

EVANGELISM AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our committee has lost some members and gained others this year. Since we are no longer Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship, having dropped the Stewardship for a separate committee, we lost Doug Madison and gained Jade Stacey, however, since Jade and her family are moving, we will be picking up one or more new members. Right now we are Abby Reum, Jim Nygard, and myself. And I wish to thank all of you for your help in our main project for the year. Also for Cheri's help and donation, for Sylvia's help on the church office computer and Phyllis's help with finances.

Our calling of outreach, being a welcoming people and making faith visible is a blessing and ever challenging. I hope we have made a difference this past year. For as we know, with God all things are possible!

Our committee has focused primarily on putting together a welcome basket to give out to first time visitors to our church. The things that will go into the baskets are nearly all together and we hope to be able to start giving them out by Christmas. We have completed a brochure for our church that gives a hint of our outreach and ministries. This along with a prayer request card, contact card, Pastor's sermon on CD, a nail cross, or Lutheran medallion, a letter of welcome from the congregation (by Pr. Greg), and a sweet treat will complete our basket, wrapped in cellophane and tied with a bow. It has been both a learning experience and a great blessing.

There is also a separate mail out brochure that we hope to get out very soon, to the community of people who are looking for a church home. This we would like to have periodic mailings on, throughout the year, reaching a wide range of people.

In addition, we are in ongoing discussions about adding some contemporary music to our Sunday morning service and also would like to invite those with special musical talents, to share their talents before service and during Communion. This would be such a great opportunity for sharing talent and a special addition to our service.

On the horizon, there has been some discussion about new signage in our lobby which would better direct first time visitors to where things are located. This project would involve the property committee as well and volunteers.

A big thank you to our WELCA for all the work they do in the kitchen, making and serving and doing the clean-up for funerals, and after church fellowship, a large part of a welcoming church.

Respectfully submitted,

First Lutheran Church Evangelism and Worship Committee