

MISSIONS REPORT TO CONGREGATION COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Missions is pleased to announce that Pastor Ron Glusenkamp, Director of the ELCA Always Being Made New Campaign, will be the guest preacher May 5 & 6 at all services. Prior to his visit, coordination of publicity with the Capital Campaign is vital to assure all messages regarding the relationship of ABMN to Trinity's Capital Campaign is clear.

Missions Activities/Projects for 2017 were reviewed and evaluated for continuation and or change in 2018. No major changes are recommended.

An amount of \$1,000 from 2017 year end funds was designated for the ELCA Fund for Leaders Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship Fund. Our predecessor Lutheran church bodies had more than 600 federal Chaplains. Today we have 152 ELCA Chaplains ministering to more than 1,200,000 women and men in uniform, approximately 21,000,000 military veterans and 152 VA Medical Facilities and the 193,000 incarcerated in 122 US Federal prisons. There is a growing need to have more military chaplains who are able to serve all military personnel in any of life's complex situations and circumstances. There is a growing number of military chaplains from other faith expressions who are unable to serve everyone's need because of their personal theology or denominational teachings. This need will be introduced to the congregation at large at a later date. Trinity has been specifically recognized as a congregation who may be able to assist with this need.

Lenten Box offerings, Missions portion, have been designated for ELCA Disaster Response.

Equal exchange coffee fund balance after January sales was \$1,724.95. As previously reported, all money collected over cost, minus a "comfortable" starting balance is remitted to ELCA World Hunger. A check in the amount of \$1,000. will be sent this month to World Hunger.

Numerous thank you letters/notes have been sent to Trinity from ministries gifted during the last quarter. These have been posted on the Missions bulletin board, across from the elevator.

Individuals interested in participating in the disaster response trip to New Jersey May 6-12 should contact Pastor Glenn Beard, trip coordinator. The planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 2 PM, Feb 18 at Luther Acres, Main St. Lititz.

Missions and Social Ministry will be meeting with Pastor Crist to work on a coordinated calendar for 2018-2019. Pastor Crist is envisioning trying to tie in the Hospitality Team to this effort.

It is with joy that I write my final report to Council as Interim Facilitator of Missions. Mary Ellen Hettinger and John West have graciously stepped forward to co-lead the Missions Team following approval of Congregation Council. Orientation to the responsibilities of this Team are now in process. I will be available to mentor this Team on an as needed/requested basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hunter, Interim Facilitator, **RETIRED**