

PARISH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Report to Congregation Council

September 2009

Health Ministries

A total of 75 people received **Blood Pressure** screenings for June, July, and August. Each month there were some elevated and five were very high. All referred to their doctor and have been taken care of.

Members of Trinity's **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be contributing to the local Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk to take place on City Island, September 12.

A representative from Messiah Village has been invited to our support group on September 23 and will talk on "Considering Nursing Home Care – Choosing a Nursing Home". Members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 7 p.m. in the library.

Acting as facilitator of this group has been very rewarding. Recently a new member wrote, "This was the first time I ever attended a support group and it did what it was supposed to do....I came out learning some things and having some questions answered and met a nice bunch of people."

Parish Ministry is participating with Evangelism and Fellowship to present a Health Fair in April 2010 that will also be open to the community. Many from our committee will be actively involved.

Meal Ministry:

I always receive a report about each meal served from both coordinator Karen Appel and coordinator of volunteers Jo-an Eckert. Karen recently reported, "as long as the volunteers know what the meal is and how many, they are ready to go. It's funny, but if Jo-an tells them to be there at 10:45, they show up before 10:30. Bless their hearts; they take pride in what they do."

Tape Ministry:

Because of the failure of the tape equipment this ministry has been almost inactive for quite awhile. Burt Hofer, Tape Ministry Coordinator sent me a nice letter saying that he has "enjoyed working with this ministry but after prayerful consideration, it is time to step down and tender my resignation." Therefore because of the purchase of the CD/DVD equipment, we are looking for a new coordinator and duplicators so we can get started when we receive the go-ahead. Burt has faithfully led this ministry for many years and he will be missed.

Prayer Concerns:

LoriAnne McBride has accepted the position of writer for the monthly Prayer Concerns, replacing Tom Hoffert. We thank Tom for his service to our prayer ministry.

Donna V. Sprowls
Chair