

Outreach Ministry Team

Date: April 19, 2016

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

Unable to Attend: Pat Macchiarolo, Dan Kerr, Tanya Replogle, Lori Dunkle, 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 and clarifications were made for the year. Approved monthly special ministry highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ January – Youth Encounter – collected \$430 ✚ February – ELCA World Hunger (collected \$410)/ Souper Bowl of Sharing held on 2/7/16 (collected \$513) ✚ March – Free Community Dinner – collected \$205 ✚ April –Your Safe Haven – collected \$130 as of 4/18/16/ United Way of Bedford County / Scouting for Food & MS Walk 4/24/16 ✚ May - Camp Sequanota Pillow Cases for Children at Hospital ✚ June – Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) – offerings for child care tuition scholarships Bedford County Relay for Life ~ Friday, 6/25- starting at 9:00am at Friendship Village ✚ July – Habitat for Humanity ✚ August – Shawnee Camping Ministry ✚ September – Gettysburg Seminary/ “God’s Work. Our Hands” – <i>Sunday, 9/18/16</i> ✚ October – Blanket Ministry of Church World Services (CWS) ✚ November – Winter Clothing Ministry ✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach (collected \$600 as of 3/31/16)/ Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i> ✚ January 2017 – Need this one filled ✚ February 2017 - ELCA World Hunger / Souper Bowl of Sharing 	<p>Youth Encounter is no longer in existence so the January donation is going to Camp Sequanota. This change was approved by the donors.</p> <p>A special collection will be done on Sunday, June 19th, after each service. Denise will coordinate the youth to collect that Sunday.</p> <p>Assignments for the display boards are: YSH – Pr Weinhold UWBC/SFF - Rick Smith Sequanota – Pr Weinhold Pillow Cases - Arlene Fluke ALSM – Denise S & Alyssa B Relay for Life - Denise S (Team Recruiter) HfH – Lisa & Emmi H Shawnee Camping Ministry - Fred & Arlene Fluke GBurg Seminary - Pr W & Pr S Food Outreach – Dan Kerr Salvation Army – Pastor Short</p>
Updates on our Ongoing Ministries		
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 107 cards during that time. For the meals to heal ministry, the annual meeting will be held in May. The group looks at	<p>Pat Macchiarolo does the cards and notes, and really enjoys doing this ministry.</p> <p>A meeting will be held on May 4, 2016 at 5:15pm for the Meals to</p>

	the schedule for the year ahead, and appoints a coordinator for 2-3 months at a time.	Heal Ministry. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, you are invited to attend the meeting.
Funeral Luncheons	There have been three funeral dinners since the last outreach ministry team meeting in January 2016. Three or four parishioners serve as coordinators for these meals, and there is a core group of about 20 people that assist on the day of the dinner.	Noted
Tome Ministry Fund	As of 3/31/16, there is a total of \$1,665.07 available for grants. The approximate quarterly earnings total about \$300. Camp Sequanota has a commitment of \$500 per year for 3 years (2015-2017). Discussion was held about several global disasters that had occurred recently including the earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador, and the flooding in Texas.	A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to designate \$250 for each disaster if requested by Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR).
Inquirer's Dinner	This event is held annually in the spring, and newly attending parishioners are invited. They have lunch together with the pastors, council members and church coordinators. The new parishioners learn about ministries in the church and opportunities for them to be more involve in the life of the congregation.	Being held on May 1, 2016 at 12:15pm. Denise Steele will coordinate the meal and kitchen. A \$250 gift card from Thrivent Action Team will be used to purchase the food.
Outreach and Partnerships		
Free Community Dinners	One of the churches had to be out for a round of serving, and two more churches have expressed interest in joining in this ministry. There could be a total of 9 churches in the rotation which would reduce the number of times each congregation is responsible for the meal preparation.	Betsy Littlefield coordinates the kitchen for Trinity, and April 26 th is the next date for our church to serve. There will be hygiene and cleaning distribution on this date. Items are purchased with funds from a Thrivent Action Team.
Lenten Luncheons	Arlene Fluke coordinated Trinity's team for the 3/2/16 luncheon with about 10 helpers. The crew served soup, ham and chicken salad sandwiches.	About 54 people were served the Lenten Luncheon at the Bedford Presbyterian Church.
BHS Baccalaureate	The Bedford High School Baccalaureate service is held at Trinity Lutheran Church 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 and coordinated by Trinity's Children and Youth Ministry Team.	Pastor Brady Plummer from St. John's will be the minister for the service, and BHS 2015 valedictorian will be the speaker.
Community Christmas Church Walk/ Children's Winter Clothing Ministry	Both events are held in December with the Outreach Team in charge of the winter clothing ministry and the Worship Team in charge of the church walk. Nothing else new to report.	Noted
Salvation Army Bedford Service Unit	Trinity has a wonderful partnership with the local unit. This ministry has experienced incredible generosity over the past few years. The Bedford Unit will be coordinating donations to Bedford Food Outreach and the Free Community Dinner Partner Congregations.	Gifts will be made over the next 3-4 months.

Thrivent Financial (Fraternal Benefits)	Thrivent members are encouraged to use Thrivent Action Team resources. Benefit members can access two \$250 action teams per year and associate members can get one \$250 action team per year.	Noted
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.	The Growing Years team did a good job cleaning up the storage area.
Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries		
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>The Allegheny Synod’s 2016 “Can Challenge” has collected 61,703 cans over the entire synod with Trinity collecting 3,046+ cans (\$0.50 per can). Trinity is in the 2nd of 3 years for Camp Sequanota’s “Framing Faith for the Future” campaign. A total of \$3,500+ is given annually including funds from the parish ministry budget, Tome ministry funds, Trinity youth group, and special offerings.</p> <p>Rick Smith will be coordinating the 2016 “God’s Work Our Hands” Day to be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. A Thrivent Action Team Grant will help cover the costs associated with this event.</p>	“God’s Work Our Hands” Day will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016.
Reflection/Update		
ELCA “God’s Work/ Our Hands” (GWOH) Ministry	<p>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.</p> <p>We will be participating again in 2016, and can access Thrivent Action Team funds to help pay for the expenses.</p>	The date for the 2016 event will be Sunday, September 18 th . Committee members can start thinking about possible projects for the next meeting.
Updates: Local & Regional Ministries		
	<p><i>Bedford Food Outreach</i> serves 500+ households on average each month. Free produce day has been held on many Fridays with donations from Walmart Distribution Center.</p> <p><i>Shawnee Camping Ministry</i> –Fred Fluke is helping one last summer.</p> <p><i>Habitat for Humanity</i> – Trinity has not received any requests for this organization.</p>	<p>Dan Kerr reported that Trinity has about 10 – 12 volunteers that assist with this outreach.</p> <p>Special recognition to the Flukes for 10 years of support.</p>
Next meeting		
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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Secretary