

Leadership Board Meeting Summary
August 27, 2009

Pastor Roper reported in absentia on his upcoming sermon series on stewardship entitled “10 for 10.” He also reported that fourteen members of Redeemer served almost 200 people at the Red Cross Food Pantry on July 29.

Director of Worship Deb Fall reported that the Lutheran Service Book is being implemented in the early service. Wireless receivers in the sanctuary and RAC both need attention and possible replacement. Pastor Roper’s 35 years in ministry will be celebrated in both services on September 27. She mentioned that many parents expect some type of children’s church (like Spiritland), but a shortage of volunteers and a focus on KidsVenture has kept this from being a priority. John Highlen is working on getting a crew together to take down and set up the stage area in the RAC so that the facility will be available during the week. Deb emphasized the need for volunteers for that area, as well as in all areas of worship and children’s ministry, as well as the need for prayer support.

Director of Ministries Craig Britton reported that the two summer Family Life events—the Dinner and a Movie night and the Country Carnival—will likely be repeated due to their success. Pastor Jim Keat, who has taken on responsibility for evangelism and outreach at Redeemer, is following up with those outside of Redeemer who attended the carnival. Craig also emphasized the need for more committed volunteers in KidsVenture and noted that the junior high teacher and nursery director both stepped down after many years of service. ChristCare is being evaluated at this time due to a lack of interest and support. A new Family Resource Center has been set up on the lower level, and this is an area to consider supporting with special gifts to help pay for materials.

Other items on the agenda were discussions of current finances and preparing for the 2010 budget. The budget for 2009 was already cut to the bare bones from the beginning. If current trends continue with the church paying out more than it is taking in, tough decisions will possibly become necessary. Some ideas were floated for possible ways to save money. An expenditure policy was proposed and will be reviewed by members for further discussion at the next meeting. It is now time to start thinking about candidates to run for the three, three-year terms on the Leadership Board beginning in 2010. Interested candidates should notify a member of the Leadership Board.