

# **SUPPORT AND MISSION MINISTRY MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> , 2008**

Held at the home of Pastor Cooper, members present: Pastor Cooper, Peggy Oxendine, Joni Suggs, Gary Asleson, Millie Taylor, Mary Lou Hoover, Beverly Weed, Janice Knight, Jan Carter, Bob Cunningham, Linda Jantzen, Marie Putney

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Judith Williams Dickhart and discussed the many different perspectives of looking at the church. He also read a lesson from the Moravian Daily Text.

President, Mary Lou Hoover discussed bringing the Support Ministry and Mission Ministry council groups back together to meet as one group for three months, then the fourth month could be a Saturday retreat in which council would break into separate groups to brainstorm.

## **Committee Reports:**

### 1. Learning Team

Linda Jantzen discussed the decrease in the number of children attending Sunday School. Will ask the Youth to help out with the Christmas program. There are plans to bring the Youth together with other area Lutheran Churches to help improve attendance and have fellowship with a larger group of young Christians.

Also, children's church and nursery should rotate as the same volunteers are being called on too often.

Jan Carter requested that the program for children's church be mailed out to the volunteer so they can prepare for a lesson.

### 2. Congregational Care

Beverly Weed provided a written report.

WELCA President, Connie Gibson submitted a written report. The Old Fashioned Tea was a great success held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the church. Also, the WELCA Fall Sale is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the church.

### 3. Evangelism

Millie Taylor has implemented having 2 greeters at each service in addition to the ushers. They will serve for 2 Sundays in a row, like the ushers. The greeters will have guidelines mailed out each week that will include their duties. The team has also purchased 'business cards' that

have the Lutheran logo and our church information on them, including the church phone number, website, address and hours of Sunday services.

They were handed out to council members and will be given to any church member that may like to use them as a tool in the community to invite others to visit our church.

4. Service Team

Jan Carter discussed the Angel Tree project for the holidays. She will get in touch with DSS and Foster Home Care to see where the greatest need is and MLLC will sponsor this worthy cause again.

5. Stewardship

Gary Asleson reports the Stewardship team has offered three Temple Talks thus far and the Cottage Meetings will start this week. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend one of the meetings.

Council members were given the names and phone numbers of members that have not yet signed up for a Cottage Meeting and calls will be made to further encourage everyone to attend this Stewardship drive.

Janice Knight has put a plea in the Luther Lines that our 'special need' at this time is the budget. Giving is down and hopefully members will try to 'catch up' on their pledges before the end of the year.

6. Finance

Gary Asleson, Bob Cunningham & Janice Knight presented the written 2009 church budget for council review. It includes a 3% cost of living increase for salaried employees, but with tweaking the budget in other areas, it is approximately \$7000.00 less than the 2008 budget.

Pastor Cooper moved to accept the 2009 budget and Marie Putney seconded and the motion was carried by council. A round of applause for this hard working committee!

## **New Business**

Parents' Morning Out is tentatively on hold until further discussion with Marcia Dark. Council Retreat tentatively set for Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00 at the church.

Reformation Sunday Service this Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Council members and Pastor are invited to walk in a processional and carry the MLLC Banner.

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> will be one service at 10:00 am followed by the congregational meeting.