

Leadership Retreat Minutes
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milton, Pennsylvania
Friday, February 6, 2009
6-9 p.m

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings through worshiping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

Invitees: Members of Church Council, Church Staff, Sunday School Teachers & substitutes, Church Librarian, Ministry Group Leaders, Authorized Lay Worship Leader, those in preparation for Authorized Lay Worship Leadership

In Attendance at this Retreat: Don Fisher, Rose Bolich, Kay Dun, Mike Lazor, Stephen Moll, Steph Byers, Lindsay Byers, Donna Spear, Julia Spear, Nancy Watts, Roger Watts, Pam Walsh, Nancy Walters, Pastor Pat

Goals of the Retreat: To offer your insights as we fellowship, consider ways to strengthen our communication, organize our ministries in partnership with our mission statement, celebrate our completed goals and ponder continuing goals, and consider ways we can best do the work Christ has called us to do together.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-18

When the angels had left (the shepherds) and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (Jesus' birth)

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

With this scripture in mind, discussion began with the good news that we have to tell about our church activities including our big sign in the front lawn, the pavilion, bible buddies, Pastor Pat's children's sermons and the children of our church, our Christmas Eve service and the musical talents we enjoy, and the various services and bible studies we have to offer. Pastor Pat said that our average number of worshipers each week is 89 with 62 of them taking parts in other various activities throughout the week in our church.

This led to discussion about how we can get more of those 89 people involved and in better communication with all the ministry groups and activities within our church. Steph Byers mentioned that we might consider putting together a "commitment packet" which would explain all the different ways to get involved in your church and to ask people to commit to the ways in which they can share their talents and gifts. Part of this discussion was trying to figure out how we can get from point A to point B in the most efficient way without spinning our wheels and wasting time.

In looking at our future goals, it was decided that we will focus on one event—to use our new pavilion for the first time for a community chicken BBQ. In preparing for this, we will seek to involve some of the newest members of our church to help and to advertise to reach out to our entire community and beyond. The initial details include:

Date of the chicken BBQ: Saturday, May 2, 2009 (tentative)

Roger Watts will speak with Harold Page who has experience in putting on an event of this nature

Nancy Walters, who has volunteered to be our Public Relations Director, will take care of advertising.

Donna Spear will take care of tickets and sales

Nancy Watts will man the kitchen and all accessories needed

The theme of our event: "reaching out to our community and beyond to help christen our new pavilion"

Beneficiaries of the proceeds: (local) Meals on Wheels (outreach) World Hunger, Tour de Revs

Beginnings of a to do list:

Check with Brett Hosterman about possible entertainment for the event

Inventory our paper supplies

Begin advertising as soon as the date is set

Decide on complete menu

Meet again on Sunday, February 22, at 6:30 in the parlor

Begin to form committees

The leadership retreat ended with prayer, sharing of the peace, communion, and closing prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Spear, Council Secretary