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January – Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett</li> <li>February – Betsy Littlefield</li> <li>March – Mike Macchiarolo</li> <li>April – Rick Smith</li> <li>May – Pastor Weinhold</li> <li>June – Liz Miller/ Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett</li> <li>July – Pastor Weinhold</li> <li>August-Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett</li> <li>September – Rick Smith</li> <li>October-</li> <li>November-</li> <li>December-</li> </ul> <p>Through April, \$1,775.74 has been raised through the monthly appeals as an outreach ministry of Trinity.</p>
<b>Ongoing Ministries</b>		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	<p>Janelle Lowe continues this ministry by sending cards/notes to parishioners and friends.</p> <p>Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners that have been hospitalized overnight. A team of 6 people rotate doing this ministry. On average, about 1-2 people receive the meals from this ministry.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The last meeting of this group was held on 5/4/16 so another meeting will be scheduled and held soon.</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.	The group met on 2/13/17 to coordinate the efforts of this ministry.
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 was held on 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. One of our largest groups attended the event with a lasagna luncheon served.	The power point presentation was very well received and helpful for those in attendance.
<b>Outreach and Partnerships</b>		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield coordinates this effort, and Trinity serves every 6 weeks. Trinity does hygiene & cleaning distribution several times during the year with the next distribution date n May 9 <sup>th</sup> . The weekly event has become a home for many participants.	A group from JLG has volunteered to come and make/serve the community dinner one time in June 2017.
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). Trinity served the luncheon on March 29, 2017.	About 62 people enjoyed the lunch served by Trinity's group of 10 people coordinated by Arlene Fluke.
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.	Pastor Adam Kravets from Calvary Baptist Church will be the guest pastor.
Pillow Case Sewing Ministry	A group of 4 – 5 women from Trinity participate in this ministry monthly (September – May). They decorate pillow cases to send to Children's hospitals and children in other countries.	The group is looking to donate to cancer patients through UPMC in Bedford and Altoona. It was suggested to contact Beth Hullihen for UPMC Bedford.
Community 2017 Christmas Church Walk	Pastor Weinhold coordinates this annual community event with many churches in downtown Bedford opening their doors to participate. Participation has been growing over several years, and it was suggested	This year's walk is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

	to bring a flashlight for the outdoor walk.	
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.	Over \$2500 in food purchases have gone to the Bedford Food Outreach including Easter hams.
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.	The classrooms are being painted this spring/summer.
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.	About 15 action teams have been written so far for 2017. So far, Trinity has received \$1,772.00 in Choice Dollars for the designated ministries.
<b>Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries</b>		
ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries	<p>The Allegheny Synod had a 50,000 Can Challenge, and received 51,102 cans.</p> <p>The Synod Assembly will be held on June 2-3, 2017 at the Blair County Convention Center.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Trinity donated \$741.50 (1,483 cans).</p> <p>Lori Dunkle and Don Replogle will be Trinity's voting members at the Synod Assembly. 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>"Good Gifts" is a nice way to do something charitable in honor of a loved one. Noted</p>

	<p>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>The missionaries are sponsored weekly in the bulletin.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>Outreach Activity</b>		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	The 2017 event will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017. The project for this year is an Appreciation Dinner for the Free Community Dinner partners and servers to thank them for their hard work and dedication to this important ministry.	A Thrivent Action Team will be used to help fund this event. More details will be coming soon.
<b>Updates: Local &amp; Regional Ministries</b>		
	<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>
<b>New Business</b>		
"Change" a Life	An idea was discussed to collect parishioner's change, possibly through the regular collection during the service or a secure container, on an on-going basis. The funds would be put in a discretionary fund to help individual needs as they present themselves.	More details need to be worked out to keep the funds secure, and to determine guidelines for distributing monies.

Widow/Widower's Dinner	The idea was shared to host a dinner for widows and widowers in the county to give them an opportunity for fellowship. A proposal will be put together for this project with the possibility of doing this in the fall.	The first Sunday of November was suggested as a possible date. A Thrivent Action Team could be used to help fund the project.
Next meeting	The next meeting for the Outreach Ministry Team will be held on Monday, <b>August 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member