

Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Date: Monday, October 30, 2017

In Attendance: Pr. Short, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele, Vicki Clapper, Arlene Fluke, Dan Kerr, Betsy Littlefield, Mike Macchiarolo, Tanya Replogle and Carol Seigfried

Unable to Attend: Alyssa Burkett, 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 the first three months of 2018 planned. Monthly special ministry highlights and appeals were discussed and outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ January – Life Promotions (\$230) ✚ February – ELCA World Hunger (\$375)/ Souper Bowl of Caring (\$421.74) ✚ March – Free Community Dinner (\$995)/ Hygiene Supplies (\$480)/ KIVA (\$36) ✚ April – United Way of Bedford County/ Scouting for Food – collect food items ✚ May – Your Safe Haven (\$460) ✚ June – ELC Good Gifts (water) (\$1,900)/ Bedford County Relay for Life (\$155) ✚ July – Camp Sequanota (\$1,285) ✚ August - ALSM Child Care Tuition Assistance (\$280) ✚ September – Pillowcase Ministry (\$490)/ “God’s Work. Our Hands”– Sunday, 9/17/17 LDR – Caribbean, Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico (\$10,610) ✚ October – Blanket Ministry of CWS ✚ November – Children’s Winter Clothing Ministry ✚ December – Bedford Food Outreach (\$427) / Salvation Army Kettle Drive – <i>Bell Ringers</i> ✚ January 2018 – ELCA Good Gifts - Let’s Buy Pigs (\$30 per pig) ✚ February 2018 – ELCA World Hunger/ Souper Bowl of Caring ✚ March 2018 – Free Community Dinner ✚ April 2018 – MS Walk (tentative) 	<p>Display board assignments:</p> <p>January – Denise Steele & Alyssa Burkett</p> <p>February – Betsy Littlefield</p> <p>March – Mike Macchiarolo</p> <p>April – Rick Smith</p> <p>May – Pastor Weinhold</p> <p>June – Denise Steele & Alyssa Burkett</p> <p>July – Pastor Weinhold</p> <p>August – Denise Steele</p> <p>September – Rick Smith</p> <p>October –</p> <p>November – Mary Ann Martz</p> <p>December – Dan Kerr</p> <p>January 2018 – Pastor Short</p> <p>February 2018 – Betsy Littlefield</p> <p>March 2018 – Mike Macchiarolo</p> <p>.</p>
Ongoing Ministries		
Greeting Cards/ Prayer Notes to Parishioners and Meals to Heal	<p>Janelle Lowe oversees this ministry by sending cards/notes to parishioners and friends.</p> <p>Meals to Heal deliver meals to parishioners that have been hospitalized. There is a self-sufficient group of 6 people/ teams that take turns every three months as coordinators.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>On average, 3 – 4 meals are delivered each month.</p>

