

Pastors' Report- November 18, 2011, to January 17, 2012

Invite people into the Body of Christ,

Pastor David

- Met with Worship team
- Met with Jerry W. to work on planning for worship services
- Worked on Pastor's Christmas Letter, & Annual Report.

Pastor Mary

- Sent 38 handwritten notes to members inviting them to Christmas services
- Follow up calls to visitors
- Led Thanksgiving service
- Led Wings and Prayers service
- Follow up e-mails/visits with some members that we haven't seen in a while.
- Worked with **Visual Enhancements** team on decorating for Christmas & taking down.

Both of us

- Pastoral Care Visits, calls, Facebook notes, and e-mail
- Hospital visits for several members.
- Offered support to those in need
- Prepare & Lead worship for Advent/Christmas worship services
- Participated in & helped with hosting our local rostered leaders conference

Ignite passionate growth in faith,

Pastor David

- Finished Galatians Book of Faith study. Currently writing and leading Lectionary Bible Study on upcoming Sunday lessons.
- Co- led Adult Forum sessions on "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton
- Previewed online resource for small groups - RightNow.org - with Kathy Eckert and Terry Houchin
- Contacted New Covenant Community for more information on InterFaith Amigos, coming in April

Pastor Mary

- Led women's lunch bunch study group monthly
- Put together prayer stations for Advent worship service
- Worked on upcoming preparation for 1st Communion classes, Communion knowledge classes for 5th grade, and setting dates for the above sessions as well as date for attending 6th grade 10 Commandments program.
- Met with special needs team on upcoming Sunday school classes to be offered.
- Met with Confirmation team to plan for upcoming spring retreat.

We both

- Taught confirmation classes
- Participated in PMC cluster meeting
- Worked on potential names for listening team

Excite believers into lives of service

Pastor David

Pastor Mary

- Worked with Sunday school for votes on animals given through Christmas offering
- Worked to get information to Nikki on information for sending Christmas offering to various groups
- Participated in the outreach night during Advent with the singing group
- Participated in the caring team ministry meetings
- Working with Jaylene Taubert on upcoming service opportunities for spring

Also, Pastors finished their goal setting for 2012.

Ministry Leader for Spiritual Formation Report – January 17, 2012

Partnership for Missional Church

- Steering Team encourages Dwelling in the Word, 100 days of prayer
- First Cluster Event with Our Savior's Lutheran and Church Innovations, Bob Armstrong. RLC Hosted second day of training/meals for ST and Listening Leaders.
- Planning for Chili Cook-off with Annual Meeting on January 29 and Mardi Gras Congregational Time-line Event on February 19, noon to 2:15 p.m.

Worship

- Family Christmas Celebration, Sun. Dec. 11 at 10:45 a.m., directed by JoAnn Reith. Great turnout, adult choir, children's Nativity pageant, LYO Christmas Jam band.
- Advent Services: Soup, Crafts, Christmas Decorating, Holden Evening Prayer, Prayer Stations, Christmas Caroling & Cookies at Bickford House & homes, Wrapping gifts for Adopt-A-Family.
- Led worship and preaching at RLC on New Year's Eve/New Year's Day.

Small Groups

- Researched new streaming video resources with RLC leaders: www.rightnowmedia.org

Adult Forum

- "Journey to Bethlehem" Bible study/devotional/video series for adults and youth
- "Earthbound" 6-wk series, on Sat. at 6:15 p.m. with food & Sun. forums – Very good turnout.

Baptismal Building Blocks

- Planning meetings on special needs Sunday School curriculum
- Matt Sterrett to assist in 2nd grade class.
- Children's nativity rehearsal & Christmas Party, Dec.10.
- Led Christmas Jam band practices, Mondays at 6:15 p.m.
- Great job by all children & Sunday school leaders on Christmas Nativity pageant.

Caring Ministry

- Visits, phone calls, texts & many Christmas cards to sick, shut-ins & those who lost loved ones.
- Care visits while pastors on vacation.
- New Care Notes display to reach out to family, friends, co-workers, esp. during holidays.

Eco-Justice Team

- Team leaders planning and teaching Earthbound Bible study series.
- 2011 Community Garden evaluation and 2012 spring garden planning.

Women's Ministry

- Girlfriends' Arts and Crafts Fair, Dec. 3 and 4. Part of proceeds for "Adopt-A-Family" & LYO.
- Immanuel Bible Foundation's Christmas Celebration at Normal Marriott with author, Patti Lacy.
- Retreat Team planning. SeaSide Escape Retreat coming Jan. 27-28. 30 registered so far.
- "The Way" movie at Normal Theatre.

ELCA Synod & BI-No Community Involvement

- Hosted NE Clergy Conference, Bishop John Roth speaking, played music for worship.
- Tutor adult ESL classes; wrap & deliver gifts with Cedar Ridge Elem. Promise Council.
- Preached 2 vesper services at Westminster Village.

Be Encouraged,

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