

God's peace and blessing to everyone from the Missions team! The Missions Team strives to educate the congregation on a worldwide perspective of Christian Ministry as ELCA Lutherans and works to enable the congregation to fulfill our responsibilities as members of the body of Christ. We continue to support ministries here and around the world. In 2023 our team continued to work closely together to continue our Missions ministry here at Trinity and beyond. During 2023 the Missions team had a successful Lenten giving program supporting Tree 4 Hope Elder program and the Missions team matched a portion of the congregational giving this year.. We were also visited this summer by our YAGM partner Quentin Bernard who gave a wonderful talk and program on his year of service in Senegal. Quentin is now working a year with Lampa and we hope to hear more from him in the future. Our new YAGM Partner Josh Kenst is also serving in Senegal and we look forward to hearing on his 2023-2024 year of service. We also had our very popular bread "sale"/World hunger giving program at the end of July and throughout the month of August. This was one of most successful years and we matched the congregational giving dollar for dollar for this giving appeal. In December, our Good Gifts display, and Giving Tree with generous donations from our members supported Tree 4 Hope PA, ULS seminarians and Rocky Boy Ministry. We also continue to support Eagles Wings Ministry, Young Adults in Global Ministry, ELCA Mission Partners, Konde Diocese, Manow Seminary, United Lutheran Seminary and Tree 4 Hope. Our Missions trip to Guatemala was a true success with those in attendance and we were able to take the multitude of donations collect by Janis and the team this summer to the school. Our congregation has supported these programs even more generously than ever before and for this wonderful support, the team is extremely thankful. For 2024 our Missions Team, along with our wonderfully supportive Trinity family, and with God's guidance, will continue to love and support others worldwide. If you would like to know more about our Missions team, please feel free to contact myself, Pastor Liz or any other team member. All are welcome! Thank you again Trinity for your love and support!

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