**Ministry Action Teams and Opportunities**

**What are ministry action teams?**

Ministry Action Teams are groups of members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church and School that work to carry out the mission and ministries of Trinity. These teams form around specific events, activities and services and become the primary drivers to get those goals accomplished.

**What kinds of things are being done?**

Each team is comprised of a leader and group of volunteers. They may form because someone has a heart for a particular ministry, such as our Trinity Family Meal, or they may form at the request of a pastor or the principal. Many of these groups are involved in making our worship services go smoothly, groups such as altar guild, soundboard operators, ushers, greeters, choir, praise band, and candle fillers. Some teams support the school, such as the coaches for sports.

**How does the program work?**

The teams are approved and cheered on by the Administrative Team (pastors, principal, finance manager, facilities manager and administrative assistant) so that this vital work is aligned with our congregation’s core values and the ministry plan for each year. Leaders are asked to complete a form in January that lists activities from the previous year, plans for the current year, and special requests for funding, meeting space, promotional materials and/or additional volunteers. (The COVID pandemic has been a serious impediment to our Ministry teams.)

For more information about the Ministry Action Team program, how to join one or how to start one, please contact our

Office at 734.242.2308

**Listing of Ministry Action Teams Currently Available at Trinity Lutheran**

**BODY OF CHRIST SUPPORT**

**Care and Keeping**

Team Leader: – 734.242.2308

This team contacts the congregational members who have shown a marked gap in attendance at worship. This team shows care and concern for fellow members, builds relationships, offers prayer, and provides referral to the Pastor if additional help is needed.

**Cemetery Team**

Team Leader: Gary Sachs – 734.552.7777

This group manages and maintains the Trinity cemetery and recommends improvements.

**Christmas Decorating Team**

Team Leader: Church Office – 734.242.2308

This group decorates the church for the Christmas season.

**Church Cleaners**

Team Leader: Kim Tuttle – 313.300.5044

This group consists of several teams that alternate cleaning the church each week.

**Church Office Helpers**

Team Leader: Church Office – 734.242.2308

This team helps with various tasks in the church office.

**Dinner Angels**

Team Leader: Karen Brown -734.344.7150

This team will provide dinner on a short-term basis to members in need due to illness, injury, or surgery. Team members will be responsible, occasionally, for one meal a week.

**DVD Ministry**

Team Leader: Church Office – 734.242.2308

This team delivers worship service recordings and bulletins to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

**Endowment Committee**

Team Leader: Hal Eighmey - 734.242.2308 (Church Office)

This group seeks to meet a variety of needs by providing money generated by the Endowment Fund. Recommendations are made to the voters’ assembly in accordance with the purpose set out in the congregation's Constitution.

**Event Planning Team**

Team Leaders: Cathy Toburen 734.693.3577, Deb Sieb - 734.845.7319

The members of this group are available to help any group at Trinity with event planning. They have knowledge of Trinity processes, preferred vendors and helpful hints. Generally, one member from this team will work with the group who is holding the event.

**Fellowship Time**

Team Leader: Karen Brown - 734.344.7150

This team schedules groups to provide beverages and snacks for Fellowship Time between church services on Sunday mornings.

**Graceful Grounds**

Team Leader: Church Office – 734.242.2308, Becca Bailey – 734.344.9565

This team will have sponsorship of the fellowship room and will work to make it a welcoming place for all.

**Offering Counters**

Team Leader: Myrna Meek – 734.241.5021

This volunteer group consists of two teams that take turns counting the weekly offering, preparing the bank deposit and taking the deposit to the bank.

**Prayer Chain**

Team Leaders: Denise Watkins – 734.497.3347 (watkins819@charter.net)

This team consists of a group that will pray for urgent needs.

**Selah’s Center of Hope**

Team Leaders: Dianne Goodman – 734.735.8888 (dlgoko42@aol.com), Kim Lemanski – 734.625.0482

Trinity Lutheran Church has become an active partner/sponsor with Selah’s Center of Hope. The Hope House is in our neighborhood and provides a safe, nurturing home to women and babies while offering them a life skills education with a spiritual application. For more information: www.selahscenterofhope.org.

**Thrivent Connect**

Team Leader: Church Office -734.242.2308

Trinity members who belong to Thrivent have the opportunity to direct funds to Trinity Church. This group meets periodically (when funds are available) to recommend how these funds are to be used.

**MINISTRY AND MISSIONS**

**Appalachia Servant Event**

Team Leader: Pastor Daniel Potts - 734.242.2308 (Church Office)

Youth members from Trinity have participated in this event to share the love of God and to help the residents of Appalachia by completing small construction projects. Inactive at this time.

**Braille Work Center #203**

Team Leader: Kevin Weilnau - 734.735.8173

This group meets each Saturday morning (except during the summer) to produce portions of the Bible in Braille. Six people are needed for each work session to operate the various stations. Once the books are complete, the Pastors pray over the Bibles during the weekly worship services and then they are sent on their way to be a blessing to a visually impaired person.

**Trinity Family Meal**

Team Leaders: John Krug - 734.693.4588, Naomi Coon – 344.2279

This team serves a meal each Sunday evening to those in need with the help of a different group of volunteers each week. Naomi and team plan the menu, shop for the items needed, and prepare the meal and serve it each week.

**Funeral Lunches**

Team Leader: Darwin and Cindy Hect – 734.241.0965/734.636.4110, Linda Herrera – 734.242.3595

This team supports Trinity's mission by offering families a hot, tasty meal and showing them the love and comfort of Jesus. Volunteers can either help prepare/serve the meal or donate salads and desserts.

