

Reaching Out Leadership Team (ROLT)

Monday, November 2, 2015

A community of Christ, reaching out to serve locally and globally

Devotions: from "Christ in our home" booklet - 11/1 "All Saints Day" & 11/2 "Estate stewardship" & 11/3 "Open hand" - disciples in the congregation were opening their hands & their hearts to help their neighbors in wonderful & amazing ways - Deuteronomy 15:1-11 - helping out neighbors no matter where they are

We reach out with compassion & share the love of Christ. We actively care for our neighbors, locally & globally. We accept all people & open our hearts to the needs of others.....By the power of the Holy Spirit, our lay & clergy leaders prepare each of us to follow God's call. Our unique gifts, interests & passions are celebrated & effectively & faithfully used in the mission of LCGS. Role of the team, core four: oversight, learning, shepherd existing, launch new ; continue to listen for what God might be stirring into action

LSS (Lutheran Social Services) of Minnesota - "Our story" viewed in the sanctuary, a walk through 150 years of being a neighbor in communities across the state

LSS immersion experience update

Adult immersion at the Bethany Crisis Shelter, deeper volunteer experience, more connection with a specific ministry ; biggest current need through Bethany Crisis Shelter is foster homes

Bridges Out of Poverty workshop update

Jodi Pfarr, speaker, trying to help those attending to understand poverty ; "mental model" a different mind set of what you think is important - poverty is driven by relationships (survival mode all the time), middle class is driven by achievement, wealth is driven by connections ; try to bring communities together

5th annual Reaching Out Night/Chili cookoff - Sunday, November 22, 2015

>Blankets - 60 of them are ready to be cut & tied

>Lasagna - order/buy/pick up supplies ahead of event ; add a note to each one with cooking instructions & the date on which they were prepared

>Warm weather kits - set to do them again

>Cards - Sunday School kids can make them

>Funding - Thrivent funds are available

>Delivery - line up & see what we can do to help

>Chili - Stewardship Team will spearhead this

>Purpose - fun evening (culmination/celebration) connected to Stewardship

Garden Team update - Fall foliage forage was fun ; Planter workshop this Sunday - can help with the church planters or do your own pot

Outreach Service Ministry program - looking for leadership, job description is done and available through the church's homepage

Correspondence & quick notes

>Salvation Army 2015 volunteer holiday handbook - copies of the handbook with more detail available or contact 722-7934 or go to duluthsa.org

>Bell ringing poster is up, please consider signing up for a 1-hour slot

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