

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Cooper as he discussed our church Mission Statement. The 'values' in our statement are that we are a 'caring family of God' and our mission is to share the Word of God with the community by reaching out to those unchurched and caring for the poor. He then discussed the newly formed 'James Island Intercessory Prayer Group'. It is a group that has come together from our neighboring churches on James Island for the purpose of walking through local neighborhoods to seek their prayer concerns. The group separates in 'twos' for the walk, but then come together to lift up the prayers as a group. More information will follow.

Communion was received by all council members and Pastor.

A thank you letter was read to council from Hubert & Mickie White for prayers and concerns for their brother-in-law, Elmer McCallister during his recent illness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evangelism: no report

Finance: Written report submitted by Gary Asleson and Janice Knight. Janice reports that \$940.00 given towards new copier for the church office.

Property: The recent church 'work day' was a success and another 'work day' is planned for the last Saturday in March, which will be the week before Easter.

Respite Care: Jan Carter reports that we now have four regular guests, which is down from six, but that the evening support group is doing very well.

Social Ministry: No report

Congregational Care Team: Written report submitted by Beverly Weed that includes, W.E.L.C.A. , Fellowship Team and Lutheran Men. All groups very active and grounds 'workday' was a success with another 'work day' planned for the last day in March, which is the week before Easter. Also, the upcoming W.E.L.C.A. conference is the 28th.

Worship and Music: Pastor reports that we will continue with two Sunday services at 8:30 and 11:00 with one service on 5th Sundays at 10:00. During Lent on Wednesdays we will have a meal at 6:00 with a Lenton service at 7:00 Also, during Lent at the

Sunday services we will use setting four in the worship book for both services. This will allow us to use the same bulletins for both services.

Youth: There will be a Forum the second Sunday in March to discuss all Mission events and particularly the upcoming Youth mission trip planned for July 12 – 18.

Vision Team: No report

New Business:

We have had four companies bid on a new copier for the church office and prices range from \$3,300.00 to \$ 9,000.00. Will recommend trying them out and letting Sherry recommend the best copier for our needs.

Pastor discussed the need for Stewardship key leaders for a capital fund drive. Need to get basic plans together and agree on plans to present to congregation by July. Have 'capital campaign' July – September and need to have a conference call with the director.

First phase could be expanding the narthex, upgrade the bathrooms and make them wheelchair assessable, and bring the electrical up to code.

The Spiritual Gifts nominating committee is due for re-election this year and Pastor Cooper moved to ask the members to stay on for another year and Linda Jantzen seconded.

Annual congregational reports are due April 19th.

Pastor Cooper is seeking council approval to apply for a Stephens' Ministry Grant to enroll a couple of members of the congregation in the Stephens' Ministry program that would prepare them to assist the Pastor with visitation and sharing communion with our shut-in's and hospitalized members. There is a one time enrollment fee of \$1,675.00. The motion was made by Peggy Oxendine and seconded by MaryLou Hoover.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Suggs, Secretary