

Social Ministry Committee Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

April, 2009 Report to Council

Glenn White from **Toys for Tots** shared information on the Tot Parade the first Saturday in December. He asked for Trinity's help in the final ceremony at the end of the parade. His goal is to increase toy collection which exceeded 3,500 last year. We thanked Glenn, agreed to review Trinity's calendar, discuss possible participation and get back to Glenn in the future.

Committee decided to present **May as Social Ministry Awareness Month** for the congregation. We agreed to expand publicity for this event in 2010. Roland agreed to write an article for the May Trinity Parish and do Temple Talks.

Since then developments within **New Hope Ministries** have resulted in an invitation to its Executive Director, Eric Saunders to address our committee on April 21, and meet with interested disciples during Sunday school hour May 17?

Garden of Eatin II – We agreed to host this again on September 6 and November 15.

Prison Ministries –Trinity to host the Prison Re-entry Breakfast during a Saturday in May 2010. The Prison Action Committee will hold a concert fundraiser on April 25 to be held at CCU.

CACCC – Day Care enrollments are steady with CACCC programs. The Sudanese book fund has been growing. We approved giving these funds to them for their school project in the Sudan.

CCU –through efforts of many for the Mardi Gras dinner and some matching funds from Thrivent, a check for \$5,359.42 will be presented to Jacquie Rucker during a Lenten Sup and Study. The Missions Committee offering to sponsor another fund raising event in 2011.

Delta Community –an April 13th 6pm dinner was provided at the Penbrook UCC Church to support Delta families. A summer “picnic event” is also being planned.

Ecumenical Food Pantry – the team is working quietly and efficiently toward their goals.

New Hope Ministries –New Hope now has a contract to acquire a 15,000 square foot warehouse to support a Food Bank and its West Shore ministries. Numerous agencies /activities are being coordinated in the West Shore including bicycle refurbishment and the New Digs program.

Bethesda/Trinity House – we need a new liaison with this men's taskforce.

Zion Shelter - 3 of 22 volunteers were new in recent weeks.

Tutoring - 9 volunteers weekly at Downy and Foose Elementary schools in Harrisburg.

Lutheran World Relief Warehouse –the next Trinity trip will be on a Wednesday in May.

Angel Tree Coordinator needed – a volunteer willing to take a multi-year commitment.

Lutheran Refugee Services Program – Bishop's office is asking 40 churches to support 40 families with tutoring, housing, employment etc. Trinity's website will have a link for disciples willing to support the refugees. We will include mention of this need in our newsletter.

Mission Statement – We will consider a suggested rewrite the mission statement: *The Social Ministry Committee is called to equip disciples at Trinity to minister to the needy within Central Pennsylvania*

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday April 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Roland Freund, Chair – Social Ministry