

## **Support Ministry Team Meeting**

**September 18, 2008**

Pastor Cooper opened the meeting with Kyries and Glorias.

Members present: Pastor Stephen Cooper, Mary Lou Hoover, Gary Asleson, Joni Suggs and Pam Arnold.

Members absent: Janice Knight, Wayne Rimer and Peggy Oxendine.

### Committee Reports:

Pastor Cooper reported on the recent Synod convocation meeting with the new Bishop, The Reverend Herman Yost. This year the **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the First Baptist Church...details to follow. The **Reformation Service** will be held October 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. All church council members are invited to attend and participate in the processional at the beginning of the service.

Council President, Mary Lou Hoover requests all budget proposals from the Council Teams, need to be submitted ASAP for the upcoming year.

Financial Secretary, Gary Asleson gave a written and verbal report. As of August 2008, we have taken in \$17,869.00 less than we had budgeted. At this point we are hoping to make up some of the deficit before the end of the year.

As Stewardship chairman, Gary also reported on the upcoming planned 'Cottage Meetings'. The Stewardship theme this year is '**God's Work. Our Hands**'. Every member of the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend one of the 8 scheduled group meetings. There is still a need for additional volunteers willing to give 'Temple Talks' at the cottage meetings. Commitment Sunday is planned for November 9<sup>th</sup> and the annual congregational meeting is planned for November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Secretary, Joni Suggs reported on recent correspondence. The Reverend Robert Coon, President of the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina sent a joyful thank you letter for our monetary donation of \$125.00 to Franke at Seaside. Also, the Director of Partnership Initiatives for Lutheran Family Services Carolinas, Sarah Davis Herr, sent thanks for our willingness to make our church available for a weekly veterans support group. We are among 10 churches statewide that have agreed to do so. Also, a letter was received from the Director of Donor Stewardship, Carol Erickson, thanking our church for the recent gifts given through the Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mutual Ministry chairperson, Pam Arnold reported on the upcoming 'Parents Morning Out' program, scheduled to begin on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the church as our newest community outreach program which we will pilot for three months. Marcia Dark will organize and direct the program. \$1700.00 has been designated as start up funds and we are counting on a \$2000.00 Grant from the S.C. Lutheran Synod.

The next Support Ministry Team meeting is planned for 7:15 on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the church.

Your sister in Christ,

Joni Suggs, Secretary