

## Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Date: Monday, August 7, 2017

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

**Unable to Attend:** Betsy Littlefield, Tanya Replogle, 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 2017 were reviewed and highlighted. 2017 monthly special ministry highlights and appeals were discussed and outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ January – Life Promotions (\$230)</li> <li>+ February – ELCA World Hunger (\$320)/ Souper Bowl of Caring (\$421.74)</li> <li>+ March – Free Community Dinner /Hygiene Supplies (\$695)/ KIVA (\$36)</li> <li>+ April – United Way of Bedford County/ Scouting for Food – collect food items</li> <li>+ May – Your Safe Haven (\$460)</li> <li>+ June – ELC Good Gifts (water) (\$770)/ Bedford County Relay for Life (\$155)</li> <li>+ July – Camp Sequanota</li> <li>+ August - ALSM Child Care Tuition Assistance</li> <li>+ September – Pillowcase Ministry/ “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 (\$427) / Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i></li> </ul>	<p>Display board assignments:</p> <p>January – Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett            February – Betsy Littlefield            March – Mike Macchiarolo</p> <p>April – Rick Smith</p> <p>May – Pastor Weinhold            June – Denise Steele &amp; Alyssa Burkett            July – Pastor Weinhold            August – Denise Steele            September – Rick Smith</p> <p>October –            November –            December –</p> <p>Arlene Fluke made a motion to make the Pillowcase Ministry the special appeal for September and Denise Steele seconded. Motion approved unanimously.</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. She drops notes to folks to let them know that we are praying for them.</p> <p>Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners that have been hospitalized. There is a core group of 6 people/ teams that carry out this ministry.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The group will be meeting soon to look at the next 12 months and divide up the year.</p>
Funeral Luncheons	Funeral luncheons are available if a family requests at the church. Several coordinators (3-4 people) work with a core group of about 20 volunteers to do these meals.	There was one funeral dinner held in the past quarter.
Tome Ministry Fund	These funds are earmarked to enhance a Lutheran witness in, but not limited to, Bedford County. About \$1203 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.	No new requests were made or discussed at the meeting.

Inquirer's Dinner	The event was held on April 30, 2017 and was very well received with an outstanding attendance. The next event will be in the Spring of 2018.	The power point presentation is a very effective format to use for this dinner.
<b>Outreach and Partnerships</b>		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield is Trinity's kitchen coordinator, and Trinity serves every 6 weeks. The last hygiene & cleaning distribution was on 5/9/17.	A group from JLG served the dinner on 7/11/17. They had such a positive experience that they will be on the rotation to serve quarterly.
Community (Ecumenical) Lenten Luncheon	The Lenten Luncheons have been coordinated and hosted by the Bedford Presbyterian Church, and will be held again in Winter/Spring 2018. A group of about 60-70 people usually attend each week, and Trinity usually serves one Wednesday during Lent.	Trinity would be willing to serve as host should the Presbyterian Church decide not to continue the luncheons there.
BHS Baccalaureate	The Bedford High School Baccalaureate service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 21, 2017, and went very well. 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 by Pastor Weinhold, and has been very well attended in the past. This past year's walk was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 with a standing room only crowd.	This year's walk is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2017.
Salvation Army Bedford Service Unit	Pastor Weinhold is the chairperson of the Bedford Service Unit, and Pastor Short is the Human Services and Kettle Drive Coordinator. With the support of Trinity, the organization is able to offer more than \$20,000 in charitable aid to the community.	The next meeting is August 8, 2017 for the Bedford Unit.
Pillow Case Sewing Ministry	A core group of women meet monthly to make pillow cases, and typically meet most months on the fourth Wednesday of the month.	The next gathering will be on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.
Children's Winter Clothing Ministry	Mary Ann Martz continues to coordinate this program, and the number of children receiving clothing continues to increase.	Noted
Trinity – ALSM Child Care "Growing Years"	The partnership between ALSM and Trinity has been going well. There is a good rapport with the child care program, and the organization and communication with the supervisor has been wonderful.	Noted
Thrivent Financial (Fraternal Benefits)	Thrivent "Choice Dollars" are earmarked to the free community dinner, Faith & Fun club, Camp Sequanota scholarships, and planning and celebration resources for Trinity's 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.. Thrivent Action Teams are available for \$250 to support outreach & ministries of the church.	As of 6/30/2017, Trinity had received \$1,821.00 in Thrivent Choice dollars. Normally the church receives an average of \$3300-\$3400 per year.
<b>Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries</b>		
ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries	The Allegheny Synod Assembly was held on June 2-3, 2017 at the Blair County Convention Center. The Synod held a tailgate party and attended an Altoona Curve game on July 30, 2017. In celebration of the 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, many events are scheduled in the Allegheny Synod beginning on September 14 <sup>th</sup> through Reformation Sunday. Camp Sequanota is in their final year of the "Framing Faith for the Future" Campaign. Although they have not reached	Lori Dunkle and Don Replogle attended as voting members. Those attending had a good time. Trinity will host the other Bedford County Lutheran parishes at both liturgies on Reformation Sunday. At least six children from Trinity have taken part in activities at Camp Sequanota this summer.

	<p>their goal, they have done a great deal with the funding received.</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.</p> <p>Two missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania are sponsored and supported through the Synod. \$1,000 per year is earmarked for this ministry.</p>	<p>\$741.74 was received for this February monthly appeal. Noted.</p> <p>ELCA's Global Church Sunday will be celebrated in October to pray for Lutheran missions/missionaries all over the world.</p>
<b>Outreach Activity</b>		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	The 2017 event will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 1:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. As a special celebration of the 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Free Community Dinner, the servers from all participating churches will be "served" lunch to thank them for their hard work and ministry to others.	Rick Smith will be coordinating this event and members of the Outreach committee are invited to help. A Thrivent Action Team will be used to help offset the costs.
<b>Updates: Local &amp; Regional Ministries</b>		
	<i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> serves around 300-400 households each month. Free produce day has been down a little (400+-households) with donations from the Walmart Distribution Center.	The Food Outreach is able to stretch their monetary donations further with a very low average cost for food.
<b>Other Business</b>		
"Change a Life" – Pastors' Discretionary Fund	More discussion was held on using coins (change) to "change lives" of others. It was decided that the funds would be collected during offering each week. Any loose change would be earmarked for this fund along with any other monies designated by the parishioner for this fund. The "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" will be used for requests for families that present themselves to the pastors throughout the year and as funds are available.	Information will be put in the bulletin to explain this fund and the offering stewards will be instructed on how to handle the change/donations.
Widows and Widowers Support Event	More discussion was held about this dinner, and it was decided to hold the luncheon on November 5 <sup>th</sup> (Feast of All Saints). Invitations will be done through the Lutheran Churches in Bedford County. Music, a speaker and food will be coordinated for the event.	A Thrivent Action Team will be used to help offset costs. The time will be determined soon with a tentative start of 12:30pm. Denise Steele will be the coordinator.
<b>Next meeting</b>		
Next meeting	The next meeting for the Outreach Ministry Team will be held on Monday, <b>October 30, 2017 at 7:00pm.</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member