Funeral Luncheons	Funeral luncheons are available if a family requests at the church. Four coordinators/teams work with a core group of about 20 volunteers to do these meals.	Funeral dinners are not done often but are well thought-out and planned.
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. Discussion was held around the recent natural disasters and Lutheran Disaster Responses' (LDR) involvement in assisting in these areas.	Mike M. made a motion that a donation be made to LDR earmarked for hurricanes that affected the Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously for \$500.
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.	Noted
Outreach and Partnerships		
Free Community Dinners	Betsy Littlefield is Trinity's kitchen coordinator, and Trinity serves every 6 weeks. Occasional hygiene & cleaning distribution are done throughout the year. A group from JLG is involved in the quarterly rotation along with the churches.	Noted.
Community (Ecumenical) Lenten Luncheon	The Lenten Luncheons have been coordinated and hosted by the Bedford Presbyterian Church, and a group of about 60-70 people usually attend each week. Trinity usually serves one Wednesday during Lent.	The luncheons will begin on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. It was decided to bring the luncheons to Trinity should the Presbyterian Church decide to no longer host the annual event.
All Saint's Day Dinner	Invitations will be done through the Lutheran Churches in Bedford County. It was to be held on November 5, 2017 at 1:00pm for parishioners and friends who have recently lost loved ones. Music, a speaker and food will be coordinated for the event.	A Thrivent Action Team was obtained to offset costs. With only 9 people signed up, it was decided to cancel the event and hold it on December 19, 2017 with the Free Community Dinner.
Community Christmas Church Walk	This event is coordinated by Pastor Weinhold, and has been very well attended in the past. This year's walk is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2017. Trinity has coordinated this event for the past ten years.	It is suggested to take along a flashlight for the walk for safety in walking.
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. A limited percentage of funds can be given to community group with more drive into individual family needs.	Sign-up sheets for bell-ringing/kettle drive will be posted in Trinity Hall starting in November 2017.
Pillow Case Sewing Ministry	A core group of women meet monthly to make pillow cases for children and adults, and typically meet most months on the fourth Wednesday of the month.	The group will not be meeting in November and December due to the holidays.
Children's Winter Clothing Ministry	Mary Ann Martz continues to coordinate this program, and the number of children receiving clothing continues to increase.	Sign-up sheets will be posted in November for interested shoppers.
Trinity – ALSM Child Care "Growing Years"	The partnership between ALSM and Trinity has been going well with good rapport with the child care supervisor. The new cabinets in the rooms look very good.	Noted

Bedford Food Outreach	Participation is based on school district. An average of 374 families (870 people of all ages) receives food each month. Produce days have a higher participation with 400 – 600 families receiving food.	For next year's appeal, education will be provided on the buying power of donations to the Bedford Food Outreach.
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 th Anniversary.. Thrivent Action Teams are available for \$250 to support outreach & ministries of the church.	As of 10/06/2017, Trinity had received \$3,517.00 in Thrivent Choice dollars.
Updates: ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries		
ELCA and Allegheny Synod Ministries	<p>The Reformation Sunday Worship with the Bedford County Lutheran Churches went very well on October 29, 2017.</p> <p>The Greater Bedford Lutheran Parish's 50th anniversary of the Family Festival will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017.</p> <p>Camp Sequanota is in their final year of the "Framing Faith for the Future" Campaign. Although they have not reached 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. Good Gifts and the water initiative were the focus for Vacation Bible School this past June.</p> <p>Lutheran Disaster Relief has made appeals for the many hurricanes and devastation on the Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.</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>It was wonderful to have them as part of our worship that day.</p> <p>An appeal will be made for any memorabilia of the Family Festival anytime in those years. Noted.</p> <p>\$1900 was raised for the Good Gifts water initiative in June.</p> <p>Through the generous donations by Trinity's congregation, \$10,610.00 has been collected to send for this important effort through LDR.</p> <p>Noted</p>
Outreach Activity		
ELCA "God's Work/ Our Hands" (GWOH) Ministry	The 2017 event was held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 1:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. As a special celebration of the 8 th anniversary of the Free Community Dinner, the servers from all participating churches were "served" lunch to thank them for their hard work and ministry to others.	The event went very well and was well received.
Other Business		
"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. This "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.	Collection for this fund will begin in January 2017 with information in the bulletin to explain "changing a life" and the discretionary fund.
2018 Parish Ministry Budget Proposal	The 2018 Parish Ministry Budget for the Outreach team was distributed, reviewed and discussed with comparison information for 2017, 2016 and 2015	Dan K. made a motion to accept the Outreach budget of \$24,500, and Betsy L. seconded the

	available.	motion. The vote to approve the 2018 Outreach team budget was approved unanimously.
Prayer Pads	Carol Seigfried shared samples of crocheted prayer pads that she had made with a comforting tag attached. The suggestion was made to make these prayer pads available in baskets in nursing homes for residents to take if they choose. The tag could include Trinity's name so they would know the pad's origin.	The group liked the idea of the crocheted prayer pad, and Carol with talk with the knitting/ crocheting group ("Chicks with Sticks") about helping to make these for distribution.
Next meeting		
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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Steele, Council Secretary