

Outreach Team Single Page Summary Report 9-17-13

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Hospitality/Evangelism: The Labor Day Potluck was a success with about 100 attendees though some of the food arrived late due to a power outage at Smokey's restaurant.

Pastor will determine the status of a new prayer group and a Be Friender Ministry with Carole Edwards.

The new member welcome reception will be held on Sunday, October 20, from 5 to 7 pm. Kathy Erlandson will attend.

Small Group Growth: Grief class presented by Pastor Scott Johnson has 15 participants. He is willing to conduct a second session if there is additional interest.

Local Outreach: EPLC members were telephoned by volunteers as part of our Salt and Light program.

We will purchase an ad for the Turkey Trot and will try to organize a team to participate in the event while wearing EPLC tee shirts.

Local Service: Matt Haider is working on the food service for the St. Luke Sunday Supper on Oct. 20th. After needs are determined, we will have a board placed listing food items to be donated by members. Hospitality for the guests is being stressed.

We will have a water and granola bar station for 100 walkers in the memory garden for the Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 29th. Church will be open so walkers can use the washrooms, if needed. Michael Lyda has been asked to use this event as a service project for the youth.

Lannie Vance from Phil's Friends will be at EPLC on October 20. We will have a special collection for the organization and will ask Barb Williams to determine their needs by the beginning of October.

Pastor will follow up with Armand's Turkey Drive for Thanksgiving. They have not returned his email.

New Hope Food Pantry will hold a wine and cheese fundraiser at EPLC on September 20th. Our members are encouraged to attend.

Metro Service: A volunteer event to the Greater Chicago Food Depository has been scheduled for September 29th. To date only 5 members have volunteered. Drivers are also needed.

The service day on Sept. 8th to celebrate ELCA's 25th Anniversary celebration had at least a dozen members who helped clean local parks and the area by the railroad tracks.

We are still attempting to schedule Leslie Hunter from Holy Family School to preach on a Sunday. If he is unavailable, Pastor will contact Cheryl Collins, principal, or Susan Works, board president, to preach. We will take a special offering to help fund student scholarships.

Global Service: Barb will investigate how Lutheran Church Charities is meeting the needs in OK. Perhaps we can assemble a group to go there to help.

The team will host a coffee hour on October 27th for the English teacher from Argentina who will be visiting here. Kathy will ask Miguel to provide ideas for a possible gift that is needed by the school.

Next meeting will be held on October 15 at 7 pm