

## **PASTOR'S REPORT 2009**

CHANGE! Yes, each year brings new changes to our community. In some we rejoice and in some we grieve. We sent some folks off with our 'Shaloam' service-Wes and Emily Telyea and Mary Ann Hult. We celebrated the life and faith of Frances Koehn who will be greatly missed from our community. Heather Hardin, Lin Borchert, and Frank Mayer moved to other communities. We 'Welcomed to Community' Keith Waltrip, Orlando Gonzalez, Bill Isakson, Joey Counihan, Michael Eckhart, Heather Slinde, Deborah Robinson, Virginia Mueller, Helen Cardiff, Chelsea Olsen, Caitlin Olsen, Mauricio Lezama, and Kyle Holm. All these folks come with special gifts to share with the community. In Holy Baptism we welcomed Lilly Frances DeAlba and confirmed Rafaela Rohrbach and Brian Reynolds. In promises given and received, they will also bless our community.

We can count on more changes in the coming year. Some will bring us joy. Some will cause us grief. We can be assured that God will be with us through them and turn them into good for the sake of the mission we are called to do.

We were blessed the past year with the presence of Intern Wes Telyea and wife Emilee. Wes contributed greatly to the life of the church with inspiring preaching, challenging educational experiences, and a compassionate, caring presence. With his competent presence to assume responsibilities I was most grateful for the gift of a three month Sabbatical to rest and heal, relax and renew for future ministry with you.

Following is a report of my activity during that time **April 19-July 19, 2009**

### **READING**

'The Case for Christ' by Leo Strobel  
'Co-Active Coaching' by Whitworth/House/Sandaul  
'The Whispered Word -A Theology of Preaching' by Marjorie Hewitt Suchoori  
'Paul' by N.T. Wright--  
'The Third Twin' by Ken Follett  
'I Am the Lord Who Heals You' by G. Scott Morris, M.D.  
'The Great Emergence' by Phyllis Tickle-This book offers a sweeping overview of church history and locates us in a moment of great opportunity and challenge  
'Transforming Leadership- new vision for Church Mission' by Everist and Cris Nesson  
'A Failure of Nerve-a Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix' by Edwin Friedman  
'Living Lutheran-Renewing your Congregation' by Dave Daubert  
'Christ the Lord-Out of Egypt' by Anne Rice  
'Learning to Pray-How we find heaven on earth' by Wayne Mueller  
'Angels in the ER' by Robert Leslie, M.D.  
'Team of Rivals' by Doris Goodman  
Paul's Letters from the New Testament  
The Book of Acts  
'Luke's Story of Paul' by Richard Pervo  
'The Word Militant-Preaching a Decentering Word' by Walter Brueggemann  
'The Modigliani Scandal' by Ken Follett

## **RENEWING**

Two months of reading and resting the body for healing. Much time enjoying sitting in my back yard.

## **RELAXING**

- Prayer and meditation
- A trip to Cyocus-three days by the ocean
- Time with personal Coach
- Joined Fitness Center

## **PLANNING**

As Synod Coach Coordinator –Two training events. One in Fairfax- ‘Mission in Context’ with their Renewal Team and 2 day SYNOD COACHING TRAINING in Las Vegas with seven of our Synod Coaches.

## **-DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES/OUTREACH PROPOSALS**

### **Travel Adventures-June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Las Vegas**-Coaches training at Community Lutheran Church with seven other synod coaches

**Billings, Montana**-Two days in Cody, Wyoming at the Buffalo Bill Museum viewing the 100 paintings of the Lewis and Clark Trail painted by cousin Charles Fritz.

**Red Lodge**: Visits with Jack and Judy, Kevin and Becky, driving the beautiful drive to Yellowstone over the Beartooth pass, Sunday worship with Jack and Judy.

**Iowa July 2-16** Time with family and friends.

The year brought staff changes as well with Denise Quinos becoming Office Manager. I am thankful for her work and the other staff members: Arlin Aasness, Terry Jensen, and Melissa Vainio, Special thanks also to the Steering Team: Lysle Patterson, Laurie Pangelina, Pat Cosgrove, Randy Mayer and John Barton and our Financial Team of Amy Tieku, Sandra Hare/Lars Rohrbach, and Mark Guthrie. I am also grateful to my support team: Marie Holm, Brian Reynolds, Sandra Hare, Mark Guthrie, Becky Osman and Lysle Patterson. To each of you in this faithful community I am grateful to have the privilege of working in partnership with you for the mission God has given us.

Respectfully submitted,

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