

## Outreach Ministry Team

Date: January 26, 2016

**In Attendance:** Pr. Short, Kevin Rizzo , Denise Steele, Betsy Littlefield, Dan Kerr, Arlene Fluke, Mike Macchiarolo, Tanya Replogle, Lori Dunkle, Rick Smith, Lisa Hagenbuch, Alyssa Burkett, and Emmi Hagenbuch

**Unable to Attend:** 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
2015 Designated Benevolence and Outreach Offerings	<p>The Tome Ministry Funds are designated “to enhance a Lutheran witness in (but not limited to) Bedford County”, and used for costs beyond normal expenses. Typically there is about \$1,200 (annually) available for grant requests from this fund.</p> <p>During 2015, there was a total of \$16,974 given through the monthly appeals and other outreach ministries through Trinity. Another \$21,500 was distributed from the Parish Ministry Budget to support the outreach ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Another \$1,850 was approved through the Tome Ministry Fund for seven worthy requests. Through the partnership with the Salvation Army, \$23,290 of charitable aid was disbursed in 2015.</p>	A grand total of \$63,614.00 went out from Trinity Lutheran Church to support the outreach ministries in our local, national and global communities.
Monthly Special Ministry Highlights/ Special Offerings	<p>The proposed monthly appeals for 2016 were reviewed and suggestions were made for the year. Approved monthly special ministry highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ January – Youth Encounter</li> <li>✚ February – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl Offerings</li> <li>✚ March – Free Community Dinner</li> <li>✚ April –Your Safe Haven United Way of Bedford County / Scouting for Food MS Walk 4/24/16</li> <li>✚ May - Camp Sequanota Pillow Cases for Children at Hospital</li> <li>✚ June – Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) Bedford County Relay for Life ~ Friday, 6/24 9 am (24 hours)</li> <li>✚ July – Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>✚ August – Shawnee Camping Ministry</li> <li>✚ September – Gettysburg Seminary/ “God’s Work. Our Hands” – Sunday, 9/18/16</li> <li>✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS</li> </ul>	<p>Assignments for the display boards are:</p> <p>Yth Enc. - Alyssa B &amp; Denise S World Hunger – Betsy L &amp; Linda V FCD – Mike M YSH – Pr Weinhold UWBC/SFF - Rick S</p> <p>Sequanota – Pr Weinhold Pillow Cases - Arlene F ALSM – Denise S &amp; Alyssa B Relay/Life - Denise S (Team Recruiter) HfH – Lisa &amp; Emmi H Shawnee Camping Ministry - Fred &amp; Arlene Fluke GBurg Seminary - Pr W &amp; Pr S</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ November – Winter Clothing Ministry</li> <li>✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach/ Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i></li> </ul>	
Outreach Ministries Budget	The 2015 outreach ministries budget was reviewed and discussed along with proposals from the committee on a 2016 budget. The proposed 2016 Parish Ministry Budget is as follows: Inquirer’s Dinners - \$200; Gazette Weekly Church Listing - \$240; Gazette Christmas/Easter Ads – \$110; Allegheny Synod - \$15,000; Camp Sequanota (3-year commitment) - \$2500; ELCA World Hunger - \$1000; Lutheran Missionary-\$1000; Synod Assembly Delegates-\$600; Funeral Dinners-\$750; Free Community Dinners-\$250; Lenten Luncheon Meal-\$100; Bedford Food Outreach-\$1000; Other Charitable Support as Resources Permit-\$2000.	Budget line items were discussed and the proposed 2016 budget was approved by the committee for a total budget of \$24,750.
<b>Updates on our Ongoing Ministries</b>		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	Mike Macchiarolo gave a report on these outreach ministries for Trinity. For the prayer note/greeting card ministry, Pat averaged 8 notes per week in the last 3 months, and has sent out a total of 103 cards during that time. 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, Mike reported delivering 9 meals to parishioners from October through January. There are currently 6-7 volunteers that help fulfill this outreach.	Noted
Funeral Luncheons	There have not been any funeral dinners since the last outreach ministry team meeting in October 2015.	Noted
<b>Outreach and Partnerships</b>		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield coordinates this effort, and Trinity usually serves 8 or 9 times a year. There is a strong core of regular volunteers that come regularly to support this outreach, and members of the congregation make desserts to donate for the dinners.	The free community dinner averages between 75 - 90 people weekly.
Lenten Luncheons	Arlene Fluke will be coordinating Trinity’s team for the luncheon, and they will be serving on March 2 <sup>nd</sup> . The luncheons are served at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, and Arlene has assembled a small crew to assist her with this task.	Noted

