

## **Christ Lutheran Worship Planning Team 2009**

Worship Planning. It's more than picking the hymns. The Worship Planning Team plans a complete service from liturgical setting to sending hymn under the guidance of Pastor Sharon, inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the recommendations of written and on-line resources. Our goals are always to build a worship experience that is engaging, welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring and we rely heavily upon the knowledge and experience of our membership.

The 2009 team has been comprised of Pastor Sharon, Intern Wes Telyea, Dolores Grosenheider, Arlin Aasness, Melissa Vainio, Terry Jensen, and me, Bertha Rohrbach. We welcome all constructive feedback, written or in person, and anyone may join the meetings which are the second Tuesday of the month, usually in Pr. Sharon's church study.

During 2009 we began to introduce Spanish language into the service in response to our growing Latino membership, planned liturgical art and movement to support recommended themes from the ELCA such as the "Bread Sundays", and Arlin in particular worked with musicians in the congregation to plan special music throughout the year. Special midweek services and hiking services were also planned for the summer months with varying degrees of success. The chancel changed once again. The choir has now moved back down to the general meeting area, and the piano is behind the pulpit. Yes, we plan furniture moves as well.

As we move forward in our planning, we review what has worked and what could have been done differently to enhance worship. This is why feedback from the congregation and variety in team participation is so important. Participating in this work has been an important part of my Christian education. It is my sincere hope that the work we do in our planning helps you in your personal and spiritual growth.

Submitted respectfully,

Bertha Rohrbach