

Mission Life Team -2007

Team leader- Pastor Linda Hanus

Team participants: Sue Means, Phyllis Frankhouser (WELCA rep.), Barb Schaffer, Joyce Groff, Sue Yeager, Gayle Stauffer (publicity), Don Shaub (council rep.), John Bell (webmaster)

Mission Life had a busy year in 2007, as we especially focused on the area of global mission. We hosted a Fair Trade Fair in November, sold Fair Trade Divine Chocolates, supported our companion congregation, Kanga Lutheran in Tanzania, and enjoyed hearing about Sue Yeager's visit there last summer. We also continued to support the Konde Diocese, the Liberian school students and our missionary family, the Fonnors. We continued to hold up the needs of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response and World Hunger and advertise mission event opportunities. Please see the separate WELCA report for other specific activities.

Locally, in the area of Social Ministry, we continued our partnerships with The Samaritan Counseling Center, and LAVORP. We supported the ministries of Matthew 25, Lititz/Warwick Community Chest, and the Release Time Program. While not of our team's planning, the annual Community Thanksgiving dinner was again held at St. Paul, and food baskets were given out at Christmas to some needy families in Lititz. The six congregations that make up LCO (Lutheran Community Outreach) continued to serve together to make our Lititz/Manheim community aware of Christ's presence.

In the area of Evangelism/Hospitality, we explored ways for St. Paul to be a more welcoming congregation on Sunday mornings. We requested that all council members, ushers, and greeters wear name tags each Sunday. We also moved the greeters around a little. There are now three greeting stations in the narthex each week.

In the area of publicity, Gayle Stauffer contacted our local newspapers regarding upcoming events at St. Paul. John Bell worked to update our website.

In 2008, it is our hope to be blessed with the gifts of a new Team Leader. We look to the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer to move us forward in

faith to continue the work we have begun in our Lord's name. And we pray for more committed disciples to come forward to share their gifts in this wonderful area of ministry. Thank you to all who have given of their time, talent and possessions to make the happenings of 2007 possible. It was a team effort!