

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Report

1. Reported By: Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
2. Organization: Church Council, September meeting
3. Date: 9.28.2010
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
Programmatic and Pastoral
5. Summary for Council:
 1. All youth programs are up and running. Good numbers for all grades: Godly Play, Kids Light, Middle and Senior High Sunday School. Plenty of adult volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday programs! Celebrate the continuing emphasis of faith formation being built through caring relationships.
 2. Confirmation: We work as a team each week to provide a comprehensive multi-level offering to families. 7th Grade families were trained by 8th Grade families on how to have 4 Key devos at home. Joni is leading us to hone in weekly on one main concept - easy enough for kids to say in one sentence. I'm leading a parent group on the fundamentals of faith formation. For 17 out of 18, this is new information.
 3. Rocky Mountain Synod WELCA convention was a success: 9/24-25 here at BLC. 86 women from across the synod participated in workshops, worship and Bible studies. Thank you to Sheree Weaverstad, on the board of RMS WELCA for her time and energy in assisting organizing this event.
 4. Seniors: XYZ and Young at Heart. Kathy Shearer is working with both groups and doing a great job as hostess. Several members of Young at Heart worked to line out the entertainment for the 2010-11 year.
 5. The Health and Wellness committee and staff have stepped in to assist in Traci Shahan's departure. Pink Sunday was a success with women blessed in their journeys with cancer.
 6. 90 Day Bible: we currently have 52 people embarking on 90 Day Bible. Two groups are meeting in homes, two at church. Links on the website are available. We will be monitoring how those small groups go. Organizing them around zip codes could assist in the future with other activities. The program will run again in Lent, through the spring.
 7. Places where faith formation is happening with intentionality:
Celebration list, 9/1/2010

Faith Conference – Spring 2010
Staff meetings – weekly
Baptismal seminar – monthly
Council
AAA Adult Leader Training
Soul Schopp Room
Confirmation Orientation
8th Grade parents training 7th Grade parents

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Family Ministry
7th Grade Home Visits
Small Group – Guides
Parenting Class
Light Bearers
Shepherds
Godly Play

BECC Staff: Susan and teachers

8. Global Mission Task Force: Davison from God's Garden presented on 9/21. The ministry is flourishing. Funds are being collected for Pakistan from the congregation with matching funds from Global Mission.

9. I enjoyed a weekend away participating in a wedding in Iowa. Thank you for the gift of time.

6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:

7. 1. Plans are coming into place for Thanksgiving Eve - with a new format!
2. Blessing of the animals will take place this coming Sunday, October 3.
3. Dennis Dewey for Case Lecture 10/5-6.
3. Confirmation Sunday and Hunger Relief Day, 10/10/10
4. Candlelighting for Mental Health on 10/17/10
5. Next steps with Fellowship Team on Small Group Ministry