

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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Our Mission Statement:

Seek out and welcome others,

Draw them in, and

Grow together as servants of Christ



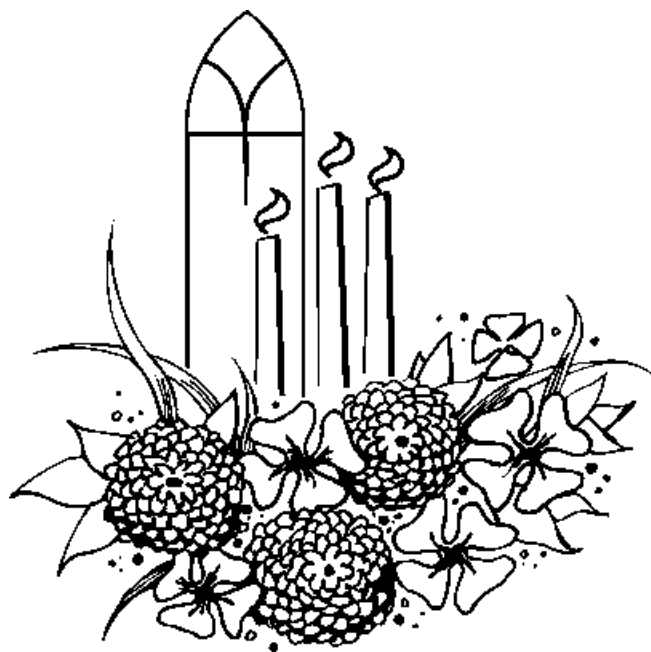
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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This Yearbook Is Dedicated In Loving Memory to

Jacqueline Marie (Jackie) Green Sanchez
Mildred (Millie) Beaver



To be updated after Council Meeting 1/12/10

2010

CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS

President..... Don Hunt 910-575-8593
Vice President..... Joe Setzer—910-579-6581
Secretary Sylvia Knapp 910-755-0072
Financial Secretary Carl Currey 910-754-7201
Treasurer Dave Igelman 910-754-8128

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The officers plus the pastor constitute
The Executive Committee*

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

2010 <i>(term expires)</i>	2011 <i>(term expires)</i>	2012 <i>(term expires)</i>
Maggi Edwards	Mark Dalen	Sue Conway
Don Hunt	Kim Hawkins	Ed Kilmon
Pat Meyer	Sylvia Knapp	Jeanne Parietti
Joe Setzer	Cindy McHale	Sherry Roseman

Member *ex officio*— The Reverend Henry B. Rehder

2010 STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ALTAR GUILD.....Deanie Currey (910-754-7201)
Quarterly 3rd Friday @ 10:00 AM (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.)

BIBLES & BAGELS Em Broughton —910-575-0472
2nd & 4th Fridays @ 9:00 AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Kim Hawkins—910-287-5450
1st Thursday @ 12:30 PM

COLUMBARIUM Joe Setzer— 910-579-6581
Yearly

COUNCIL.....Don Hunt—910-575-8593
2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM

FINANCE Sherry Roseman—910-754-5352
3rd Thursday @ 3:30PM

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION (LMM)Herb Broughton—910-575-0472
Last Monday of the Month @ 6:15 PM

NURTURE & FELLOWSHIP..... Pat Meyer—910-579-7262
2nd Sunday @ 11:15 AM

PRESCHOOL Joan Zimmermann—910-287-5886/Jerry Wallick-910-842-1255
1st Friday @ 9:30 AM

PROPERTY Joe Setzer—901-579-6581
1st Thursday @ 10:00 AM

SOCIAL MINISTRY..... Jeanne Parietti—910-287-4328
4th Thursday @ 7:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP.....Mark Dalen—704-650-8460
As needed

WITNESS & EVANGELISM Sue Conway—910-754-9044

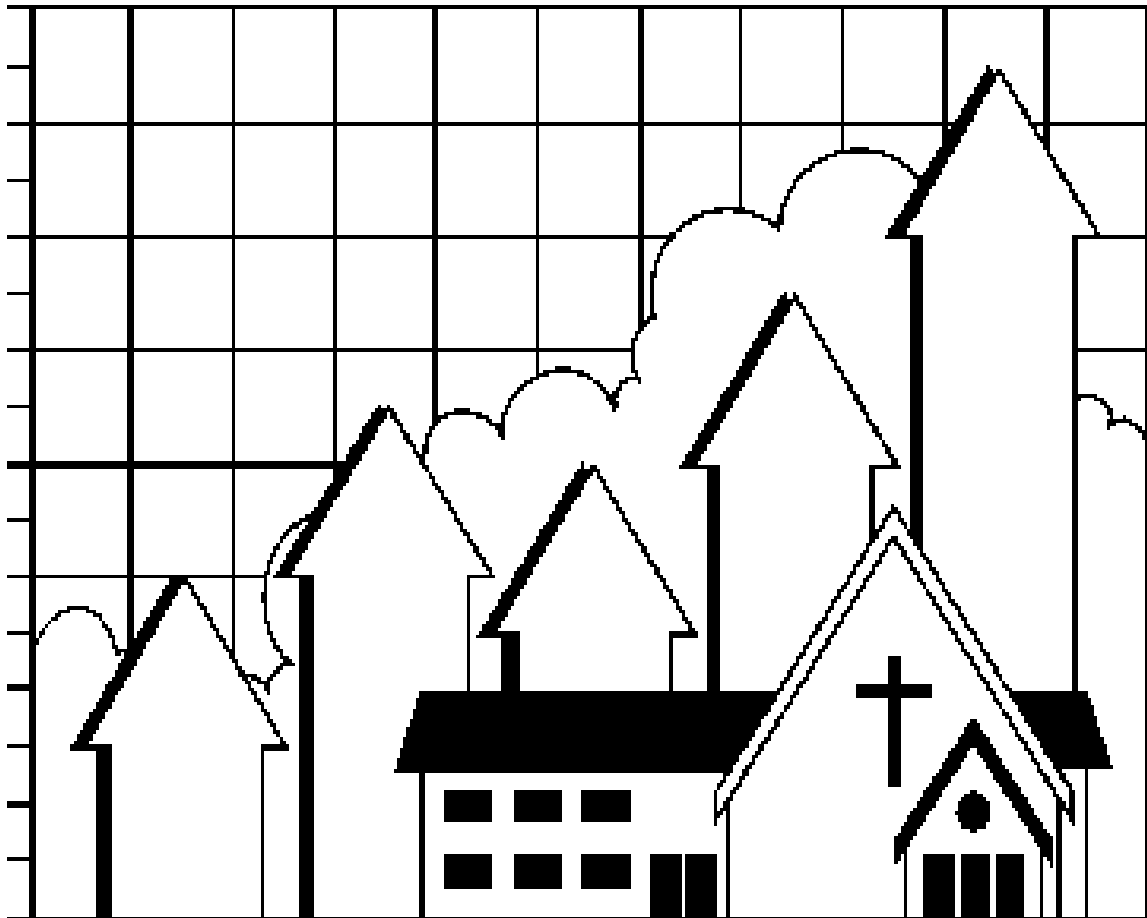
WOMEN OF ST. LUKE.....Doris Zack— 910-754-3569
3rd Monday @ 6:00 PM

WORSHIP & MUSIC.....Cindy McHale—910-575-8423
4th Thursday @ 3:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY Maggi Edwards—910-575-3575

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ANNUAL REPORT



Pastor's 2009 Annual Report

Greetings to you in Jesus' name.

