

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Service and Outreach Ministry Team

Team Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Present: Pastor Mathews, Bengt Berg, George Duhigg, Connie McDonnell, Carol Pencek, Sam Lesko and Carole Hamersly. Nancy Thompson joined the meeting on behalf of the Dalton Food Pantry.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:09 pm.

The minutes of the October 16 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Sam announced the agenda as per the minutes. Minutes were accepted as presented.

Nancy Thompson was given an opportunity explain about the operation of the Dalton Food Pantry. The pantry is located in the Dalton United Methodist Church. They distribute food on Monday evenings to about 45 families. Donations come from many venues including school food drives, churches, boy-scouts, postal food drives, Curves for Women and other sources. Nancy suggested that area churches run a month-long food drive with a different church each month. Trinity will look into what month is available and would work best.

A food sort will be held on November 18 from 9-2 at the pantry and will be announced in the bulletin and to Youth Group.

This ministry team and the Social Ministry sub-committee will explore other options for the food pantry. Nancy's visit ended at this time.

A rough draft of the team charter was provided, reviewed and accepted with on insertion: In the "boundaries" insert the word "of" between "investments" and "Endowment".

Team Work: Discussions were had regarding the types of work that Service and Outreach would be doing.

Social Ministry is now a sub-committee and a great deal of the work on this team has been and will continue to be done by that committee. Some ideas for the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Food basket sorting for Salvation Army and Sister Adrian Barrett, the continued support of St. Francis Kitchen, the Red Cross Blood Drives, Meals on Wheels and many other areas as well as many new suggestions.
- We need to allow the Service and Outreach team as well as the Social Ministry sub-committee to explore and share ideas with each other.

An idea that surfaced in the Adult Education class is to record the Saturday and/or Sunday services for sharing with nursing home residents and/or shut-ins. There are approximately five people that Pastor Mathews visits and the idea would be to provide each with an audio copy of a recent service for their enjoyment. Question arose of other Ministry team involvement (Witness

or Worship). It was felt that we should speak to the Worship Team and see if they are interested, but the general feeling is that it is an outreach opportunity. We may utilize the help of a youth or seek interest from anyone who might want to do the recording. Carole will speak to Bob Davies.

Connie McDonnell offered her help in making contacts regarding community outreach options. The Social Ministry Team is meeting on October 30 and will explore ideas.

Carol Pencek requested ability to purchase equipment for "Powerpoint" presentations for the Parish Health Ministry community education programs. Pastor has something that he will make sure works.

Bengt mentioned a connection to someone who may be able to refer us to helping the homeless in Scranton. There is a group that meets and provides a service and food on the street corners in Scranton. Is there some way in which we could assist?

All of these options will be explored.

A list of committees and task forces was identified as follows:

- The Social Ministry committee
- Parish Health Ministry committee
- Endowment committee and
- Special Benevolence committee.

Task forces (in charge of temporary projects) include; Sunday school projects and new ideas that would be "seasonal or temporary".

The next meeting of the Service and Outreach Ministry team will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm.

Carole Hamersly