

Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

Next Regular Meeting:
(Social Ministry Committee)
 Monday, September 25
 at 6:00 PM
 at the Parish House

Service and Outreach Ministry Team
Social Ministry Sub-Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: August 14, 2006

The meeting of the Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee was held at the parish house on Monday, August 14 beginning at 6:05 P.M.

In attendance were: George Duhigg, George Mathews, Kathy Mathews, and Larry Wood.

George Mathews opened the meeting with prayer.

The general topics that were discussed are summarized as follows:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/FOLLOW-UP</u>
St. Francis Kitchen "Host for a Day" Program	The remaining sponsorship of the kitchen for 2006 is set for Friday, October 6.	Carole Hamersly will advertise the October 6 event in the weekly bulletin requesting volunteers.
Red Cross Blood Drive	George Duhigg has made tentative arrangements for Trinity to co-sponsor a blood drive in October 27. George Duhigg inquired about the possibility of identifying people to give a pint of blood in a "direct donation" program on behalf of Kathy Mathews' nephew, Michael Linn, who will need coronary reconstructive surgery at Mercy Hospital in Scranton in October. A cost of \$50 is charged to each person who donors a pint under this program. Another option is the replacement of blood for that which has been used.	Kathy Mathews will convey this information to her brother.
Meals-on-Wheels	In July Kathy Mathews and Bengt Berg reviewed the program as Bengt transitions into the management of Trinity's participation in the program. They projected a schedule for the year (which involved some new volunteers in the program). They have about eight or nine months covered; hopefully the remainder of the year will be covered by additional prospective volunteers. They will plan a training meeting for the benefit of both experienced and new volunteers. Bengt is also developing a brochure which will describe the responsibilities in a step-by-step sequential process.	Kathy Mathews is continuing to identify persons to participate in the program from Trinity.
Ugly Quilts	Trinity continues to be a drop-off point for quilts that are being made by individuals and congregations within the Clarks Summit area. A few weeks ago Larry Wood made a delivery of quilts to Hop Bottom.	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>

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Ministerium Food Pantry	<p>The food pantry continues to operate smoothly and continues to be financially solvent under the direction of Nancy Thompson.</p> <p>The participation of the Ministerium food pantry in the Postal Food Drive held each May has yet to be determined as of this meeting. Following the meeting the pastor received an e-mail from Nancy Thompson in which she noted the highlights of a conversation which she had with local post office authorities. Nancy reported that <i>"the post office seemed relieved we were not going to do it. They said they do not get the volunteers and it is not supported by management."</i></p>	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>
Parish Health Ministry	<p>In July the Parish Health Ministry Programs sponsored a baby sitting program under the direction of the Red Cross. There were four participants from Trinity (in addition to a few other participants).</p> <p>The educational programs are in place for the fall.</p>	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>
Special Benevolence Program	There is nothing new to report at the present time.	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>
Sunday School Project	There will probably be a fall/winter special program.	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>
Restructure	As the organizational restructure of the congregation takes place, we anticipate that the Social Ministry Committee will continue as the Social Ministry Sub-Committee of the Service and Outreach Ministry Team.	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>
Next Meeting	The date for the next regular meeting of the sub-committee will be Monday, September 25 at 6:00 PM at the Parish House.	<i>(no follow-up responsibilities)</i>

Minutes recorded by George Mathews