I hope you will spend some time reading the reports of the committees, organizations and President Don Hunt in the pages of this annual report so you can get a perspective of how the Saint Luke ministries and mission have progressed in the past year, as well as the basic statistics of growth and change in the congregation membership. I think you will find the information quite interesting, as it shows a vibrant and healthy congregation with great outreach, evangelism and witness, and growth that reflects our mission statement. The annual report will be filed with the North Carolina Synod and the ELCA in our annual parochial reports, which will be available to the public through the ELCA website. If you have been following the financial statements that Dave Igelman provides and the reports from Carl Currey and Jack Corrick, you will not be surprised by our year end financial status.

My report to you therefore will not be an overview of the statistics, although I am very pleased with our growth and development and the over all health of Saint Luke. Instead, I'd like to make a few comments about the spiritual growth of the family and a few ideas about the next year.

THE NEW CAMPUS has given us more space and resources, which have created more opportunities for activities and made my participation in some of them more possible. The drawback is that during office hours, I'm distant from the Fellowship Hall and activities there, like interaction with the preschool children, which has been limited. We'll work on that for next year, perhaps being more intentional about visiting the children and making sure meetings in the Fellowship Hall don't happen without my attention.

FAITH FORMATION remains the main emphasis of our Christian education, and I am pleased that the curricula for the children and youth classes are the best from Lutheran sources. The adult Bible study class, now completing an 18 month study of John's gospel is growing, especially with the addition of new members, and while this course does not follow a planned lesson guide, it is part of my 6 year study of the New Testament Gospels. We'll complete this in the autumn of 2011 with the Gospel According to Saint Matthew. Bibles and Bagels continues its strong witness as well as SLLC Women and LMM, both of which use excellent devotional programs.

NEW MEMBERS have arrived throughout the year, and I am pleased that we are receiving so many diverse and committed people. While there are not as many young families joining as we would like, the average age of the congregation is dropping.

CONFIRMATION classes continue to be the attraction for our youth who have been working very hard in many church activities as worship leaders, especially with our Sacristan, Emil Gnam's direction. This is an exciting class of young people who will be confirmed after 18 months of regular classroom and lab work. As you know, I take confirmation very seriously, and our curriculum is one of the best available for learning the Catechism as well as spiritual development.

WORSHIP is why we assemble, and our new sanctuary affords rich and inviting hospitality. It will take some time to work out the best ways to use the space, but we have more opportunities than ever, and we'll explore all of them in ways to bring dynamic worship in the Lutheran tradition to the family.

(Pastor's Report continued)

GUESTS AND VISITORS continue to be a significant part of our worship events. Next year, I hope to find some new ways to attract them to membership. As you know, the number of guests and visitors that come to Saint Luke since we built the sanctuary has increased.

BIBLE LITERACY will be a priority again this coming year, but I am very pleased with the progress all of us have made in using the Bible. We hope to have a Bible for the ambo in the next few months.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER attendance is larger than before, and this continues to be one of the mid-week worship services I'd like to promote. It's a gem of a service, coupled with quiet prayer and a fast look at the assigned texts for the week.

TRANSITIONS and Occasional Services were quiet for the past year with only a few weddings and funerals and no Baptisms. This will change, but for the time being we establish our new building's use policy and plan to accommodate any special occasion.

AREAS FOR GROWTH AND STUDY include adding youth members to our lector and cantor rotas, expanded holiday worship services, greater use of the fellowship hall, increased Music and Worship Committee participation, attention to our logo items and other fund raisers and increased preschool enrollment.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT is always on the agenda, although this year, because of the economy, continuing education, Synod activities and church gatherings away from the parish are not going to get as much attention. And as always, I try to stay healthy and active knowing that my call to Saint Luke is a gift.

Diane and I thank God for calling us to Saint Luke. We are blessed and fortunate to be able to serve you and are humbled to travel the road to Jerusalem with you. We look forward to 2010 with excitement, hope and joy, trusting God to make all things possible.

Grace and Peace,

Pr. Henry

Congregation Council President's 2010 Annual Report

I am very humbled and appreciative of the opportunity to have served as your Congregation President for 2009. In the life of any congregation there are milestones that you can one day look back on and marvel at all that was accomplished in a particular period of time. 2009 will certainly go down as one of those periods of time.

Much of 2009 was focused on getting into our new Administration Building and Sanctuary. That major milestone was culminated on August 2nd with the dedication of our new facilities. The efforts of our Building Committee, the Interior Committee, Worship and Music and all others efforts to complete this very needed and anticipated expansion was extraordinary. God's people truly filled their mission to serve in their various capacities to make coordinated lasting decisions that will allow Saint Luke Lutheran to grow and prosper as it fulfills its mission and ministry of serving our members and the Brunswick County community. In my many travels I have visited many Lutheran and other denominational churches and have never experienced one as warm and inviting as what was accomplished by those who gave so much of themselves to complete this process. My sincere 'Thanks and job well done' go out to all who participated in making this a reality.

In addition to our new space many other very important activities took place that need to be mentioned:

- The preschool celebrated its 7th anniversary and continues to make a positive impression in many children's lives.
- Camp Agape, a summer camp for children who do not wish to spend nights away from home, was hugely successful through the efforts of many volunteers and the college age advisors from Agape's Kure Beach Ministries.
- The much needed deceleration lane was completed this year with the help of local politicians and the DOT.
- Our Fellowship Committee and Fundraising Committees held some very well attended events for the year such as the Ladies Tea, Breakfast with Santa, Sunset at Sunset, Golf Tournament, etc. In addition to raising some much needed funds they served as an excellent way to serve the community as an outreach of our ministry.
- Our Confirmation Class continues to meet and we will have 6 confirmed new members in 2010. I can still remember when we had no children even for the Children's Sermon so this is a real milestone.

