

## **SUPPORT AND MISSION MINISTRY MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

Attendees: Pastor Cooper, Joni Suggs, Mary Lou Hoover, Marie Putney, Janice Knight, Peggy Oxendine, Millie Taylor, Beverly Weed, Gary Asleson, Wayne Rimer.

Pastor Cooper opened the meeting with devotions. He read and discussed writings of Dedrick Bonhoffer that were written while he was in a German prison. Even though he was raised in an unchurched family, from an early age he felt compelled to seek out Christianity and went on to earn a Doctorate of Theology. He broke away from the state church in Germany and spoke out against anti-Semitism. He was killed in prison only a few days before the liberation troops arrived. After devotions, Communion was shared.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Congregational Care Team:** (Fellowship)

Beverly Weed offered a written report (to be available with council minutes in Narthex).

WELCA: Also offered a written report ( to be available with council minutes in the Narthex). The WELCA yard sale netted over \$2100.00 and Thrivent will donate some monies to this sum. All encouraged to fill a Christmas shoebox which will cost \$7.00 to ship once filled.

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> WELCA sponsored a tribute to Veterans during both services. WELCA President, Connie Gibson gave a short talk and flags were handed out to all Veterans as they were asked to stand and receive a round of applause.

#### **Property Team:**

Wayne Rimer was informed by Pastor Cooper that the church organ is malfunctioning. It may be an electrical problem and Wayne will attempt to diagnose and repair the organ if possible.

### Building Committee:

Richard Jantzen, building committee chairman, sent a written report of the past years' meetings and correspondence. (to be made available with the council minutes in the Narthex)

### Evangelism Team:

Millie Taylor reports that the new program to have 'Greeters' at both Sunday services is going well. Also, the new Martin Luther Lutheran Church 'business cards' are being well received. The Evangelism Team will deliver a gift of homemade bread to all new disciples of the church. Options for new member nametags are being studied and will be purchased as soon as there is money available.

### Treasurer Report:

Janice Knight reports that the 4 new 'listening devices' have been paid in full by the memorial funds of Sally Kruger. The total bill came to \$1982.03. The devices will be kept in the closet located at the right rear entrance to the Sanctuary (closest to the kitchen). A very special thank you to Paul Bauersfeild who spearheaded this endeavor and worked diligently to make it a reality.

### Financial Report:

Gary Asleson , Financial Secretary offered a written report ( to be made available with the council minutes in the Narthex).

### New Business:

All committee chairman are asked to send committee reports to Sherry in the church office via email so that she can post them on our web page and make a copy available in the Narthex for the congregation to read if they so desire.

Beverly Weed asked how it was determined and who decides how to use 'Memorial Funds'. At this time, the Financial Team decides with the permission of the family how to best use these funds. In some cases, there are no family members available for input. Pastor Cooper suggested that we set up a 'Gifts and Memorials Committee" and that requests would be submitted to the committee for review, unless the Memorial is specifically 'designated' by the family or donors, in which case the fund goes to a specific purchase.

Pastor Cooper is giving two 'New Disciples' classes and we are anticipating receiving new disciples at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am service. There will be one service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by a congregational meeting and pot luck covered dish dinner.

The Community Thanksgiving Unity Service will be held this year at the Emmanuel Baptist Church located on Folly Road on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

There will be one service on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am when we will have the 'Blessing of the Greens' and all will be invited to stay after for a chili lunch and help decorate the church for Christmas.

The Choir Cantada will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00am service.

Information on the new 'hearing devices' will be added to the church bulletin on Sunday to remind members that they are available for use. Also, to be added to the bulletin will be an invitation for any member or visitor whom would like to speak with Pastor Cooper, to stay seated in the Sanctuary after the service.

The next Support and Mission Ministry meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the church. The tentative date for the council retreat is January 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 2:00 at the church.

Joni Suggs, Secretary