**God’s Littlest Blessings**

Team Leader: Nancy Gross – 734.242.2308

This team provides an outreach to pregnant moms and families in our church and school. A basket of supplies is created for each newborn. Other ministries already in existence also contribute, such as Prayer Shawl ministry providing a new baby-sized blanket for the newborn and Dinner Angels who bring a meal to the family after the baby is born.

**WinGS (formerly Ladies Aid and LWML)**

Team Leader: Sue Gruber, President - 734.625.5644

The purpose of this group is to develop and maintain greater Christian love among members of the congregation, promote Christian fellowship and give financial assistance to the congregation and select mission projects. All women members of Trinity are eligible for membership.

**Media Ministry**

Team Leader: Patrick Mullin - 734.777.1293

The function of this team is to provide recordings of our weekly worship services. These volunteers record, edit and make DVDs, TV media and web media. The recording is available on Trinity's Facebook page, for distribution on DVDs to shut-ins, given to Wellspring for the residents and sent to M-PACT - Monroe's local public access television station. The team also livestreams one service each Sunday as will as special events.

**Prayer Shawls**

Team Leader: Marge French - 734.244.4551

Members of this team knit or crochet "prayer shawls" that are available to members of Trinity to give to anyone they know who is struggling and needs a "hug from God." The shawls are prayed over while being made and are blessed in a church service when complete.

**Servant Hearts for Los Limones**

Team Leader: Pat Grove – 734.799.7245

The purpose of this team is to help the people of Los Limones, Guatemala, come to faith in our Savior Jesus Christ and become spiritually and physically healthier. This team has made three mission trips to Guatemala.

**Stephen Ministry**

Team Leader: Dave Bork - 734.242.5667/734.344.4593

This team has received training that allows them to come alongside of a grieving person or an individual going through a difficult life situation and to provide Christian care. Stephen Ministers are available to members of Trinity and to others in the community who may have a need.

**Wellspring Chapel Wheelers**

Team Leader: Dave Hehl - 734.243.6443

These volunteers assist in transporting residents of Wellspring to and from the chapel for worship on Friday mornings. The time for this is from 9:30 to 11 AM. Inactive at this time.

**SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**Golf Outing**

Team Leader: Sarah Oetjens -770.3875

This team plans the annual golf outing fundraiser to support the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

**Moms-Time Out**

Team Leader: Nancy Gross - 734.241.1160

Being a mom is a most important role. The monthly Moms-Time Out meetings allow us the opportunity to build adult, Christian relationships that support us in raising our children. During our times together, we spend time in God’s word, fellowship, and craft. We welcome all moms to take an adult break each month for a couple of hours.

**School Athletic Coaches**

Team Leader: Shannon Willey and Chandler Davenport - 241.1160 (School Office)

These coaches volunteer their time to coach our various Trinity athletic teams.

**School Cafeteria Helpers**

Team Leader: Cindy Lucas - 241.1160 (School Office)

These volunteers assist in serving the school lunch and cleaning up afterward.

**School Track Team Helpers**

Team Leader: John Boldt - 241.1160 (School Office)

These volunteers assist with track practice and with the Trinity track meet.

**TLS Boosters**

Team Leader: Sarah Oetjens – 734.770.3875

This team supports the school by hosting family fellowship events, supporting schoolwide activities, and providing fundraising opportunities to raise support for school needs.

**WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS**

**Altar Guild**

Team Leader: Linda Weilnau – 734.384.7094

These volunteers prepare the sanctuary for worship by displaying the appropriate altar vestments and preparing supplies necessary for communion.

**Altar Flowers**

Team Leader: Shelly Vorrath – 734.621.3548

These volunteers are coordinating the providing of flowers for the altar.

**Candle Fillers**

Team Leader: Laura Strube - 734.457.0982

This group works in teams that can be made up of family members or a group of friends. Each team takes a turn filling the oil candles in the church and chapel once a week for a month at a time. Each team usually serves two months out of the year.

**Choir**

Team Leader: Mary Holtzen - 734.770.6374

The purpose of this group is to provide special choral music to enhance the worship experience for the congregation. Practices are held on Tuesday evenings (excluding the summer months). All are welcome!

**Greeters**

Team Leaders: Church Office - 734.242.2308

These volunteers are a welcoming presence to all who come to worship. To be a part of this team, members should be knowledgeable about our facilities and the various ways people can get involved at Trinity.

**Kid’s Kingdom Nursery**

Team Leader: Kim Toburen – 734.693.5240

This group provides childcare to children under 3 during our 10:30 AM worship service.

**Power Point Team**

Team Leader: Lori Kirk - 734.384.4474

The volunteers from this group run the power point during worship services, helping to lead the congregation through the elements of the service. Training is available. Volunteers will generally be scheduled for one service once or twice a month.

**Praise Band**

Team Leader: 734.242.2308 (Church Office)

The praise band leads the music for our contemporary worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**Sound Board**

Team Leader: Morris Leonard - 734.586.8223

This group runs the sound board, thereby, regulating sound for all worship services.

**Ushers**

Team Leader: Mike Strube - 734.457.0982

Teams of ushers serve at each service. The ushers assist with the flow of worship. They also greet and help people find seats as well as helping visitors navigate the facilities.

**"It is more fun serving our great Lord
than anyone could imagine."**

-Jacky Nietubicz