

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2010 CONGREGATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Based on the work of the Retreat Task Force and the Missions Committee, being mindful that our youth will be attending the “Higher Things” Youth Conference in 2010, and understanding that our facility needs improvement and that equipment needs to be purchased, we as a congregation commit to the following ministry objectives and goals for 2010:

Objective 1: Encourage our youth by supporting their fundraising efforts to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference in Memphis, TN, July 6-9. Goal to raise is \$2500. Youth will raise money in these already agreed upon ways:

- a. Superbowl Subs Sandwich Fundraiser (February 7)
- b. Easter Sunday Breakfast (April 4)
- c. Hymn Festival Meal (April 18)
- d. Envelope in Pews (June)

Objective 2: Work towards financially supporting these LCMS and local mission causes. These organizations were selected by the Mission Committee.

(In no priority order)

- a. Fund RCLS Scholarship for member (\$750 by October 2010)
- b. Support Minnesota South District Office (\$1,000 by December 2010)
- c. Continual Support of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Adopt-a-Student for 2010-2011 academic year (\$500 by Fall 2010)
- d. Assist Ruth Circle in Promoting LWML Mite Boxes (Year round)
- e. Participate in New Life Family Services’ Baby Bottle Offering (January 2010)

Objective 3: Endeavor, based on the results of the Retreat Task Force Survey and input from the Mission Committee, to use our time and talents to share Christ’s mercy to help our *members* and *local non-member* neighbors in the following ways:

- a. **Mercy** (compassion) to **Members**: Organize meals for members during times of need (surgery, death in family, etc); Reconvene the prayer chain; Provide rides to members who cannot drive.
- b. **Mercy** (compassion) to **Non-Members**: Prepare a meal at a community center (Dorothy Day House, Hope Lodge, etc.) each quarter; Host 2nd Annual Mercy Week; Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringers.
- c. **Outreach**: Host a Holiday Babysitting Day in 2010 (possible youth fundraiser); Host a Public BBQ.
- d. **Fellowship**: Coupon Club/Couples Group; Lenten/Advent Suppers (possible fundraisers); Game Night.

Objective 4: Revise the “Gifts and Memorial Wish List” (approved by Voters in January 2008) with current needs and more details. Memorials and Gifts Committee will work with Ruth Circle, Quilters, Trustees, and any other interested groups/individuals.

Objective 5: Funding These Objectives

- a. Objective 1, Youth Group Trip: Youth Group plans are listed in Objective 1.
- b. Objective 2, Financial supporting mission organizations: The Missions Committee will need to develop fundraisers for their selected mission causes which our congregation will support. Quite possibly, these fundraisers could also be fun, fellowship events. Maybe individual organizations could also support a mission goal.
- c. Objective 3, The use of time and talents in mercy, fellowship, and outreach work: This should take little or no money to accomplish.
- d. Objective 4, Revising the Gift and Memorial Wish List: no money involved in revising document; Special Fundraisers, memorial money, special gifts for agreed upon needs reflected in revised document.

Suggestion: Like with individuals, the money God blesses our boards, committees, and congregation with from fundraising events, is a direct gift from him, our Lord. As a result, the boards, committees, officers, and congregation may follow the same Biblical Stewardship principles we ask our individual members to follow. We could give God glory for the success of our fundraisers by returning a portion of those gifts to him.

Objective 6: Pray that our Boards, Committees, and Organizations (including Memorial and Gifts Committee, Youth Group, Ruth Circle, Quilters, and Sunday School) will communicate (*through bulletins, newsletters, Council meetings, and alike*) with each other and work together in harmony to accomplish our congregation’s ministry objectives.

Receiving Christ’s Mercy For Us...Sharing Christ’s Mercy With Others