

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 17, 2009

The meeting opened with Pastor Cooper discussing 'five motivations' that draw people to church, compel them to serve, lead and to give generously. They **are compassion, community, challenge, reasonability and commitment**. He then offered the devotion, a reading of the cleansing of the Temple from Matthew, chapter 21, verse 12 and followed the devotion with prayer and communion.

The February council minutes were amended and approved.

Correspondence received included two letters of thanks for the Christmas Angel Tree gifts. One from the DSS caseworkers and the staff of HALOS and a second letter from one of the foster parents, Mellie Klinger. Another letter of thanks was sent by the James Island Outreach director, Ruth Brown for our continued support and ministry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pastor: Further discussed the program 'Renewing Evangelizing Congregations' in cooperation with Advent Lutheran Church in North Charleston, Faith Lutheran Church on John's Island, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Charleston and Redeemer Lutheran Church in West Ashley to be called The Ashley River Parish and to apply for a grant to help fund a pastoral care ministry to seniors, shut-ins and those hospitalized. Pastor Cooper has written the grant proposal to the Director for Renewal of Evangelizing Congregations, Pastor Neil Harrison and the Director for Evangelical Mission in the South Carolina Synod, ELCA, Pastor Robert (Bob) Beaver. A detailed written report was submitted with the letter of request, the actual grant application and the proposed budget for the program. The report will be made available with the minutes in the Narthex.

Finance: Janice Knight, treasurer, and Gary Asleson, financial secretary offered an oral and written financial report to be made available with the minutes in the Narthex. Gary Asleson, announced that we have purchased a new copier for the office. We will make a special appeal to the congregation to help pay for the new copier. The old copier has been set up in the Narthex with an offering plate for donations.

Building Committee: Mary Lou Hoover, council president, reporting for Richard Jantzen, chairman of the building committee. A signed letter of intent to proceed has been received from Liollo Architecture. A Capital Campaign meeting is planned for April 14th. Members are Brandt Armstrong, Pam Arnold, Buddy Diffenderfer, Ken Robertson, Walter Schroeder and Jerry Weed.

Congregational Care Team: Team leader, Beverly Weed offered an oral and written report for Fellowship, WELCA (Helene Wohlers and Katherine Luther circles) , Lutheran Men and Youth. Another clean up day is planned for March 28th. The written report will be made available in the Narthex with the minutes.

Evangelism: No report

Learning Team: Team leader, Linda Jantzen made an appeal for help with the upcoming Easter egg hunt planned for April 4th at the church. They need candy filled plastic eggs and volunteers to help on the day of the hunt. A morning and an evening Bible school is being planned. The morning session will run June 15th – 19th and the evening session will run July 26th – 30th .

Service: Team leader, Jan Carter reported that the Ronald McDonald House family meals are going well, organized by Joan Cunningham and still being delivered on the 2nd Monday of each month. Judy Alcorn is working with Habitat for Humanity planning another church sponsored build. Our work day is tentatively planned for July 11th.

Vision: No report

Worship Team: No report – Next worship planning meeting is March 29th.

New Business

The Spiritual Gifts Nominating Committee members are Julian Tanner, Sherry Fowler, Emily Schroeder, Kathy Swittenberg, Nancy Rankin, Polly Sutton. A motion was made by Mary Lou Hoover to accept the nominations and was seconded by Linda Jantzen and approved by council.

Old Business

Yearly committee reports are due to the office by April 19th.

The SC Synod Assembly is May 21st – 23rd at Newberry College. We need to send one male, one female and one person under 30 years old.

A huge thank you to Mark Kruger and Al Hoover for installing the new water fountains!

Operation INASMUCH is planned for Saturday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 16th. Judy Alcorn went to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Outreach center on John's Island to inquire about recommendations for the project. Will plan on repairing possibly two homes that are in the most severe disrepair. Orders for work day tee shirts are now being taken and are \$7.00 each.

The next council meeting is April 21st.

The congregational meeting is planned for May 17th at 10am between the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Pastor Cooper closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Suggs, Secretary