

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church  
*Love God, uplift people, inspire hope, and grow disciples of Jesus Christ, here and everywhere we go.*

Core Team Meeting  
September 9, 2019

Present: Mike Huss, Collan Zehnder, Darla Bauchle, Deanna Hawkins, Lynnette Dobberpuhl,  
Pastor Chad Gilbertson

Opening Prayer

**Updates:**

**Road Project:** one week from today they will be grading the hill. Final harvest is in process and will be complete by Saturday.

**Bread Oven Ministry:** cinnamon roll bake went well, dough crew, fire crew and bakers are all getting more experienced. Team will be meeting Tuesday, September 10 for fall planning.

**Liaison updates: Finance-** Budgets are due October 1; Larry Nace from Marketing had a question about annual budget and expenditures. Core Team members who are liaison to Teams or Leaders should send out an email including last year's budget info and expenditures when they ask them for next year's budget. Deanna will work with Jeff to gather this info to distribute to Core Team and team leaders by September 22. **Trustees** will be meeting this month. There was some discussion about security and the BOM oven; Deanna has a camera she is willing to contribute. **Hospitality:** coffee hour sign-ups are problematic again. Pastor Chad will convene a meeting of Hospitality team volunteers, some interested parties from both services and Core Team to consider WHY we do our fellowship time, and WHAT hospitality we want to provide, then create a plan for HOW to do that in a sustainable and reasonable way. **CYF: Sunday school** started off well, kids are coming early for children's music, **Ninja Event:** sales are up to 58 wristbands, with more anticipated, especially on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. BOM and UMW are helping with food for free will offering. There are many opportunities to help with the event beyond inviting others to come, praying and participating on the obstacle course. A request will be going out to the congregation. **Candy Crawl:** This outreach event focused on families with young children was very successful last year as a joint venture with other downtown businesses and organizations. We are planning to do it again, and would love for some volunteers to help set up on October 30 (the day before the event) and to help greet the kids and families, hand out treats and do light clean up on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**No updates:** FISH, Wesley Meal, Streaming, Copier, Congregational Care

**New Business:**

**Prior Lake Players** was looking for a location for a fall show, but since then they have found a place. It was viewed as a great way to bring people into our building, but also logistically challenging.

**Social Justice Action Team:** Mary Haugen and Pastor Chad spoke last week (and Mary will come to Oct Core Team for more on this issue.) Mary has a few contacts in the congregation who would like to form a team, consider issues and invite other church members to be active in advocacy. The purpose is to give people an opportunity to respond to social concerns such as gun violence, among other issues. One piece that needs to be considered is governance for positions on issues. Question: if there are people who want to protest or advocate on issues NOT part of the United Methodist Church's stand, who decides how act? Core Team has to be involved. May become situation where open forums for more information are held, and then people allowed to come to their own conclusions of how to advocate. We cannot support/oppose individual candidates for office. We are called by our church and baptismal vows to resist evil in all forms, and by scripture to seek justice. We need to know our WHYS as we move to become educated and advocate. There may be push back as people differ on issues and disagree on issues' relevance to our role as a church.

This is not completely unrelated to General Conference and Minnesota Annual Conference decisions, and ultimately our own congregation's individual decision about **the nature of the church and inclusivity**. There is a workshop in October for Minnesota churches who are interested in learning more about what it means to be a reconciling congregation. Mary is interested in moving toward a decision on whether our church as a whole would sign on to the Minnesota Methodist's petition that defines our church's position on LGBTQIA+ inclusivity. This has to be a response made with the knowledge of where members stand before next year. Pastor Chad has learned that getting people together for conversation is the best way to break down walls and grow towards continuing community even in the presence of differing viewpoints.

Mary and Liz Weninger both approached Pastor Chad about a new ministry. **Beacon Interfaith Coalition** focusing on the issue of homelessness is interested in being more involved in Scott and Carver counties because there is close to nothing in this area for the homeless people. Four families rotate through churches, receiving an evening meal, morning breakfast and place to sleep, then are bussed to school, job training, and work placement activities. This would need to be part of missions. There is a meeting Sept 26 for churches interested in getting involved.

Who is rolling off? Darla (one year), Sharon, and Mike. Pastor Chad will send out an email to all members either thanking them for their service, or reminding them that we would appreciate their service for another year. We will begin looking for willing candidates to take on Core Team roles.

Next meeting Monday, October 7 at 6:30pm