

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Social Ministry Report
June, 2010

The Social Ministry Committee's quarterly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 18th.

- *Heard reports indicating a high level of activity from most of the 13 project areas now being supported by Trinity's Social Ministry budget and/or volunteers.*
- *Made special contributions from the Social Ministry Fund: \$500 to the HighMark Community Walk designated for the St. Barnabas Ministry Center and \$300 to purchase personal student dictionaries for tutoring pupils in inner city schools.*
- *Endorsed with great enthusiasm the idea of hosting a Community Connections breakfast for recently released prisoners after the overwhelming success of the first such breakfast at Trinity in May.*
- *Heard excitement as final plans were outlined for another "first" at Trinity - a Coffee House social for developmentally disabled adult guests from CROSS, Inc. on Friday, May 21st.*
- *Planned a Social Ministry Fair to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010, with displays in the Gathering Space about discipleship opportunities and a possible luncheon program.*
- *Agreed to deliver meals prepared by the Fellowship Team as part of the annual congregational Thanksgiving dinner to needy persons*
- *Decided that Social Ministry funding from the operating budget will continue to multiple ministries as opposed to limiting major financial support to a single cause*

The June featured social ministry: "Second Saturdays"...A Hands-On Outreach Ministry

In an effort to live out our new mission statement, "Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples", Trinity's Social Ministry committee has added another opportunity to minister called the "**Second Saturdays**" work program. "**Second Saturdays**" is simply a group of men and women from Trinity who are setting aside the second Saturday of the month for hands on support work at some of our area's outreach ministries' properties.

Since October of last year we have worked at Habitat for Humanity of Harrisburg, New Hope Ministry's new location on Trindle Road, Christ Lutheran Church on S. 13th Street in Harrisburg and the headquarters of Christian Churches United. All of these ministries rely on donations from individuals, churches and other organizations so money is in short supply for labor on their buildings. But the buildings are vital to providing a place to operate their ministry and that is where we can minister to them.

So far we have cleared out and secured an abandoned property and planted shrubs for Habitat. We have repaired water damaged walls and ceilings, winterized old windows, painted halls and stairways and refinished wood work in the sacristy at Christ Lutheran. We also painted a warehouse and helped move furniture at New Hope Ministries. As you can see from the description of jobs done, no high skill level is required just a desire to help others beyond the doors of Trinity.

Come join "Second Saturdays" because the benefits are wonderful. You can help transform a property, minister to organizations that help those in need, enjoy the fellowship that comes from working as a team and live out our new mission of discipleship at Trinity. Circle the Second Saturdays on your calendar - September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th. Contact Barb Musselman at 975-0988 or bdmusselman@verizon.net to volunteer or for more information.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Bonsall, Chair