

Trinity Lutheran Church
Witness and Outreach Committee
Guidelines for Second Sunday Offering Requests

Acts 20:28 (NRV) “Take heed to yourselves and to the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son.”

The Trinity congregation has been diligent in its work in Outreach Ministries. As a community of faith Trinity has adopted in Vision 2020 Outreach as one of its Core Strengths. With this comes the recognition of the work of the Pearl Nelson Bequest Committee that presented one of its options and was adopted by the Trinity Council to place \$70,000 in the hands of the Witness and Outreach Committee to guide the Trinity Congregation toward Outreach efforts through the Second Sunday offerings. Within these efforts some guidelines are to be established.

1. There are to be 3 main areas of focus as listed. A form is to be filled out explaining the goals or purpose of the program/organization. Any member of Trinity is eligible to complete a request form. A Second Sunday offering schedule will be established 2 times per year: January through June and July through December. Applications must be received by **November 1, 2017** for the **January – June 2018** Second Sunday offerings. There will be a dollar to dollar 1-1 match for the Second Sunday offerings beginning in January 2017 until the \$70,000 funds are exhausted, not to exceed \$2000 per month. The goal is to equally balance the offerings each year between the following 3 areas:

2. **Local Benevolence:** This would include programs that would benefit our local Chisago Lakes area. Some examples of programs we have supported in the past would include our local Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Community Meals and The Angel Tree.

3. **Synod/Regional Benevolence:** This would include East Central MN. programs, The St. Paul Area Synod and outstate programs. Some examples would include the ELCA Disaster Relief, The Sandwich Man program and N. Emanuel Church.

4. **National/International Benevolence:** This would include programs that benefit others on a national and international level such as Brush with Kindness, Tapestry for Life, and Operation Christmas Child.

Please turn in completed request forms to Bette in the Trinity Office. For further information contact Bonnie Houger, Outreach Coordinator.

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Date of Submission _____ Trinity Contact Person Name: _____
Phone No. _____

Type of Outreach

Local: _____ Synod/Regional: _____ National/International: _____

Name of Organization/Program: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is the work/mission of this organization? (attach any pertinent information)

What would the money be used for?

Are you willing to write an article for the Chimes/provide a Temple Talk or obtain a video for viewing regarding this program? Yes No

If you have personal involvement with this program, please describe:

Is there a preferred month to highlight this ministry? Yes No If so, when _____