

Trinity Lutheran Church

Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

Taskforce on Aging Meeting: May 22, 2024

1. **Introductions:**

The first meeting of the *Taskforce on Aging* was chaired jointly by Todd Rehder and Pr. Mathews. The meeting began with introductions. Those present for the meeting were Terry Bockelkamp, Haydn Evans, Angel Garcia, Helen Gregosh, Carol Howell, Dave Howell, Heather Klien, Lynn Koch, George Mathews, Kathy Mathews, Myris Rehder, Todd Rehder, Dee Smith, and Nelson Stauffer.

2. **Opening Prayer:**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Mathews.

3. **Highlights from the Presentations by Pr. Brad Hales:**

The highlights of our meetings with Pr. Brad Hales on April 19-21 were reviewed by Pr. Mathews.

4. **Idea Gathering Process:**

The meeting continued with an “idea gathering process” in which each participant suggested anonymously (on paper) three initial programs/ministries that he/she would like to possibly see implemented. These possibilities were then posted on newsprint. The list consisted of the following possibilities:

- Christ Centered Senior Center
- Family Gatherings/Meals
- “Fun for Seniors”
- Lunch and Learns
- Book Clubs
- Bible Study for the Elderly
- Shut-in Ministry
- Host an Open House
- Donations to the Community
- Grief Support
- End of Life Support
- Host Social Gatherings, Hangouts
- Adult Gifts to Go Packages Made
- Veterans Groups
- Saturday and Sunday “Fun Days”
- Health Screenings
- Highlight Members – Share faith stories.
- Transportation
- Become more known in the community.
- Youth Groups, Scouts, and AA Meetings
- Youth Gatherings (ages 16-25)

5. **Discussion and Evaluation of Suggested Initial Programs/Ministries Proposals:**

An initial conversation followed from the perspectives of need and impact, appropriate outreach for our congregation, staffing availability, financial and other associated costs was led by Todd Rehder.

6. Initial Observations and Conclusions:

Todd Rehder led a discussion regarding our Initial observations and conclusions. Two major points were discussed: (1) the “Fun for Seniors” programs should be continued and expanded, and (2) we need to determine which areas in the church facilities are available at what times throughout the week so that we don’t develop any plans that cannot be accommodated within our current congregational schedule.

7. Reconvene:

We determined that the next meeting of the *Taskforce on Aging* would be held in the Parish Center Social Hall on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 PM.

8. Closing:

The meeting concluded as those present prayed the Lord’s Prayer.