

## Martin Luther Evangelical Church

### Support Ministry Team Meeting

August 21, 2008

Pastor Cooper opened the team meeting with Kyries and Glorias. All members and guests present offered their Kyries and Glorias.

Members present: Pastor Cooper, Janet Knight, Joni Suggs, Mary Lou Hoover, Wayne Rimer.  
Members absent: Peggy Oxendine, Gary Asleson.

Pastor Cooper introduced visiting guests to council. Karen Sumner of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA was present at the request of Pastor Cooper to discuss the options available to the church in regards to a 'capital fund appeal' for any future plans to act on our hopes and dreams of improving on our present structural facilities and /or building a new church or 'family life center'. She discussed where we are now as a church, where we want to be in the future and the need to prioritize in serving our community and congregation. She discussed debt reduction, various sources of funding, pledge appeals and loan criteria. She discussed various budget plans and options to make this a reality.

Discussion was continued on the ***Growing in God's Mission, A Congregational Initiative*** program that the church has decided to participate in. The cost to the church to participate in the program is \$2000.00. Our church is eligible for a \$1000.00 grant from the South Carolina Synod. At the last Support Ministry meeting, it was voted that we would use \$500.00 from undesignated funds and include \$500.00 in the 2009 church budget to pay for the program. Since that meeting, Pastor has recommended that we use \$1000.00 from the Messervey Memorial Fund to pay the remaining balance (after the Synod grant). The Messervey Memorial Fund has a balance of \$2,715.00 to date.

The newest church program, ***Parents' Morning Out***, will begin October 7<sup>th</sup>, headed by Marcia Dark. Pastor Cooper has applied for a \$3000.00 grant from the Synod's Growing God's Mission, Endowment Fund to help get the program started, but he has been informed by the Synod Mission Director that the grant will likely be \$2000.00 or less. Pastor Cooper has recommended that the remainder of the Messervey Memorial Fund be used to augment the start up fees of this very worthwhile community outreach service.

Pastor has added the Mission Ministry Team to those responsible for goal number 3 on the ***Top Ten List*** and changed the Learning Team to goal number 10.

The Ministry Team and Small Group Open House is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour for members of the congregation to be informed of all the opportunities and ministries available to them.

Correspondence: A thank you letter was received for our \$125.00 gift to Franke at Seaside.

The next Support Ministry meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Your sister in Christ,

Joni Suggs, Secretary