

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

**Service and Outreach Ministry Team
Parish Health Ministry Sub-Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Pastor opened meeting with prayer.

CARD MINISTRY:

Betty Wood reports that all is going well with card ministry and the card ministry team. She has enough cards and stamps for about three more months. July and August cards were sent out by Marty Kearney and Shirley Buntrock and September and October cards will be sent out by Betty Phillips and Joan Lundin.

EDUCATION & SUPPORT MINISTRY:

During the summer months, Parish Health Ministry sponsored two AARP SENIOR DRIVING COURSES for people 50 years of age and over. The first class on June 13 and 14 was taught by AARP volunteer instructor Betty Strutin for 35 Seniors. The second class on August 7 and 8 was taught by AARP volunteer instructor Bob Cummings for 33 Seniors. Approximately 12 people from Trinity attended the classes and received discounts on their car insurance. Both instructors were given excellent/good remarks on the evaluation sheets provided. Due to the fact that Marywood University has cancelled their Senior Learning Program, AARP has asked that we hold a class in the fall, Saturdays, October 20 and 27th here at Trinity to accommodate people on their waiting list and also people on a waiting list that Trinity could not accommodate this summer. This class will also accommodate those who work during the week and can not attend classes at that time.

BABYSITTING AND INFANT CPR CLASSES:

Two BABYSITTING and INFANT CPR classes were also sponsored by Trinity this summer. A total of 17 young girls, ages 11 to 14 attended the classes taught by The American Red Cross. Instructors from the Red Cross were Donna Kingman and Phyllis Festa.

DISASTER READINESS PROGRAM:

A DISASTER READINESS program for members of Trinity's Youth Group and others in the community was held here at Trinity in July. The American Red Cross provided two great instructors and a great program was given for those in attendance.

POISON PREVENTION AND SAFETY" BROCHURES:

"POISON PREVENTION AND SAFETY" brochures and Mr. Yuk stickers were sent out to all recipients of the September TRINITY NEWSLETTER last week. The information was obtained from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh. Materials for Trinity's Preschool and Sunday School will be obtained as well. Marci McDermott, Trinity's Preschool teacher has done classes on "Poison Prevention" in the past and is presently looking at resources I suggested she check out on the Internet.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS:

During October this year, PHM will secure materials to promote BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. Materials will be ordered this week and distributed to the congregation during the month of October. Look for our "TREE OF HOPE" in the narthex.

PHM INFORMATION TEAM:

Thanks to Suzanne Jones we have a good supply of CareNotes on display in the narthex along with information on Gambling and local Gambler Anonymous Meetings which are held every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Jefferson Avenue in Scranton. Stop by and check out the informative literature and health information on the display shelves in the narthex and check out the books and information on PHM's bookshelves. There is a great deal of good books to check out in the library. Thanks also to Terry Bockelkamp, Trinity's Librarian for cataloging PHM books throughout the year.

PEM BOOKSHELVES:

PHM Bookshelves outside the library have been reorganized and will have new categories listed in the next week or so. I have added information to them over the summer and will continue to gather more this fall.

The next sub-committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at the church at 6 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Pencek
Parish Health Ministry Coordinator