BHS Baccalaureate	The Bedford High School Baccalaureate service is held at Trinity Lutheran Church with the date this year on May 22, 2016 at 2:00pm. Susan Casteel will be playing and the BHS choir/ Varsity Singers provide the singing. Refreshments are provided in Trinity Hall after the service.	More information on this event will be provided as details are determined.
Community Christmas Church Walk	This event was held a few days after Christmas with less than ideal weather. Music is provided at each church on the walk with refreshments at the last church.	Fewer participants due to weather but the event was well received by the community.
Salvation Army Bedford Service Unit	Trinity has a wonderful partnership with the local unit. The kettle drive has received more than \$21,000 each year over the past 3 – 4 years, and they provide summer camp opportunities to local youth. A Thanksgiving dinner was coordinated and offered through the Salvation Army, which was new in 2015. They also work with the Sheetz Family Christmas to “adopt” 32 local children that were able to receive items for Christmas.	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	There were 41 children that received winter clothing valued at over \$5.100 in December 2015.	The number of children receiving winter clothing was up from 34 in 2014.
Trinity – ALSM Child Care “Growing Years”	The partnership between ALSM and Trinity has been going well. The storage resources are changing to allow more kitchen space and make the storage area safer for everyone.	Noted
<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.</p> <p>Trinity is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 years for the Gifts to Pledge for Camp Sequanota for a total of \$3,500.</p> <p>Gettysburg is undergoing some big changes in theological education and shares 1/3 of their faculty with Philadelphia.</p> <p>Penn State Lutheran Campus Ministry is always looking for resources to support what they are able to offer at the university.</p> <p>The Allegheny Synod was able to provide enough funding for 6 motorbikes for Kenya missionaries to help with their travels. They</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. Thrivent Action Team funds were used for such things as: hygiene item care packages; 1769 land grant; free community dinners; pastors’ photo collage; Christmas cantata; care notes postage; CD ministry; family festival dinner; SCS room upgrades.</i></p>

	are doing a 40,000 can challenge in 2016 to collect food or monetary donations. Lutheran Advocacy Ministries of PA (LAMPAs) is new for us, and is a Lutheran presence in Harrisburg to encourage ethical consideration among legislators as they do their work in the state.	<i>Note: after the meeting, Pr Short learned that Barb Debski is no longer working with LAMPAs. Adjustments were made to reconcile the special monthly appeals in light of this information, which are included above.</i>
<b>Reflection/Update</b>		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	The 2015 event at the Bedford County Library provided a wonderful chance for people of all ages to work together, give back to the community, and help others. We will be participating again in 2016, and can access Thrivent Action Team funds to help pay for the expenses.	The date for the 2016 event will be Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup> . Committee members can start thinking about possible projects for the next meeting.
<b>Updates: Local &amp; Regional Ministries</b>		
	<i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> served 542 households and about 1,321 people on average each month in 2015. Free produce day has been outstanding with 400 – 500 people receiving food on those days. <i>Shawnee Camping Ministry</i> – The Bishop has not yet found a replacement and Fred Fluke is willing to assist the new person when one is found. <i>Habitat for Humanity</i> – the Bedford County chapter is active in the Everett area, and a presence again in the area.	Dan Kerr reported that Trinity has about 10 – 12 volunteers that assist with this outreach.  Habitat was added to the special monthly appeals for 2016.
<b>Next meeting</b>		
Next meeting	The next meeting for the Outreach Ministry Team will be held on <b>Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Member