

Launch Team Report

May 31, 2024

This week the first Work Group assembled and discussed their vision, ideas, and requests for launching the new worship site (affectionately referred to as TRINITY: OMEGA until a permanent name is selected)

As Launch Team Chair, I am making decisions about the pace, structure, and prioritization of the work. The Launch Team in my view is not empowered to make decisions in place of Church Council when such decisions are its to make nor in place of the lead Pastor of Trinity. As launch team chair, my role is to advise, facilitate an orderly consideration of ideas and options, and execute directives and priorities communicated by Pastor Horner and / or Council.

Below is a list of immediate needs and updates

Needs

- 1 - Access to SharePoint/One Drive for Trinity so that documents we create can be more easily accessed and shared **(Completed 6/5)**
- 2 - Creation of an email address for the Trinity Congregation to easily reach out and contact the Launch Team to ask questions, share ideas, or express interest to help.
(Completed 6/5)
- 3 - Dates for Programming **(Date Options Received 6/6)**
- 4 - Documents Created by Dave Rupnik detailing already in progress and identified property needs
- 5 - Any other research, planning, or dreaming documents that were created and would be useful for the Launch Team to have as we move forward with planning.

Updates

Overall Launch Team

Our strategic focus is:

How will Trinity Camp Hill take the gift of a physical church and transform it into a vibrant, welcoming site to worship God in the Lutheran tradition as part of a unified Trinity congregation?

Role of the Launch Team:

Facilitate orderly consideration of ideas and options and advise and request direction of Pastor Jack Horner and Church Council on actions as requested by Work Groups
Assist church staff with their execution of duties relative to the new site, by adding capacity and ensuring alignment with directives and decisions of Council and Pastor Horner

Decision Making

Decisions of the workgroups are by consensus.

To achieve our work, we are holding meetings in 5 core work groups:

Connections

Faith Formation

Hospitality

Property

Worship

Here is the focus of each work group

1. Connections - to foster positive, personal connections between members of the Trinity Congregation and people interested in forming a worship community at the new site. Their work would be to build authentic relationships and knowledge about the needs and wants of the new/returning worshippers.
2. Faith Formation - As an extension of the Faith Formation Committee, the launch team is serving as a creative sounding board and volunteer funnel to build Faith Formation programming to be held at the new site or for the benefit of congregants from both sites of Trinity
3. Hospitality - Planning and hosting events and activities that build identity and community at the new site among current and potential congregants of Trinity
4. Property - As an extension of the Church Council Property Committee, the launch team is helping to identify needs and ensure their timely completion through staff, volunteers, and council
5. Worship - Eyes are on a goal of 125 committed and excited persons who will attend Sunday worship services at the new site. The launch team is working to help achieve that goal and assisting with identifying long-term volunteers who can help plan and conduct weekly worship services once the moment has arrived.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fedor

Launch Team Report

June 7, 2024

This week the Trinity: Omega launch team chair conducted outreach and follow-up with a variety of members interested in assisting with the launch of a new worship site. Meetings were scheduled and new digital collaboration assets were configured.

Updates:

1. An email address is now available for our congregation to reach out with questions and interest. It is: launchteam@trinitycamphill.org Please share it widely. It will be monitored daily and responded to within 24 hours.
2. The Launch Team chair has access to SharePoint and Teams for easy collaboration with Trinity Staff.
3. Jessica Scheaffer has provided the launch team with potential dates for our first HOSPITALITY events. See below.
4. Communications Staff will be meeting virtually with Michael Fedor on June 14 at 9:30 am. Topics of discussion will be strategies related to branding, marketing, and digital engagement.
5. Conversation held with Dave Rupnik about PROPERTY Work Group. Still working to secure files detailing a check list of property projects to monitor and assist with as needed.
6. Conversation held with Bob Frymoyer about Launch Team Structure, charge, scope, intentions, and discussed ideas to ensure proper transparency with Council.
7. Conversation with Kelly Falck about Dillsburg community dynamics and identified several Trinity members to approach for invitation to join the CONNECTIONS Work Group. Discussed active churches in Dillsburg, how the borough responds to “new” projects, plans for the Farmers Festival, and ideas for meeting with CONNECTIONS Work Group members in Dillsburg. Next steps are to secure contact information with the possible members.
8. Preparation to deliver the Mission Moment about the Launch Team at services on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9.

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3. Membership list used to survey the Congregation with contact information and demographic details.

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