The past year brought many unprecedented changes and challenges with the global financial situation. In these times of challenge it is important that we find ways to help our neighbors and focus on our priorities. We need to ask ourselves what it is that God is inviting us to do and how he is working among us. As we enter into 2010 we need to continue to prayerfully discern what God is calling us to do with our lives and resources. With God's grace 2009 truly produced some marvelous milestones in our **WALK WITH JESUS**.

I wish you Peace and Happiness.

Don Hunt

Building Expansion Committee 2009 Annual Report

Phase 2 commenced in earnest in early 2009. Progress continued on the Administration Building with an expected completion date of late March/early April. Concrete was poured and the steel frame work on the sanctuary was begun. Weather slowed progress but the roof was completed by late February and the internal frame work started.

The Interior Sub-committee met bi-monthly and diligently worked on selecting and recommending to the BXC samples of paint, carpet and tile for our new facilities. Working with the lighting requirements provided by the architectural consultant the sub-committee selected and recommended the existing lamp design. A selection of symbols was recommended and approved for the various stained glass windows. Laws Stained Glass Company from Statesville,, NC was selected to provide and install the six side windows, the 8 foot round window over the altar and the windows in the Narthex and Sacristy. We were blessed when a number of members in the congregation funded the cost of each window (half of the cost of the 8 foot window was donated by R. H. McClure Contracting Company).

Several meetings were held with Brunswick Electric regarding the county's new mandated requirements for the parking lot. A 5 year contract with BEMC was signed with a cost saving of approximately \$3500. Work was finished on the new Administration Building and the Certificate of Occupancy was issued in late March. Pastor and Donna relocated to their new quarters in April. Progress continued on the sanctuary with the trim work, painting, installation of the lights, stained glass windows, carpeting and pews. The steeple topped the sanctuary in early July. The deceleration lane was finally completed in September after a delay due to lack of funding by the Department of Transportation.

Our dedication on Sunday, August 2, 2009 was a great success. Invited guests included representatives from the NC Synod, Peter Norgren (ELCA architect), local government officials, and our contractor, Ralph McClure and wife, and some of his employees and their families.

The entire project was completed for \$1,750,000 with a mortgage of \$1,400,000. This included the Sanctuary, Administration Building, and renovation to our existing facility. Also included were the mandated requirements of Brunswick County for landscaping, lighting and extensive storm water and erosion control.

The Co-Chairs wish to thank all the members of the BXC and the various sub-committees for their faithful service and hard work during the construction period. We would also like to thank the members of the congregation for their patience and support in 2009.

Marshall Cutsforth Eric Lindquist Roger Zimmermann

Christian Education Annual Report 2009

Sunday School– We are so excited and thankful for our new classroom. We love our new table and whiteboard, and especially our new worship center. Classes have been held during worship service or as Ms. Donna calls it “Preachin Time Sunday School”. This has continued through the summer. The children studied about how God Feeds Us. Heifer International Sunday was our biggest yet. The final amount collected was \$1,151.00. The children and youth had a wonderful time decorating cookies for the fellowship table. This year they showed a new video that had a good explanatory program and the congregation praised the children for their work. The Sunday School Christmas Program was produced by **Ms. Em Broughton and Ms. Dodie Niland**. Titled “*Have You Heard the Animals Talk?*”, it had the animals in the stable telling about the birth of Jesus. We purchased costumes for the children who were animals and a stable background. We used our costumes from previous years for the rest of the actors. We want to thank the **Building Committee** and all who helped to give us this wonderful classroom, it is a glorious gift. The Sunday School is blessed to have these dedicated teachers: **Anne Marie Brennan, Em Broughton, Deanie Currey, Jeanette Harrell, Kim Hawkins and Dodie Niland**. A special thanks to **Vinny Walsh**, we appreciate all his help and with a smile.

Vacation Bible School–Once again our teachers and students answered the call. We had several to participate at Shallotte Presbyterian Church during VBS this summer. The theme was “*Camp Edge*”. One of the highlights was the wonderful *Ark of the Covenant* each child made. The children had a great time learning the word of God and look forward to next year. A special treat this year was when Camp Agape came to our church. The children had the best time and enjoyed their councilor's teachings. They are still singing the songs they learned and reciting Mark 10:45. It was such a joy to have college students excited about their faith. What a great example for our youth.

Library–The Library is attended by **Ms. Peggy Pollock**, who oversees the church’s children and adult books, video and audio media. She and **Ms. Polly Berkheimer** have done an outstanding job cataloging and setting up our new Library. We can’t thank them enough.

Bibles and Bagels - This is a casual Bible study group engaging in prayer and the fellowship of sisters in Christ. The Bible and Bagels group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 9:00 AM. They have just finished the book of Job and are presently starting a 5 week study on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. Thank you to **Ms. Em Broughton** for being such a great facilitator.

Faith Formation (Adult Sunday School)–This Bible study group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. **Pastor Rehder** facilitates the study group.

What an exciting year, we are truly Blessed! To all who volunteer, we could not do this without you. You are all such Blessings and we appreciate you! Thank you all.

Jeanette Harrell, Christian Education chair

Columbarium Committee Annual Report 2009

Due to the construction of our new administration building and new Sanctuary we were almost cut off from the Columbarium for most of the year. After the new Sanctuary was finished and all landscaping and parking lot paving was complete, we once again had access to our Columbarium. We were all happy to be able to visit again.

At the time of this writing a concrete walkway from the back corner of the parking lot down to the Columbarium is being put in. Hopefully by the time this is published the walkway will be complete.

Basic rules of the Columbarium are:

- Be a member of Saint Luke Lutheran Church.
- Price of a niche is \$800.00 which can be single or double and includes nameplate.
- No ashes can be interred without a Christian service.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a niche or needs a complete set of rules and regulations please see Joe Setzer or Donna, she has these available in the Parish office.

All persons who own a niche is a member of the Columbarium Committee. We have a yearly meeting to discuss any issues and elect new officers. This meeting is usually in December. There is a work day each spring when we give the area a general cleaning and anything else that needs to be done. Also members are assigned a month in which they will keep the area free from any weeds and trash and just keep an eye on things. This arrangement works out pretty good. All of the members are proud of our Columbarium and invite anyone to visit at any time.

Chairperson - **Joe Setzer**

Co-Chairperson - **Preston Huffman**

Treasurer - **Tom Blevins**

Secretary - **Phyllis Hartley**

Food Pantry 2009 Annual Report

The year 2009 has brought about many surprises which proves once again God is in our midst directing our needs with Saint Luke and our neighbors in Brunswick County.

