



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

May 19, 2015

Dear friends,

A group of parishioners met on Sunday, May 17, 2015, to discuss outreach at St. Peter's—current and future activities. Below is a brief summary of the conversation.

The Night Ministry: The parish continues to work closely with The Night Ministry through support of The Crib and the Youth Outreach Team. This ongoing partnership will continue. Future activities may include a cleaning/painting day at The Crib in collaboration with the Lakeview Lutheran Church and The Night Ministry's youth leadership team. Watch the announcements for more details.

Lakeview Pantry: Food donations continue to be collected each Sunday and blessed at the 11am service. Future collections may include a greater emphasis on cash donations to the Lakeview Pantry, as the pantry has greater spending power than individuals. Additional opportunities to help the pantry are being explored.

Hunger Walk: The parish will participate in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 30th Annual Hunger Walk, being held on June 20, 2015, at Soldier Field, and has set a fundraising goal of \$1,500. See announcements for complete details.

Pride Parade: The 46th Annual Chicago Pride Parade takes place on Sunday, June 28, 2015, and will pass by the front doors of St. Peter's. Parishioners are encouraged to spend the day at St. Peter's watching the parade from the front steps and enjoying a potluck meal. The parish may also have a supply of water and/or snacks to distribute to passersby. Watch the announcements for more details.

Brookdale Lake View: The group discussed developing an ongoing relationship with this senior living facility—visiting, planning social activities, leading prayer services, and inviting residents to special concerts at St. Peter's were all discussed. This opportunity will be explored in more detail.

Revive Center for Housing and Healing: The Christmas basket program, coordinated by the Revive Center for Housing and Healing, was discussed. This year St. Peter's will support one family on a trial basis to gauge interest in this program. Information about the family being supported will be posted as soon as it is available—probably late August or early September. Watch the announcements for more details.

Resource Handout: The group discussed developing a resource handout that would contain information about shelters, food pantries, warming stations, etc., throughout the city. Anyone

interested in helping research services throughout the city should contact Zakary Siler at zakary@stpeterschicago.org.

Future Use of Space: The group discussed long-term building use ideas, including warming stations, meal services, tutoring, career and resume development, GED programs, etc. These long-term ideas will require additional research, discussion, and funding, but are important ways the parish could use the facilities in the future.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Melissa Farmer (darkgarden82@gmail.com) or me (jr.clarkj@gmail.com).

Peace and all good,

JR Clark and Melissa Farmer

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