

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – August 8, 2006

Patricia Sangster, Council Secretary



- The Church Council met with potential interim candidate, Pastor Marcus Hess. We were very pleased with his dedication to the Lord and his experience, serving intentionally as an interim in several congregations. The Council invited him to be our assigned interim and he has accepted our invitation. We are now going to request the Synod to assign Pastor Hess to Salem Lutheran Church as our Interim Pastor. He will be available to join us on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2006. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Marcus to our congregation.
- Rally Day will be September 17, with a single worship service and a BBQ "brunch" following the single 9:30 service. Installation of teachers, council, school board and officers will take place during worship. Brunch will be served by the Boy Scouts who will benefit (no charge for lunch, donations only).
- Approval was given for an Alanon group to use a room one night each week.
- The Lutheran Magazine should be available to the congregation members who signed up in the September/October timeframe.
- A new By Laws proposal was presented to the Council to give the church president and all called or assigned pastors non-voting, ex officio status on church committees and groups.
- We thanked outgoing stewards, Pam Shea, Jim Cline and Roger Gebhard for their years of dedicated service; and welcomed incoming stewards, David Meyers, Bob Watson and Cindy Bahr-Merino into their places.

Completion of Call

In response to the resignation of Dale Banke in July, Salem's Church Council has determined a separation package for him. We thank him for the many years of ministry he gave to us in the Lord; and many of us know the skill and kindness he gave us individually during times of great pain, heartache or loss. He will receive a continuation of his full salary and health benefits for three months beyond his resignation, through the end of October 2006. In addition, Carol Banke is given a transition package that will help her fill needs in setting up her new household.