Members, visitors and guests of Saint Luke rose to the occasion to assist our building fund in addition to the increased demand for food at Brunswick Family Assistance Agency. Our food program continues to be one of our most successful outreach programs at Saint Luke.

Saint Luke has provided a total of 6,391 pounds of food in 2009 and \$1,080.00 cash.

Since it's inception on February 1, 1999 we have provided 41,576 pounds of food to BFA.

Fred and Arlene Stoehr, Food Program Coordinators

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBARIUM**

BALANCE SHEET as of DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/09</u>
ASSETS		
BANK ACCOUNT		
BB&T CHECKING	1,971.37	1,998.12
FIXED ASSETS		
UNIT I	14,731.67	14,731.67
UNIT II	13,617.54	13,617.54
CERTIFICATE of DEPOST -10-22-10	5,462.48	5,641.10
CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT -6-15-10	2,085.61	2,163.82
SALES TAX (2008)	24.60	.00
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	37,893.27	38,152.25

INCOME STATEMENT for 2009

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 2009		\$1,971.37
INCOME:		
INTEREST	2.15	
NICHES SOLD	.00	
TAX REFUND	24.60	

TOTAL INCOME:	26.75	
EXPENSES:		
HOSE	.00	
MATERIAL	.00	
STONES	.00	
NICHE REFUND	.00	
SALES TAX	.00	
PLAQUES	.00	
CHECKS	.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES	.00	

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2009		\$1,998.12

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TOM BLEVINS, TREASURER**

Finance Committee 2009 Annual Report

The annual church budget for 2010 was put together by Dave Igelman using input from the various church committees. The committee chairpersons were asked to consider the additional expenses for the newly constructed church buildings in their budget submittals. This was done under the direction of the finance committee.

The annual audit of the church's 2008 financial records was done in accordance with the rules outlined in the church's constitution and bylaws. The audit was done by Christina Vaughan, Joe Setzer and Hugh Overcash. The financial statements for the church, Lutheran Men in Mission, the pre-school, the Saint Luke Lutheran Women's Group, and the building expansion funds statement were included in the audit. The audit committee found the financial statements of each group to be in order and there were no outstanding problems. The audit committee that will audit the 2009 financial records of the church will be comprised of: Joe Setzer, Hugh Overcash and Sara Orrock (replacing Christina Vaughan).

The memorial funds were managed by the committee based on information supplied by the church's financial secretary, Carl Currey. Distribution of the memorial funds were made according to the wishes of family members.

A three year projection of the church's expenditures and income was made using a process of analysis that involved using 'least square' projections combined with contingency analysis. The analysis, based on using the general fund income coupled with building fund giving, indicated that the church would be able to meet its budgetary needs over the next three years. That said however, we do not know nor can we project what the current economy will do to these projections.

Carolyn Gnam reviewed the church's insurance coverage in light of the new construction and determined that it was adequate. The new construction was added to the policy as it was approved for occupancy. This insurance coverage became effective on all buildings as of July 31, 2009.

The finance committee recommended to the Church Council that we try to meet a goal of \$300,000 over a period of three years. This fund drive will be directed towards the added expenses of operating and maintaining the new buildings and that any surplus from this fund drive be set aside for use in reducing our mortgage when it becomes necessary to refinance the loan in approximately seven years.

Jack Corrick, Finance Committee Chairperson

Lutheran Men In Mission (LMM) 2009 Annual Report

The average attendance for LMM meetings this year is 16. This is down slightly from previous years. Added this year is an opening devotion period before the meal is served. The meals are provided by volunteers from our members. We thank them and their spouses for the wonderful food that has been served. We meet the last Monday of each month, starting at 6:15 PM. All men of Saint Luke are encouraged to attend.

In lieu of our May meeting that usually falls on the Memorial Day weekend, we were invited to join with the Women of Saint Luke at their meeting on May 15th. A wonderful time was had by all and a huge thanks goes out to the ladies for their gracious invitation. Hopefully this can become an annual event

Activities this year:

- LMM set up and broke down the tables 18 times in the old Sanctuary for various events during the year.
- We had three Job Jar requests.
- We assisted with numerous social events.
- We gave help where needed for transition to the new Sanctuary.
- We assisted in watering the tree during the summer.

Guest speakers this year:

- Sheriff Ingram and Sgt. Simpson of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department
- Richard Rismiller of the Cape Fear Chapter of the Red Cross.

Our donations this year went to:

- Brunswick Family Assistance Food Pantry
- Agape/Kure Beach Mission
- A Master Builder Bible to a Seminary student
- Providence Home
- Samaritans Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoe Boxes

New officers for 2010:

Herb Broughton—President

Lynn Harbold—Vice President

Eric Lindquist—Secretary

Bob Regan—Treasurer

All my thanks to the officers and men of Lutheran Men in Mission whose help I could not have done without. May the new officers have a successful and rewarding 2010.

Don Eisenman, President Lutheran Men in Mission 2009

Lutheran Men in Mission Treasurer's 2009 Annual Report

OPENING BALANCE	\$895.98
INCOME:	
MEETING INCOME	980.00
TOTAL INCOME	980.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	1875.98
EXPENSES:	
NCLMM 2008 DUES	50.00
NCLMM 2009 DUES	50.00
NCLMM 2 LIFE MEMBERS	200.00
NCLMM SEMINARIAN BIBLES	25.00
OUTDOOR MINISTERIES - KURE BEACH	100.00
MEAL COST	125.71
BFAA	120.00
PROVIDENCE HOME	100.00
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD	70.00
CHECK CHARGES	1.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	841.71
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>\$1034.27</u>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BOB REGAN, TREASURER

Date 12-2-09

Music Department 2009 Annual Report

It's time once again to review the year. Without a doubt 2009 was a very active year for all the St. Luke family with the move into our new buildings. The music department has also had a busy year.

ADULT VOCAL CHOIR

St. Luke is truly blessed with many very talented individuals who are willing to share those God-given gifts with the rest of our church family. They have been willing, and able, to tackle whatever I throw before them. The choir works hard to produce some lovely anthems, and soloists are always willing to fill in during the summer choir vacation. Their summer hiatus was interrupted this year while we worked on the musical numbers for the much-anticipated "Sanctuary Dedication" on August 2nd. (See more on this below under "Church Festivals"). Our numbers vary from week to week with a core group of around 15. We have a few "seasonal" members and I think if everyone were here on the same day we'd have approximately 25 singers. I thank each one for their past and continued commitment to the music department of St. Luke.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell choir has settled into a schedule of providing the musical anthems on the 2nd Sunday of each month, plus has played at events outside St. Luke (see Outreach below). They do an exceptional job and the congregation seems to really enjoy hearing them. Handbell choirs face a unique challenge. Unlike vocal choirs, where if one individual misses a rehearsal or Sunday morning service there is generally another choir member in that section to carry on, Handbell choir members each have "assigned" bells (notes), so their absence is more acutely felt. St. Luke is blessed with a group of very capable and dedicated "ringers". When Kirby Hawkins went off to college this year I thought I was going to have a problem "filling his gloves". But in typical St. Luke fashion, I asked for 1 volunteer and got several. What a blessing. We now enjoy the luxury having some "backup" ringers aboard. Thanks to both the veteran ringers and the new volunteers.

