

Women of Trinity's April and May Board Meetings Report to Church Council

Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA (LSS-ELCA) Day of Renewal was held in Shippensburg on April 18, 2009 and was attended by Elizabeth Winters and Pat Eby.

Elizabeth Winters reported on the preparation for the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization's 21st Convention being held at Trinity on June 26 and 27, 2009. Connie Dollase will be our delegate. Pastor Nancy Easton will be the Chaplin. Pastor Nancy and Judy Collins will present workshops. Trinity's Kitchen Crew will be providing food. Bishop Hoover will be there on Friday afternoon for a question and answer session and will be leading a church service on Saturday morning. All are invited to attend the church service without being registered for the convention.

Vicar Cheri Korte was the guest speaker at the May General Business meeting. "Fireflies, Fire Bells and Fired Up" was her topic where she described her childhood in Minnesota, working there (including being a Fire Person) and on making the decision to go to seminary. She also spoke about her Labyrinth Project.

A Facebook page was created by Kim Shindle with assistance from Trinity's staff for the Women of Trinity Lutheran Church for those that like to communicate on the net. She is also getting a blog ready to try a Circle Bible Study in the fall using that medium in the hopes of attracting women that work and have small children and like to communicate on the net.

The money that was collected by the congregation for flowers for our at-home members was \$281. The bill for the flowers was \$280.80.

The nominating committee found a complete slate of officers, including several relatively new members of the congregation. The officers are Connie Dollase, President; Linda Penny, Vice President; Donna Roberts, Secretary; and Jane Hess, Treasurer. The committee chairs were also filled. Historian – Julie Evanish; Membership - Kathy Powers and Charlotte Lazarchik; Publicity – Kim Shindle; Education – Bunny Armstrong and Joy Snyder; Frey Village – Joan Gamber; 24 Hour Prayer Vigil – Elizabeth Winters and Lois Tress; Card Ministry – Marla Peters; Hospitality – Margaret Parker and Zandra Bishop; Intercessory Prayer – Ruth Bertovich; Prayer Shawl Ministry – Kay Range; Project Sewing – Carolyn Jones and Pat Eby; School Kits – Fran Jacobs and Gloria Zerbe; Special Concerns – Mel Robertson and Shirley Zellner; and Visitation Ministry – Joyce Gustavson. Pat Eby will be the Advisor and Christopher Couch will remain our Staff Advisor. These people were elected and installed at the May meeting.

A *Women of the ELCA Yearly Project Report* was submitted in May to the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization. It included the following information: 17 quilts were made; 2 sewing kits, 81 health kits, and 177 school kits were assembled and delivered to Lutheran World Service; 45 bars of soap were sent to Lutheran World Service; 96 prayer shawls were made; and 247 items (hats, scarves, mittens – either made or bought) were presented to the homeless children of the Harrisburg School District at their Christmas Party.

The committees reported:

Education – Bunny and Chuck Armstrong will present a program on their trip to the Holy Land at our September General Meeting.

Frey Village – Strawberry Festival at Frey Village on June 6. \$235 was collected for memberships for Frey Village.

Membership - Kathy Powers and Charlotte Lazarchik produced a new survey for the members.

School Kits – 154 bags are ready for filling but more are being made.

Visitation Ministry – Bishop Edmiston presented "When Death Draws Near" to 27 people who participate in the Visitation Ministry. 50 tulips were delivered to the at-home members during the Easter Season.

Welfare – 32 cards were sent in March and 24 in April.

In closing, our women act boldly in their commitment to Jesus Christ and our congregation is very generous when participating in our projects.

Submitted by Pat Eby, President

