

## Missions Report to Council- Feb 2019

Greetings and Blessings!

Last meeting Jan 23,2019. 10 members we in attendance along with Pastor Liz

### Highlights

- Pastor Liz discussed Mission Trip to Guatemala with Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali July 13-20 2019 to teach VBS. A request for a team of 15 parishioners to travel at their own expense. Information is now available for this trip-Kelly Falck is point of contact.
- New member class in February 2019. Mary Ellen, Judy Hunter and Shirley Pierson spoke on Mission team projects and overview and encouraged new members to become involved.
- Fair Trade- \$150.00 sales in January
- Karen Wright and Janet Kissinger updating board with info on the LWR/ IMA merger. Also updated for Mardi Gras fundraiser and plan to update or Lenten Boxes
- Mission team expenses were under budget for 2018, all money for benevolence was allocated.
- Missionary/Mission Partners- Mary Harr will be contacting Troesters for any updates. Klines sent December newsletter. Looking into travel plans for Missionaries for 2019, may be changing from the normal summer visits.

### New

- **Lenten Boxes-** Team decided in agreement with the Community Outreach Committee that we will **not** be mailing Lenten boxes this year to save on total expense. Lenten boxes will be available in high traffic areas in the church and an article in the Trinity Parish will note the change. Offerings from the boxes will be divided between ELCA (50%) and LSS (50%) Disaster Response. (50% of total offerings are divided between Community Outreach and Mission). It was the goal of the Missions team to continue this important practice of self-denial during the Lenten season and the team will be helping with the counting of all the offerings to ensure this can continue to be an annual offering.

### Ongoing

- ABMN Fundraiser with Community Ministry leading this year. Planning and preparations are still continuing.
- LAMPA –Lutheran Advocacy Day May 20, 2019 @ state capital-more plans to follow
- LSS Synod Assembly-Food packing event- date TBD during assembly-better promotion planned for 2019 for greater congregation involvement

**Next Meeting- March 27th 2019-7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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