CHURCH FESTIVALS

The choirs participated in several special services; Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to them for being so willing to volunteer the extra time. I would like to prepare a special Easter or Christmas cantata, but the challenge there is that this congregation (and the choirs) are a very mobile group and such works are hard to accomplish with small, and fluctuating, numbers. It will, however, remain on the "to do in the future" wish list.

While "Dedication Sunday" is not on the official church calendar it was, nonetheless, a "Festival" here at St. Luke this year. We left our old sanctuary at the morning worship service to the tune of "*River In Judea*" with emotions running high. Later that afternoon at the official Dedication Service for the new sanctuary Bill Glisson, guest organist, provided the prelude, a moving arrangement of "*Amazing Grace*", complete with cannons, snare drums and bagpipes, all accomplished through our new Rodgers organ. Then the Handbell choir started the worship service out with a beautiful piece, "*In Christ Alone*" and the vocal choir provided two wonderful anthems, complete with organ and live trumpeter accompaniment, "*Soli Deo Gloria*" and, appropriately, "*Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us*" and a vocal benediction blessing "*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*". We were all excited to get to that day! I think mine were not the only "leaking" eyes that day.

ORGAN & PIANO DEDICATION & WORKSHOP

On November 15th St. Luke dedicated their new Rodgers Allegiant 658 organ and new Kawai sanctuary piano at the morning worship service. Later that afternoon Mr. Dan Miller presented the Dedication Concert with people attending from St. Luke and other area churches. Mr. Miller designed our organ model and is in charge of sound and quality for the Rodgers Organ Company. I'll have to admit that for me, personally, this was one of the highlights of my year. Mr. Miller performed several of his own compositions, as well as favorite Bach pieces. Two of his own compositions were processions he composed specifically for each of his 2 daughters' weddings.

Personal comment: How great would that be to have at your wedding?"

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On Saturday Mr. Miller also taught an “Organist Workshop” that Joan Eccard and I, as well as other area church organists/musicians, took part in.

NEW SANCTUARY & ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

We moved into the new, beautiful, sanctuary on August 2 and the choirs have really enjoyed having their own, spaces. The Handbell Choir no longer is required to set up and take down bell tables & pads each week; and the vocal choir can rehearse on Sunday mornings in the music room, thus not interfering with people arriving early in the sanctuary for morning worship service. We are thankful for both these changes. As we get acclimated in our new and unique space, we have faced some acoustical challenges and continue to work with the sound systems in order to provide the optimum musical experience in our worship services.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

The St. Luke Handbell Choir was invited to play for the Holden Beach Senior group in the spring of 2009. They were well received. Both the Handbell Choir and the Adult Vocal Choir participated in the Swing Into Spring South Brunswick Interchurch Council Benefit Concert. The Handbell choir enjoyed playing a non-sacred piece “*Wizard of Oz Medley*”. Both choirs (plus **Rod Peterson** as soloist) also participated in the fall concert for SBIC, with that organization sending a special request to me requesting our Handbell Choir to please perform again. Several members of the St. Luke Choir performed at other functions throughout the year; the **Ladies Tea, Capital Campaign Dinner**, etc. Additionally, the **Ocean Ridge Singers** were invited to present their annual Christmas program at St. Luke as a benefit concert for Brunswick Family Assistance and South Brunswick Interchurch Council Food Pantry. This was the first time the Ocean Ridge Singers presented their Christmas program away from their “in-house venue” and we are pleased they agreed to do so here at St. Luke.

OTHER

This year we started the “Song of the Month” in which the background story of a particular song or hymn was told in the monthly Epistle and sung on the first Sunday of that month. I believe that was well received.

Care is taken to select appropriate hymns to compliment the sermon or lessons for each Sunday with, hopefully, a good mix of old and new songs. In November we had a “Favorite Hymn” Sunday where congregation members were asked to submit their choice for favorite hymn and the top vote-getters were sung on November 8th. The hymn receiving the most votes was amazingly, “*Amazing Grace*”, followed by “*How Great Thou Art*” and “*Here I Am, Lord*”

PERSONAL REFLECTION

This year was quite a milestone for St. Luke with the move into the new sanctuary and administration building. Of course I am enjoying the new organ. In my opinion it is a beautiful instrument, capable of beautiful sounds, and I hope to continue to get more proficient at playing it. The family of St. Luke, most especially the musical family, continues to hold a special place in my heart. Through God’s grace, St. Luke has accomplished a lot this year. Of course we, as humans, will continue to face personal and congregational challenges in the future, but I truly believe.....**When we put our trust in Him and strive to be in a true, personal, relationship with Him, and following His example of love, He will direct our paths and cause us to say;** “*How Can I Keep From Singing*”.

Yours in Christ & with Blessings to the St. Luke family,
Janette Schroeder, Director of Church Music and Organist

Nurture and Fellowship 2009 Annual Report

This past year has been a very different year for the Nurture and Fellowship Committee. As in the past the committee has the best members that take charge and get things done. Without them the fellowship at St Luke Lutheran Church would be greatly reduced. They see a need and jump in and fill it.

As for the differences this year I will start with the leadership. We had a change of chairman during the summer months. I took over as acting chairman in the middle of the summer. Other changes were the cancellation of the Oktoberfest due to the construction of the new church building. The committee and the church council felt it would be safer not to hold this event with all the changes that were taking place at the new building site. There would not be enough time between the completion of construction and the time of the event to get everything together for a successful Oktoberfest that our members and visitors were used too. Several other smaller events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the forth of July picnic had to be cancelled also due to construction.

On the plus side the committee was able to put on the pancake supper in February for the Shrove Tuesday celebration which 50+ people attended. We also set up and produced the St. Patrick's dinner in March with 100+ people attending.

The remaining events planned by the Nurture and Fellowship Committee are the dinner for the kick-off of the Capital Fund Campaign. After that we will be putting on and sponsoring the "Breakfast with Santa" which is a yearly event.

