

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Report

1. Reported By: Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
2. Organization: Church Council Meeting
3. Date: October 26, 2010
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
Programs and Pastoral
5. Summary for Council:
 1. 10.10.10 Great success! Involvement from many people, exceeded our goals of money and food.
 2. 10/17/2010 Candlelighting for Mental Health - Continued to tweak the process from last year. Included Stephen Ministers and Health Cabinet in assisting with the candles.
 3. Blessing of the Soul Schopp: Room dedication and blessing in honor of Schopp family and the youth who will utilize the room for activities.
 4. Faith Formation: working on continued ways to best communicate and reach youth and adults. This includes facebook, twitter, emails - it's a moving target! Team is reading a new book called, 'Sacred Stories of Ordinary Families; Living Faith in Daily Life.'
 5. Rit is working with BECC staff on deepening the Christian component with BECC students in classrooms and activities.
 6. Stephen Ministry is incorporating Four Keys into their bi-monthly meeting. We are seeing the benefits of that structure and utilizing lay leaders!
 7. I finished a Confirmation Parent Class on the foundations of Faith Formation. Excellent conversations about how they can be faith formers.
6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:
 1. Faith Family Night (Family Ministry) event on Nov. 6. 'Sanctuary Crawl' An interactive learning and worship about the parts of the sanctuary and what happens in worship.
 2. Thanksgiving Eve is in process.
 3. Advent services are in process.
 4. Stewardship drive is in process.
 5. All Saints Sunday upcoming.
 6. I am attending a KAIROS course at Luther Seminary, Nov 9-12, Effective Leadership in Multiple Staff Ministry.