

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 25, 2009**

Chris Merrifield opened the meeting at 11:21 am and declared a quorum. There were 44 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** Moved/Seconded/Accepted the minutes from last year's annual meeting.

**Pastor's Report and Vision 2009:** Pastor expressed her joy with the number of children and adults who were baptized this year. Pastor discussed the new internet site called Mission-site that has information regarding our neighborhood and community. Anyone interested in exploring this new opportunity for information contact Pastor Sharon. The shepherd program is helpful to Pastor and still going strong.

There was a special Thank You to Wes who works so hard. On behalf of the Seminary, Jane thanked Christ Lutheran for accepting the intern opportunity.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** M/S/A. HARP pledges down but the unexpected intern fund was fully funded in 2008. For Souper Center this year we will be responsible for paying for the Christmas dinner. We will use the money that normally would have been used for the bi-monthly sandwiches to cover the costs for the dinner.

There are 8-10 families currently participating in the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is the automatic checking account deduction for monthly offerings/pledges.

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/A. The HARP remaining balance is \$55,000, interest rate is 5.625%. In 2007, we were paying \$750.00 monthly towards the balance of the loan. Last year, due to the steady amount pledged for the HARP account, it was decided we would increase the loan payment to \$1000 per month. The steady amount has decreased so the monthly payment has been reduced to \$800 per month for the 2009 budget year, which is still more than the minimum amount due each month.

**2008 Budget:** M/S/A. We will be reviewing our budget and spending each quarter, in light of economics for this year to ensure that we don't overspend. There was a detailed conversation on the status of workers compensation insurance. In the past the W/C insurance premiums have been paid but we've recently been told that we are exempt from paying these fees. This is being researched. Thank you budget team for all your hard work!

**Team Reports:** The team reports were presented in each member's Annual Report folder. Worship team reported that "Changes are afoot". The Lenten services will be changed to 6pm instead of 7:30 with simple meals (baked potatoes) to follow. There will be transportation available for those who need it.

George announced that we are a Thrivent congregation, and they will partner with us on projects we participate in, like Souper Center and Hope harmony walk. He also thanked everyone because we are reducing our garbage and also mentioned that we should all put your hand on the peace pole and say a prayer for world peace. Christ Lutheran will charter a Cub Scout pack beginning this year.

**Old Business:** Sylvia thanked the steering team for their work on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary events this year. Pastor acknowledged the last 3 years of faithful service of Chris Merrifield and Mark Guthrie on the steering team.

**New Business:**

New appointments for 2009:

Budget Team: Pat Cosgrove, Delores Grosenheider, Chris Todd, John Barton, George Fosselius and Kevin Osman. Who will meet 4 times this year.

Nominating Team: Chris Merrifield, Mark Guthrie and Jane Stohl

Steering Team: new members Pat Cosgrove and Randy Mayer

Synod Delegates: Nora Krey and pending

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Laurie Pangelina

Steering Team Secretary