The most difficult task for this committee continues to be the filling of the volunteers for the "after church fellowship gathering." This year seems to have been more of a struggle than in the past. It seems that the same volunteers perform this service over and over. There are starting to be Sundays where no one volunteers in which case there will be no "after church fellowship" served. We may have to look at discontinuing this service all together which would be a shame.

Tony Hanna – Acting Chairman – Nurture and Fellowship Committee

Preschool Committee 2009 Annual Report

The Saint Luke Preschool Committee has experienced some turnover during this report period. Thanks to all who participated, who include Maggi Edwards, Joan Zimmermann, Jerry Wallick, Donna Hunt (secretary), Dave Igelman (financial secretary), Carl Currey (financial advisor), Em Broughton, Faye Kilmon, June Bitner, Marsha Thomas, Mildred Noblett, Mary Beth Barrett, Doris Zack, Doreen Alloway, Marion Hemphill and Christina Vaughn. Chris Harrell has volunteered to help keep the web-site current.

Our staff for 2008-2009 was: Nancy Wemyss (Director/teacher), Paige Arrigoni (teacher), Paula Gore (teacher), and Jeanette Harrell (teacher assistant), and Joan Zimmermann (volunteer assistant).

During the 2008-2009 school year, the committee was heavily involved with developing formal policies and procedures and executing a public relations campaign to introduce the preschool to the community.

Students Statistics:

School year 2008-2009

(16) students (3 classes)

Graduated (6) students well prepared for kindergarten

Started with (1) teacher/director, (2) teachers, (1) assistant

School year 2009-2010 (partial year)

(10) students (1 part time)

(5 1/2) -2 1/2 and 3 year olds

(5)-4 year olds

(1) director/teacher and (1) assistant, (1) volunteer assistant 2 days / week

Financial Statistics:

Checking account balance, July 1, 2008 \$5,514.94

Checking account balance July 1, 2009 \$4,126.33

Checking account balance, January 1, 2010 \$6,563.30

School Activities:

The preschool day (08:30-12:00) consists of planned learning activities appropriate for the needs of each child. Emphasis is on learning of the world around them. The activities are also planned so that each child learns how God works in our world. Special highlights of the 2008-2009 school year included a field trip to Indigo farms and a Halloween party. This year apples were emphasized in September. Students experienced cooking activities (apple turnovers) and art activities (building the Garden of Eden and learning about Adam and Eve). October included fire prevention activities. We were visited by the Grissettown Fire Department. The Wednesday morning Chapel with Pastor Henry is a highlight of each week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Zimmermann and Jerry Wallick, Co-chairs, Saint Luke Lutheran Preschool Committee

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT FY-T-D December 31, 2009

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JULY 1, 2009: \$4,125.33

RECEIPTS:

100 Operating Income:

110 Registration	\$350.00
120 Tuition	5,890.00
130 Food Lion Program	44.85
140 Gins/Donations	2,590.00
150 Fund Raising	0.00
160 Other	0.00
<i>Operating Subtotal</i>	\$8,874.85

900 Dedicated Funds Income:

910 Scholarships	\$0.00
920 Property:	
923 Playground	0.00
925 Shirts	0.00
926 Classroom Equipment	0.00
930 Specific Operating Accounts	0.00
940 Other	0.00
<i>Dedicated Funds Subtotal</i>	\$0.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$8,874.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Expenses: 200 Payroll:

220 Director	\$3,654.00
240 Teachers	0.00
260 Aide	1,812.00
280 Substitutes	0.00
300 Supplies:	
320 Lessons/Plans/School	44.17
340 Expendibles	22.09
360 Food/Meals	32.89
370 Checks	0.00
380 Postage	0.00

400 Furnishings:

430 Furniture Purchase/Replacement	513.03
440 Playground	28.92
460 Maintenance	0.00

500 Computer:

530 Equipment/Software	0.00
560 Maintenance	0.00
590 Supplies	59.44

600 Taxes:

610 Employer Tax	309.05
620 Withheld Federal Income Tax	0.00
630 Withheld Social Security	(88.45)
640 Withheld Medicare	(20.67)
650 Withheld State Income Tax	(71.28)
690 Penalties/Interest	0.00
700 Trips/Fees	0.00
750 Memberships/Dues	0.00
800 Bank Charges	0.00
810 Advertising	115.00
820 Drug Screening	0.00
850 Fund Raisers	0.00
870 Graduation	0.00

890 Other	26.69
<i>Operating Subtotal</i>	\$6,436.88

Dedicated Funds Expenses:

960 Scholarships	\$0.00
970 Property:	
973 Playground	0.00
975 Shirts	0.00
976 Classroom Equipment	0.00
970 Other	0.00
<i>Dedicated Funds Subtotal</i>	\$0.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$6,436.88

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2009: \$6,563.30

Property Committee 2009 Annual Report

Those involved with the Property Committee in 2009 were **Steve Jewell, Joe Setzer, Hugh Overcash, Al Zittle, Carl Curry, Don Snow, Ed Kilmon, Dick Fecteau, Jim Hartley, William Kilmon, Luther Lanning and Bill Emmerich**. A big **THANK YOU** to all involved.

The last of five air conditioners in the original church building has been replaced and they should be good for another 10 or more years.

After moving into the new administration building in March 2009 and the new Sanctuary in August 2009 we saw our light fixtures go from 46 to 140, our air filters go from 6 to 26, our emergency lights go from 13 to 49, and emergency exit lights go from 6 to 16. We previously were charged \$3.00 per emergency light for testing. After speaking with the tech from Pye-Barker Fire Equipment and Testing Company, we learned that we didn't have to pay an authorized inspector to do this task. We now will do it ourselves and save \$195.00 per year (the cost of 65 emergency lights (@\$3.00 each).

This increase just about tripled the routine replacement of filters and light bulbs. But we are ready for and look forward to the challenge. Also after moving into the administration building, much work was done such as building shelves, installing door stops, putting up towel holders, hanging clocks on the walls along with other small jobs.

New dry erase bulletin boards were installed in all the preschool class rooms plus one in the new children's Sunday school class room.

Grass cutting during the season of 2009 went smooth and no maintenance problems thanks to our new mower and **Hugh Overcash** keeping the mowers and weed eaters in good running condition..

During 2009 we had two different companies that were to inspect and test our fire extinguishers. One was doing the original building and one the new additions. This was corrected and now we have only one company doing all the extinguishers and cleaning the stove hood (which is mandatory to pass fire code).

We have spent a lot of time with Joey O'Neal, the sound system installer, trying to get the new system adjusted to best suit our needs. This is still on going and will probably take some more time to get it the way we want it.

