

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Report

1. Reported By: Pastor Ronald T. Glusenkamp
2. Organization: Church Council
3. Date: November 22, 2011
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
Review:
 - a. Annual Meeting
 - b. PLANS for Thanksgiving Eve
 - c. plans for Advent
 - d. Sabbatical Update
5. Summary for Council:
 - a. Annual Meeting- This was a spirited event with lots of participation by staff and lay leaders. I am grateful for the leadership of Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry who is a colleague in the truest sense of the word. I'm very appreciative of the work of the Vision Team and Leadership Retreats. Now, the task comes to Ron Guse, President and Executive Team members to facilitate accountability and leadership in the areas in which people self-identified their passion and interests.
 - b. Thanksgiving Eve is a time to have an Attitude of Gratitude. We are going to Fundraise and Friendraise for PROJECT SANCTUARY and CENTUS
 - c. Plans for Advent- h2odevos begin this weekend. This year's theme is "Echoes of the Season." We are also focusing our attention on the HORN of Africa. There is an offering calendar for you to follow during these days of waiting and expectation.
 - d. Sabbatical update. The website is full of information about our parallel journeys during January -March. The Annual report contained the FAQ's and this coming month's edition of THE BEACON will do the same.
6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:

48 years ago our nation experienced an unspeakable tragedy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Those of you who were alive at that time can remember where you were when you heard the news. We are in the "good news" business. I find that people today are as hungry and hurting for the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

I currently serve on the following groups and boards:

Denver-Mayor's Clergy Council in conjunction with Denver Rescue Mission's THE ROAD HOME

Centura Health at Home- Porter Hospice

Habitat for Humanity Clergy Council

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Board member of Center for Church and Global Aids

Covenant Retirement Village of Colorado –Management Advisory Council

Metro CareRing- Fundraising Advisory Board

As you can see there are connectios betwee all of them. Our times of service as well as our checkbooks or credit card statements indicate what we believe is important. I thank you for your EOG for 2012-2013. If you haven't already completed yours, I encourage you to do so.

Thanksgiving Blessings to you.