

History of Addiction Recovery Ministry at TLC

For 20 years Addiction Recovery Ministry has been a part of TLC.

- Sue Ann Glusenkamp (parish nurse), Pastor Al
- Faith Partners
- Pastor Vern

Current TLC Recovery ministry

Active Addiction Awareness team, regular meetings (zoom/in person) 4-6 members attending, led by Beth Rahn

- updated mission statement and goals
- working on outreach opportunities
- 2020 **new** Faith Partners training on zoom hosted by TLC involving other congregations

Addiction & Faith Conference

- Pastor Ed's experience with addiction and recovery
- FRLC (Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy) & TLC – founders of Addiction & Faith Conference
- Mission – to awaken faith communities to be more fully places of welcome and healing for persons with addiction and those who love them because studies have shown that faith is a positive factor in addiction prevention and recovery

How I became involved

- To help Pastor Ed; I had no idea what I was getting into
- Didn't take long for me to realize I DID know people, family, friends who benefitted from a similar ministry or needed a ministry like this. The more I got involved, the more people I learned I knew that fit this category. It is a hidden need. And I had my blinders on!!!
- I also learned addiction is much more than alcohol and drug use. Gambling, food, technology, sex, fitness, work

One of TLC focus Ministries

This may change with the departure of Pastor Ed and the loss of his leadership in this area. I don't know that, **but I do know the need is still there!!!** And growing

- Look around your relationships and you may see someone you know who has benefitted from or needs this ministry.
- This is especially true following our year and a half of covid and the toll it has taken on men, women, youth, children. The repercussions of the pandemic are causing addictive behaviors to intensify.
- Also, mental health, new behaviors, reoccurring behaviors once under control. not just alcohol, but all areas

How TLC has supported A&F in the past 2 conferences

- Provided time and space for Pastor Ed to lead A&F conference
- Provided scholarships for 5 members to attend (foundation)
- Provided staffing help at the conference (before, during and after)
- Loaned equipment to A&F: banners, poles, linens, tables, music stands, communion ware, candles, etc.
- Used TLC equipment, not paper, for printing, and TLC space for assembling folders and various handouts

Future TLC support

- Encourage congregation to attend the A&F conference
- Provide staffing as needed at the conference
- Financial support in addition to the Match Dollars
- Scholarships
- Spread the word - promote
- Support this ministry with your prayers
- Addiction Awareness is scheduled to be the first group to serve coffee after services when that opens up again