The property committee is happy to serve Saint Luke Lutheran Church and we look forward to keeping our new and old facilities operating to the best of our abilities in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Setzer, Property Committee Chair

Social Ministry 2009 Annual Report

The Social Ministry Committee comprised of **Faye Kilmon, Gary Knapp, Polly Berkheimer, June Bitner, Phyllis and Jim Hartley, Inge and Bill Wilson, Kay Zittle and Jo Lammonds**. Our meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM. We originally met at 7:00 PM but this time appears to be preferable. Our committee usually takes the months of July and August off as many are on vacation. Most of the members are involved with other committees with different community social agencies.

We began the year with the 'Run for Food' contribution which goes to the food pantry for the Interchurch Council. This year, however we will be providing a water station for the runners and manning that station on January 9, 2010. This run is on Ocean Isle Beach. We continue to help the **Communities In Schools** program at **Union Elementary School**. Further, we collected from the congregation school supplies for the school in the Fall. The Women of St Luke and congregation members prepared 55 Christmas boxes for the **Operation Christmas Child**. We also continue to supply Pastor Henry with food for his pantry for persons that stop by the church and are in need. Our committee is responsible for the **Love Loaves**. These funds are divided between **World Hunger** and **World Vision**. This year \$473.50 has been collected for the two agencies. There are empty Love Loaves available in the new Narthex and in the fellowship hall for you to pick up and fill with money or a check and place on the altar table. Our coffee sales have dwindled this year also, but there is still coffee available and is now located in the fellowship hall. We continue to collect food for the Brunswick Family Assistance Agency and our faithful members **Fred and Arlene Stoehr** continue as the food coordinators.

The chair of Social Ministry has attended the monthly meeting of the South Brunswick Interchurch Council and information from that group is handed down to the members of the congregation. St Luke will provide cranberry sauce again for the **Meals on Wheels** for Thanksgiving. The SBIC provides this meal insomuch as the county does not provide the Meals for Thanksgiving and the day after.

We also sponsored the '**FOOD FOR THE POOR**' speaker during the year. An offering was taken when **Pastor Schmelcke** was at St. Luke.

The Social Ministry budget includes **Providence Home, Habitat for Humanity, Grissettown Fire Department, Communities In School**, and other agencies or if a need arises.

This is a small recording of volunteers who I know are involved in other agencies here at St. Luke and I thank you all for all of the hours spent in helping the people in need. Thank you for your interest in our projects and the help you have given our committee.

Jo Lammonds, Social Ministry Committee. Chair

Stewardship Committee 2009 Annual Report

This year's Stewardship Drive was themed "***Giving, Growing, Celebrating: Walking a Little Further with Jesus***". The Stewardship Committee's goal was to educate the congregation to respond to the abundant grace of our Lord not only through their giving, but by participation in the Lord's Ministry to all those around us and to take care of God's creation in any way possible.

This year's Drive was conducted differently from those done previously. Instead of a Pony Express approach, our Drive for 2010 was driven by the Shepherd's List. This allowed for small meetings with your Shepherd leader for some added fellowship while addressing our financial situation and a chance to review the many opportunities that are available to serve our church through your individual time and talents. This was an overall success and the comments received back were very positive regarding this approach. As always our members came through with their pledges and Commitment Sunday was held on October 11, 2009

The year of 2009 was one of many great accomplishments which will serve us well in our ability "***Walk a Little Further with Jesus***".

Mark Dalen, Stewardship Committee Chair

Witness Committee 2009 Annual Report

The Witness Committee included one member, **Kim Hawkins**, with help from **Betsy Stevens**, the Women's Group and the Social Ministry Committee.

The monthly distribution of the "Epistle" continues with copies mailed to homebound members, visitors and associate members. Copies are also placed in member's church mailboxes. The volunteers staple and distribute the "Epistle" monthly. The "**Befrienders**" continue to visit the hospitalized and homebound members. Meals are coordinated for homebound members and their families as needed.

First time local visitors to our congregation receive a welcome package that includes the current "Epistle, a note from Pastor Henry, a Saint Luke pen, a bookmark and a copy of the daily devotional "**Christ in our Home**". Also included is an opportunity for visitors to tell how they located the church, what they liked and what improvements could be made. This information is collected and used to adjust areas and complement others.

The most common response to "what did you like best" continues to be the friendliness of the church. Visitors appreciate the greeters. Many thanks to those who serve in that ministry.

Many visitors find Saint Luke through the internet. Member **Chris Harrell** is the church webmaster and continues to do a great job with keeping our website current and inviting. The weekly ad in "The Brunswick Beacon" is continuing as well as the listing in the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce.

The Witness Committee developed a tri-fold of the church history that was distributed at the Dedication Service for the new sanctuary and administration building August 2, 2009.

Kim Hawkins, Witness Committee Chair

Women of Saint Luke 2009 Annual Report

The Women of Saint Luke (WOSL) have had another great year. Our women have prepared or obtained our programs and our great meals.

Our Mission is to help the Saint Luke Preschool however we can.

Our projects were to provide hall monitors during the remodeling of the Fellowship Hall, provide a bag lunch for the Lenten Luncheon on March 25, 2009, assist with the dedication of our new sanctuary and prepare shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Our programs were:

- learning about the Cosmetology Department of Brunswick Community College
- Laughter and Religion, “**A Gift from God**” - prayer by **Em Broughton**
- Saint Matthew the Tax Collector by **Pastor Henry**
- Our May meeting was held with the Men in Mission and the program was “**Mission of Miracles in El Salvador**” by **Joan Eccard** and **Nancy Boston** who both assisted in this mission.

We donated the money for **Joe Setzer** to build the lectern for our new Sanctuary.

2010 Officers:

President Doris Zack

Vice President.....Dodie Niland

Secretary/Treasurer..... Kay Zittle

Respectively submitted,

Doris Zack, President

The Women Of Saint Luke Lutheran Church
2009 Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance: **\$454.53**

Income:

Monthly Offerings	461.00
Fund Raiser - RADA knives	532.00

Total Income: **\$993.00**

Disbursements:

Check charges	.60
Lectern for new sanctuary	400.00
Christmas gifts for preschool teachers	100.00
Father's Day gifts	35.83
Marion Hemphill (RADA knives fund raiser)	346.85
Lent Lunch	49.17
Women/men joint dinner	54.15

Total Disbursements: **\$986.60**

Closing Balance: **\$460.93**

A very special thank you to Marion Hemphill for all her work on the RADA Knives fund raising project. Total profit to date \$2,687.80.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Zittle
Treasurer

Worship and Music Committee 2009 Annual Report

The Worship and Music Committee is comprised of the following sub-committees:

Altar Guild —chair, **Deanie Currey**

Music—Director, **Janette Schroeder**

Service Assistants including:

Communion Assistants —**Deanie Currey**

Cantors, Lectors —**Joan Eccard** and **Jo Lammonds**

Ushers—**Jim Hartley**

Acolyte and Crucifers — **Emil** and **Carolyn Gnam**

Bulletins —**Donna Setzer**

Due to the efforts of the Stewardship Program, six new volunteers were added to our groups this year.

