

Adult Education Ministry Team
Annual Report for 2010

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The most successful new endeavor of this Ministry Team has been Church-wide Events. After the very well attended Pentecost Party planned with Pastor Karen, the Team along with Terri Siebert and Don Dell decided that building enthusiasm and community spirit were important goals for this year. Other church-wide events this year were: the Mission Fair, RALLY (for Gethsemane) DAY, and Confirmation Day/Reformation Party. They were all very enthusiastically received and well attended and each one included food, fun, and education by and for all ages. A brief Congregational meeting and a report from the call committee followed the Pentecost Party and Rally Day, respectively. Two other Sunday education hours were reserved for Call Committee Reports – a convenient time for the majority of our members but a problematic time for our Sunday School teachers.

The new worship time and length of the service has affected attendance at Adult Education as many regular attendees did not stay after church, either because they had scheduled other activities elsewhere or because they were on committees who decided to try holding their meetings during this time.

After Pastor Karen's departure, the Call Committee often met during the education hour. Then in September, the Music Minister Search Committee added their meetings to the 10:45 time slot.

Thus the experiment of having two concurrent classes during May and June was unsuccessful. And attendance at the first series this September and October fell drastically to only a handful.

While understanding that these are unusual times for Gethsemane, the concerns of the Ministry Team were expressed to the staff and to the various committees heads and we received assurances that the meetings would be less frequent in the future. Some Ministry Teams and committees have chosen to meet at other hours also.

The work of the Mission Ministry Team and of the Environmental Stewardship Team was featured in May and June with the Welcoming in Christ Ministry Team in August. The summer programming was called "Story Time in the Library" and included stories from the Faith Testimonies for our 60th anniversary year, current stories from the newspapers, and Biblical and family stories.

In November the emphasis in the Adult Education Hour was on life: a new beginning in the life of Gethsemane as we call a new pastor; giving life to another through organ donation and sharing your wishes with your family; and the goals and needs for the life of Gethsemane congregation in the year ahead. Attendance was 27 at the Organ Donor Sunday class which followed a pastoral announcement and an emphasis in a temple talk during worship.

December classes are an Advent series on the Birth of Jesus led by Dr Walter Taylor, New Testament scholar from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Report written by
Judy Reuning, coordinator
November 2010

ADULT EDUCATION 2010

Date	Course	Leader	Contact
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31	"Figures in the New Testament"	Joyce Geary	Terri Siebert
Feb 7	Habitat for Humanity El Salvador and Thrivent Builds Worldwide	Reillys and Langners	Terri Siebert
Feb. 14,21,28	"Sing the Faith – The Hymns of Lent"	Lucas Weiss	Terri Siebert
March 7, 14, 21, 28	"Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust, a Social Statement of the ELCA"	Judy & Dick Reuning Vicar Carl Bjork	Terri Siebert
April 4	No Class		
April 11	"Giving to God"	Vicar Carl Bjork	Terri Siebert
April 18, 25, May 2 and 9	"Worship 101 – Why we do what we do"	Vicar Carl Bjork	Terri Siebert
Apr 18, 25, May 2, 9	Worship 101 – Why we do what we do	Lucas Weiss Carol Prigan	Terri Siebert
May 16	Mission Ministry Team – Bed Nets	Ruth Fortis	Joyce
2 classes	<i>From Here to Community</i> – library	Judy & Dick Reuning	Judy
May 23 Church-wide Event	Pentecost "Birthday celebration" of the church; ethnic potluck brunch, education, singing in other languages; voters meeting.	Pr. Karen Terri Siebert	Judy
May 30	Mission Ministry Team - Malaria Initiative	Ruth Fortis	Joyce
2 classes	<i>From Here to Community</i> – library	Judy & Dick Reuning	Judy
June 6 Church-wide Event	Mission Fair GLC's ministry beyond our walls	Mission Ministry Team Joyce Geary	Joyce
June 13	Caring for Creation - Food, Inc	Joanne Leussing	Judy
2 classes	<i>From Here to Community</i> – library	Judy & Dick Reuning	
June 20	Food, Inc	Steve Ing	Judy
2 classes	<i>From Here to Community</i> – library	Judy & Dick Reuning	
June 27	"How Green is God?"	Greg Hitzhusen, OH Interfaith Power & Light	Joanne Leussing Steve Ing
July 4	No class		
July 11	Story Time in the Library "Discouraged by injustice?"	Scott Prigan	Judy
July 18	Affordable Housing	Carol Prigan	Judy
July 25	GLC Faith Stories – J Woods, J Reuning	Judy Reuning	Judy
August 1	Welcoming in Christ Ministry Team "Welcome: it's more than friendliness."	Dick Reuning Gary Rader	Judy
August 8	Welcoming in Christ Ministry Team "Creating Our Own Story of Welcome"	Dick Reuning Gary Rader	Judy
August 15	"Dinah, the Half Sister of Joseph"		Joyce
August 22	Family Stories. "Grandpa Gustaf DeSloover coming to America"	Joyce Geary	
August 29	Folk and Fairy Tales		
September 5	No class		
September 12 Church-wide Event	RALLY (for Gethsemane) DAY Brunch, Sunday School, Youth Program Ministry Team Fair Conversation with Call Committee	Brunch: Andrea & Tim Mayer, Heidi Hiller & Noah's Family Terri Siebert, Mike Siddall	Judy Don Dell Janice Dunham
September 19	"The Evangelizing Congregation"	Chris Lutz	Judy
September 26			
October 3	Call Committee Report	Mike Siddall	Judy
October 10			Judy
October 17	"The Evangelizing Congregation"	Chris Lutz	
October 24			
October 31 Church-wide Event	Confirmation Day/ Reformation Party Cake and Punch reception for confirmands, Jello Contest – youth judges, Lutheran In the Know Game, YouTube video Lutherans	Judy Reuning Terri Siebert Don Dell	Judy
November 7	Call Committee	Mike Siddall	
November 14	Organ Donor Sunday Lifeline of Ohio www.lifelineofohio.org	Lauren K. Fitting Community Outreach Partnership Coordinator	Judy
November 21	Communicating End of Life Choices	Bonnie Baker HomeReach Hospice 378-6754	Judy
November 28	Congregational meeting		

