**Missional Service Team**

**May 3, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Kathy Gaal – member

Linda Lemke - member

Peggy Schaefer – member

Christie Tietjen – member

Peggy opened the meeting with prayer.

Linda advised Walking Together is working on a pilot with Humanitri. She also shared that a woman & children’s shelter opened by the City of St. Louis at 12th & Park is closing May 25. In addition to others, this facility services individuals with mental health & end of life issues. A joint ELCA/LCMS effort in North St. Louis County to provide services to those served by this shelter is in progress; possibly using the old Zion Lutheran facility. This may be an opportunity for TOW to serve. Linda will keep the team advised.

Plans for the Listening Session at the June 18 Adult Education Hour were discussed.

* Agenda

1. Intent – to hear/listen to determine missional focus; previous session held at the March 19 Gathering
2. Format/ground rules – from Peggy
3. Mission Team Guiding Principles
4. What we heard at the March 19 session
5. Open discussion
   1. Team will ask probing questions – how do you see that working?
   2. If no discussion, use what we heard at the March 19 Gathering
6. Questions for the Mission Team
7. Next steps
   1. Synthesize information from this & March session
   2. Identify leaders to implement areas of focus; meetings for individual areas of focus

* Have sign in sheet with space to indicate area(s) of interest
* Kathy will provide additional details for communication to Don S. & Leslie
* Peggy will talk to Pastor Mann about incorporating missions in 6/18 sermon

Linda recommended a continuum of ministry be developed. All agreed this is a good idea & recommended this be built from information in the listening sessions.

Peggy advised Offering of Letters is scheduled for June 26. The focus is Poverty & Development Assistance

Next meeting will be June 20 at 6PM. The focus will be to review input from the listening sessions & determine next steps.