Major projects this year included:

- The Lenten Soup and Sandwich evening meal. An average of forty-five members joined us for a humble meal proceeding the Lenten Service. Attendance increased at the Lenten Services to an average of sixty-five with even more members attending the three special services during Holy Week.
- Music Education. In an effort to teach us the background of our hymns, **Janette Schroeder** has begun writing an article for the Epistle giving us the “story behind the words”. Although we want the congregation to continue learning new hymns, Janette has also begun a favorite hymn survey. Everyone is encouraged to participate by giving Janette the names of their favorite hymn for inclusion in a future service. After discussion the committee has agreed to put off the purchase of new hymnals. That topic will be brought up in the spring again.
- Ushers Training. **Jim Hartley** has conducted three usher training sessions. The number of ushers needed for Sunday Service has doubled since the move into the larger sanctuary.
- Acolyte and Crucifer Training. **Emil Gnam** has conducted two training sessions. He also developed a training/education guide called The Order of St. Phillip to be used in that training. Two sets of cassocks and surplices were ordered this year and the Acolytes and Crucifers are wearing them during Worship Services.
- Dedication service. Much time and effort was spent on planning the Thank You service in the old sanctuary, the dedication service of the new buildings and the community reception following the dedication. Many church committees assisted in this project and August 2, 2009 will always be remembered as the day our beautiful new sanctuary was used for the first time.
- The purchase of new paraments for the Advent Season.

This committee meets monthly; the agenda includes a discussion of comments made by members, either complimentary in nature or as requests for changes in the worship service. This committee makes a genuine attempt to consider all suggestions to make the Sunday service as traditional, yet user-friendly as possible. Please consider joining our group or attend a meeting to present your discussion point.

We are looking forward to serving the Congregation of Saint Luke in the up-coming year.

Cindy McHale, Worship and Music Committee Chair

Youth Ministry 2009 Annual Report

Our most heartfelt ministry happened early this year with the loss of **Jackie Sanchez, Brielle** and **Raina's** mom. We thank all of our women who stood with the family for the weeks that followed. And, we thank our youth, who visited the family and also participated in bringing a birthday cake to Brielle during that same week.

We welcomed **Edward Julian** to the confirmation class. He joins **Isaac Hawkins, Brielle Sanchez, Melanie Britten, Jacob Yount, and Taylor Barrett.**

Emil Gnam, our Sacristan, took responsibility for acolyte & crucifer training as well as sign ups. Our youth now have their own manual, sign-up sheets, place in the choir room and will be wearing their new robes. There was a re-training class on May 31st.

Our youth were hosts to our Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper on April 1st. They did a great job. We thank **Pam Batchelor and Jacob Yount, Bobby & Christina Vaughan, Kim and Isaac Hawkins, Michelle and Melanie Britten, Brielle and Raina Sanchez, Renee and Eddie Julian, Amber Bollinger, and Marcy Coleman** for doing whatever it took to get the kids there, helping to get their homework done, making and bringing sandwiches, and cleaning up. **Diane and Mark Dalen**, who serve on the stewardship committee were our co-hosts and did a great job with the salad bar. We also thank all the unknown people who cleaned up the kitchen while we were having a great time serving.

Once again, our youth took over Heifer Sunday worship service on May 3rd. They were greeters, ushers, lectors, and provided hospitality. We especially thank **Ms. Em Broughton** for guiding us through the service, rounding us all up for the rehearsal and pizza party, and for seeing that it all got done with dignity.

With the finishing of our new administration building, our youth inherited Pastor Henry's old office where we have been holding Youth Sunday School at 9:00am every Sunday. They are studying from the Seasons of the Spirit, Ages 9-11 that goes along with the lectionary. The lessons are contained in white binders in the youth room. We have had several parents assist with teaching and so we thank, **Chris Hawkins, Bobby and Christina Vaughan, Perry and Beryl Hall, Pam Batchelor, Amber Bollinger, and Maggi Edwards** for their service to our youth.

In July we tried something new and big. Our first **Camp Agape Week** took place the week of July 24th. Four college-aged counselors came from Agape-Kure Beach Ministries to lead 16-18 children, grades 1-5 in a week that was filled with fun, great food, Bible discussions, plays, music, outside playtime. The children really loved it. Although it took many to put this week together, we must recognize **Jeanette Harrell**, who took the reins for cleaning up and setting up every day; **Fred and Arlene Stoehr**, who organized the food delivery and distribution; the families who sent their children/grandchildren; the Chamber of Commerce for putting us on their Channel Three. This next year's Camp Agape will be the week of July 18th.

Confirmation classes have been run by **Pastor Henry** after church on announced Sundays. Our youth have been learning to name the Books of the Old Testament, learning about the origins of Lutheranism; and just recently have begun their studies of the Ten Commandments. They are scheduled for Confirmation on April 18, 2010. We thank the **Women of Saint Luke** for providing sandwiches for hungry children just before each confirmation class.

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(Youth Ministry continued)

We thank **Pastor Henry** and **Diane** for lunch, pool party and planning session at their home. Our young adults participated in a planning game where they discovered the parts of their Christian life and evaluated where they needed more activities. They brought into being a plan for worship, witness, education that will include parent participation for this next year.

Sunday, Nov 15, 2009, our youth led Children's time, part of their witness commitment. Their lesson was the story of Hanna which they acted out in simpler terms for the younger children. They were great.

They will participate in 'Breakfast With Santa' , December 12th and our Christmas play, written by **Dodie Niland** and **Em Broughton** on December 13, 2009.

They are looking forward to decorating their room which now has one love seat and a computer desk in there. We thank **Gary Knapp** of **Habitat for Humanity** for locating a love seat for us and **Pam Yount Batchelor** for donating the funds to purchase these items. We also thank **Chris Harrell** for refurbishing a computer for that room. We are looking for a monitor for that computer.

Youth Ministry is looking down the road at four children who will be getting ready for the next confirmation class. They are **Maddie** and **Davis Julian, Raina Sanchez** and **Ben Stevens**. We will be ready for them.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Edwards, Youth Ministry Chair

