

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Social Ministry Report
May, 2010

The featured social ministry for May is Prison Ministry:

Starting about the year 2001, Trinity began to conduct worship at Dauphin County Prison, led by Pastor Stew Hardy or Pastor Nancy Easton, usually every other month. Now Pastor Easton is our worship Leader. The schedule is developed by a Chaplain at Christian Churches United. The Worship Team from Trinity gathers at the jail at the appointed time and includes only those who have received clearance given by Dauphin County staff. The group consists of about 12 members; not everyone can attend every time but usually at least five members are present. Every other year the prison staff conducts a Safety Update Meeting for volunteers. A representative of Trinity attends and shares the information with other members of the Worship Team.

Attending the Monthly "Community Connections Breakfast" (formerly called "Re-Entry Breakfast") in the tri-county area is another prison ministry activity supported by Trinity. Anyone can attend the Breakfasts, each hosted by a different church. The Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United plans the location, schedule and coordinates transportation of men and women who have chosen to attend the breakfast. The guests attending are inmates or former inmates that may be living in transitional housing.

Trinity is the Host Church for the Community Connections Breakfast on Saturday, May 15, 2010, from 9-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are anticipating an enthusiastic response from Trinity's congregation to embrace and celebrate the men and women who have progressed in their incarceration toward re-entry into the community and the workforce. We want to pair our guests with Trinity hosts who will provide conversation and support on the journey from prison to the outside world. Music by our FaithX Band, a surprise visit by one of Becky Enney's family of characters who has spent time in prison himself, and an inspirational speaker from our own congregation (David Harrington) who has spent time in prison and is anxious to tell the story of his recovery from alcoholism will give meaning to this breakfast and fellowship gathering.

Please contact Roberta Smith (761-0519 or rosethorn3737@comcast.net) for more information or to sign up to attend the breakfast, become a host or provide transportation to our guests.

The Social Ministry Committee's quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th. We anticipate reports from recent meetings with representatives of the St. Barnabas Center and New Hope Ministries. A new outreach ministry project taking place at Trinity this month is a Coffee House social for developmentally disabled adult guests from CROSS, Inc. on Friday, May 21st.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Bonsall, Chair