

## Service Outreach Team

The service outreach team does not meet regularly; however, it is an on call as need team that aide in Prince of Peace's mission statement to be a compassionate caring entity in the community of Prince of Peace, in the Community of Cache Valley, and the global community. The team is led by Paula Zsiray , Karin de Jonge Kanaan and council liaison Regina Dickinson. If there is a need for outreach in the community, a member may approach one of the aforementioned and that team member will direct the individual to the members of the community that can help with that need.

This year the service outreach team assisted in organizing and staffing the Loaves and Fishes Community Meal held at First Presbyterian Church in Logan. Prince of Peace volunteered it's services to the meal twice this year. The congregation assisted with Friday night preparation of the meal. Saturday more members of the congregation helped with serving the meal and clean up. *The Loaves and Fishes Community Meal brings our diverse community together around a common table to provide a meal twice a month that nourishes body and spirit through relationship, service, and fellowship.*

Paula Zsiray created the blessing box and it was installed in front of the building. The BB is different from the local food pantry because it is small, does not require an application and can be accessed any time. The BB is a safety net. The BB is a proving ground, testing concepts like community, charity, justice, and sharing economy. *For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35*

*"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. God's work our hands was a success as many from the congregation pitched in to join the church wide day of service. The participants learned about ways in which to help the Little Lambs Organization that provides supplies for children in foster care. Many others pitched in to help clean out the front flower beds. A group also went to the local retirement home to sing for the retirees.*

A chili cook off was held in March to help the congregation enjoy some much needed fellowship and to also act as a fundraiser to raise funds for new exterior doors at POP. Many from the congregation participated with chili, cornbread, brownies, silent auction donations, and private donations. *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7; 7-8*

Submitted by Regina Dickinson