

## Trinity Lutheran Church Security Task Force Report February

The task force was created by Church Council at its December 2017 meeting to review the security of our facilities for our members and guests. The task force met on January 18, 2018. In attendance was Pastor Jack Horner, Mike Schwalm, Officer Keith Stambaugh, Officer Kevin Cramer, and retired Trooper Dave Wiesman.

The task force recognizes Trinity is a public facility with many entrance points and that it both impracticable and undesirable to have a completely secure building, especially for worship and major events. However, it is imperative that improvements in facilities and procedures be made that secure children areas on a daily basis. Even though we are limited in our ability to prevent an incidence, we can improve our safety measures, seek to deter a potential perpetrator and put procedures in place to respond quickly.

We offer the following reflections, comments and recommendations:

- It's important to control the perimeter as much as possible.
  - The church has made good strides in video security. We recommend that continue with cameras on additional entrance points, exterior walls and parking lot.
  - Minimize the multiple entry points as much as possible. We recommend locking the Market Street entrance on a permanent basis. Open it gives uncontrolled access to both floors of children's ministry as well as access to the balcony.
- The children's areas should be completely locked down and inaccessible except for children, teachers and staff. It should have one main entrance for children to come in.
- Aid 3M film to existing door windows to strengthen.
- Further exploration of paid (uniformed) security for major holidays and concerts.
- Recommend the installation of a building-wide intercom system.
- Recommend installation of "panic buttons" which connect directly with our security firm for quick police response in emergency situation. Such panic buttons would be located in the office, preschool directors office, fellowship sound booth, and chancel area.

- We support proposed security enhancements being proposed in the master plan, notably moving of offices to first floor, installation of control doors in children's wing, removal of wall between narthex and gathering space, and installation of glass wall between narthex and sanctuary (preferably ballistic glass) which provides clearer sight for warning of potential threats.
- Have periodic announcements before worship and concerts noting exits in case of emergency.
- Provide Camp Hill police with fobs for car ring key.
- Recommends inclusion of the security task force in review of future building plans as it relates security.
- Train staff, greeters and ushers to aid in vetting of people
- Usher team needs to be positioned in sanctuary and narthex/gathering space during all worship services and concerts
- Recommend trained security volunteers be added to usher team. Training is available through local law enforcement personnel.