

Council Happenings

Meeting Held October 27, 2008

- A report for the Lutheran Outdoor Camping IMAGINE Campaign was presented to the council.
- Treasurer presented report and it was reviewed. The council also voted to recommend the proposed 2009 budget be presented to the congregation at the December meeting.
- Under communications the council heard an appeal from ELCA Global Mission Division to support or sponsor an ELCA missionary. Also, council received a letter from the Hanover Conference of Lutheran Churches that a seminar will be held on Nov. 8th at St. Matthew concerning healthy ways to deal with change and conflict in congregations. Notification was received that Pat Wagner after years of service requests stepping down from Chair of Fellowship committee. Also a verbal notification was presented stating that Lee Miller also will be resigning from council. Replacements of both positions will be sought.
- President Pennie Spalding reported on an initial discussion with St. Paul, McSherrystown, concerning future possibilities of cooperative ministry or sharing of pastors. Future meetings will be needed to discuss these possibilities and how it would effect St. Mark.
- Pastor Kirk encouraged everyone on council and throughout the church to attend the Nov. 8th workshop. Also Pastor Kirk noted that Noah Shermeyer will be baptized on Nov. 2nd, that he will be serving on a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans South York Chapter Board, and that the annual reports of each committee head will be due on Nov. 19th to the church office for compilation in an annual report to be given out before the congregation meeting.
- Hanover Area Council of Churches noted that around 125 people attended the four gospel concert to support Changing Lives Shelter that was hosted at St. Mark on Reformation Sunday.
- Property Committee noted that the borough has warned us that the 2 large trees along Alleghany need to be trimmed back to a specific height. The committee is working on getting bids on trimming several of the larger trees around the property. The committee also noted that handrails will be completed on Charles street entrance within a week or two.
- Social Ministry reminded everyone of the Potpie dinner that goes to support "Safe Home" on Nov. 9th.
- Council voted to schedule the December congregation council meeting for Dec. 7th with the back-up date of the 14th.
- Council voted to continue the co-operation and understanding that incase of natural or human caused disasters our church will work with Hanover Hospital as an overflow shelter. We agreed to another five years of co-operative support.
- Council recommended that next year, one of the month's special appeals be designated for the Lutheran Outdoor Camping Association's IMAGINE campaign.
- Next Congregation Council meeting will be November 25th at 7:00 P.M. all are welcome.