

Ministry Team / Committee: _____ Outreach Ministry _____

Date of Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2011

Chairperson(s): _____ Michelle Plush & Mike Macchiarolo _____

In Attendance: Gladys & Milton Dumeyer, Roy & Marlene Seese, Dan Kerr, Dena Imler, Marlene Claycomb, Liz Miller, Shirlene Knopsnyder, Pat & Mike Macchiarolo, Michelle Plush, Pastor Short, Mary Ann Martz

| Topic | Discussion Points to Note | Actions, Decisions, Recommendations |
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| May 3 rd Minutes | Review past minutes | Motion to accept - Dan Kerr. Maryann Martz second. Motion approved. |
| Care for parishioners- | <p><u>Prayer Notes:</u> Pat reports that a lot of people have been sick. Her efforts are much appreciated by the recipients. Typically write about 25 notes a month.</p> <p><u>Funeral luncheons:</u> 3 funeral luncheons served since our last meeting on May 3rd serving between 40-85 people. Pastor Short extends his "thank you" to the people and the committee.</p> <p><u>Meals to Heal:</u> The group averages about 3 meals a month. We also have an ongoing service for Raye & Mert Speicher.</p> | |
| Charitable resources and funds: | <p><u>Tome Ministry:</u> No requests received. Discussion came up about mentioning the fund to Women of Trinity to help cover the cost of table linens but didn't anticipate a request at this time.</p> <p><u>Thrivent:</u> There is currently \$3,000 left and no other requests have been received. The fiscal year runs through December but any request needs to be submitted before December. Winter Clothing Ministry received the max of \$400.</p> | |
| Neighbors & Community: | <p><u>Free community dinner:</u> August monthly appeal. Information about this ministry was shared through bulletin and display. Based on the log book that each participating church completes, the number of meals served is 1,935 YTD. This is an average of 67 meals per week. The 2 year anniversary is at the end of September. There are seven churches participating.</p> | |

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| | <p>Pastor Short noted that this ministry has evolved into more than just a free dinner for participants. The participants consider this an opportunity to socialize with family and friends. The Free Community Dinners have become an extended church family.</p> <p><u>Food Outreach</u>: Dan states he takes around 3-4 boxes of food, donated by Trinity members. The parking lot is blacktopped, sides done. The only hold-up at this point is the electricity inside, occupancy permit to store food and dry wall. He is hopeful they will be up and running in September. They are also considering splitting up the days of distribution due to parking concerns. They have freezers and refrigeration for foods already hooked up. They have made an offer to partner with other pantries due to refrigeration capabilities but they are not moving in that direction at this point.</p> <p><u>Salvation Army's Bedford Service Unit</u>: Distributes about \$20,000 a year, primarily for housing and energy assistance. Two food pantries will be providing supplemental food vouchers (Bedford & New Paris) in September. They can be redeemed at Save-a- Lot. A question was asked if the food voucher can be distributed November/December for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Pastor Short states the money needs to be disbursed by September 30th for their fiscal year.</p> <p><u>ALSM</u>: Daycare is "maxed out" at this point. They are currently not able to accept new families. The secure door is waiting for arrival to provide better access without interfering with daycare.</p> <p><u>"Wheels Away"</u>: ALSM, in partnership with Love Inc. provides a handicap accessible van for those who may need this help. John Beamer helped to establish this program and provided the first van for this ministry. People can register as driver to use the van for handicap individuals. The van is already booked 26 days out of the month. Because of the high demand,</p> | <p>*Alter Monthly Appeal for October to support this ministry. * Pastor Short will advise John Beamer about the opportunities for funding through the Tome Ministry Fund and Thrivent for Lutherans.</p> |
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| | <p>“Wheels Away” is seeking contributions to purchase a second van. Check is paid to ALSM. Any contributions made are used to help pay for the van. There is no charge for use of this wheelchair accessible van. This ministry has been in operation for the past 16 years. Michelle mentioned that it might be possible to secure the van for Sunday morning since our van died last summer.</p> | |
| Monthly appeals: | <p>September: Gettysburg Seminary -Marlene Claycomb. (Pastor Short will also find out if a seminarian could make a presentation some Sunday in October) October: Wheels Away November: Children’s Winter Clothing – Mary Ann Martz December: Bedford Food outreach – Dan Kerr, Roy & Marlene Seese January: Church World Service/ “Blankets” (possibility)</p> | |
| Report of Mission Trip to Munster/Gary Indiana, June 5-11 | <p>Mike commented that the June mission trip to Munster/Gary, Indiana was a great success. A presentation will be made at the adult forum on Sept 25th, including pictures of the group at work. Participants on the trip were Vicar Tormod, Mike & Pat Macchiarolo. Fred & Arlene Fluke, Brenda Beegle, Josh Wakefield, and Maggie Secret. During the time there, the group restored/rehabilitated 2 ½ basements that were severely damaged by flooding in 2008. The entire experience was very successful and fulfilling.</p> | |
| Mentoring/awareness/backpack ministry: | <p>This concept was first brought up at May 3 Outreach meeting. After Mary Ann provided some additional information, the focus was narrowed to a backpack ministry. Discussion followed. Many details need to be considered and worked out for this ministry. Mike and Mary Ann will meet to determine if we can find someone interested in being the coordinator of this backpack project.</p> | |

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| Lutheran Fair Trade: | The team discussed using Village Markets of Africa, as a fall fundraiser to supplement Trinity's Outreach Ministries. According to information on their website, this is a fair trade mission of the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church. Local Kenya artists handcraft a variety of items for sale, enabling them and their villages to work their way out of poverty without being exploited by "middlemen". It is affiliated with Wittenberg University in Springfield Ohio, which is also where the warehouse is located. Organizations, such as churches, sponsor the sale of the items. Sales can be done either online or on consignment. 20% of the sales go to the sponsoring organization. A few questions were asked regarding the operation of this organization (Village Markets of Africa). Mike indicated he will review and share any info he finds with the team members. | |
| Fall Foliage breakfast | Marlene Seese noted that the Fall Foliage Breakfast was omitted from the agenda. It is planned for the first two Saturdays in October, same as last year. They need to find helpers and to purchase the food. | Liz made motion to approve that Marlene Seese is coordinating Fall Foliage Festival Breakfast both Saturdays, October 1 st and 8th. Marlene Claycomb second. Motion approved |
| New meeting: | October 24th @ 6pm. | Budget meeting for 2012. |