

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Education Ministry Team

---

### *Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2009*

**Attendees:** Pastor Mathews, Dick Yost, Kathy Mathews, Debbie Miller, Terry Bockelkamp, Janice Huylo, Heather Klien, Barbara Strangfeld and Carole Hamersly.

**Opening Prayer:** led by Dick Yost.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **Sunday School Sub Committee:**

**Heather Klien**

The schedule for next year will be revised with Opening Sundays on the first Sunday of the month upstairs in the church. There has been feedback that several students attend Sunday school but not church and may not realize who Pastor Mathews is; Heather suggested maybe Pastor might do a small presentation at Openings or on some other schedule.

Pastor indicated that the Contemporary Task Force has suggested ideas that could have that service lead into Sunday school as well as other options to be explored.

Heather will review the Akaloo curriculum, as some teachers do not care for it while others do. Options will be looked at over the summer and a meeting will be held late summer to determine if Akaloo will be used this fall again.

The Spring project was well supported with food and clothing items donated to the Scranton Rescue Mission.

#### **Youth Group:**

**Heather Klien**

Heather anticipates holding two group sessions again next year; middle school and high school as many new younger students will be eligible and can build the middle school group. Youth group has been going strong with many activities planned each month.

#### **Vacation Bible School:**

**Carole Hamersly**

Currently, there are 30 students registered with many volunteers (accolades to Trinity volunteers who always come through for VBS!).

#### **Confirmation:**

**Pastor Mathews**

Students were presented the new Lutheran Study Bible and it was well received by them. Approximately 4 students will join the confirmation studies next year.

#### **Parish Health Ministry:**

**Debbie Miller**

A program was presented on Down Syndrome, and several other programs are under planning.

#### **Pre-School:**

**Barbara Strangfeld**

A meeting for the committee will be held June 15 to look at the budget and work a policy regarding support for students who attend the pre-school who receive services through the NEIU. Thank you to Debbie Miller and her students for research that will assist in the policy writing.

Terry indicated that it was a very successful school year in all classes. There was a student attending who had physical challenges and required an aide through the NEIU that Terry has expressed concerns of the relationship between that aide and the staff and the ability to request that she not be an aide in the future. The policy will include what the pre-school staff would require in a relationship from an aide and the NEIU will receive the policy.

Debbie Miller has offered to assist with training aides that are provided by the NEIU (as they have no specific requirements to assist children in a school setting).

**Adult education:**

The Book of Faith third session has continued to meet and will take the summer off and resume in August. Barbara reported that she has not been contacted by Augsburg Fortress to be a contact for feedback regarding the Book of Faith sessions. The Adult Education committee will meet on June 9.

**Women's Book Club/Bible Study:**

Events are being planned.

**Library:**

The church library continues to run smoothly and several books are available for sponsorship.

**Additional Business:**

Nothing.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the parish house on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

**Closing:** The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carole Hamersly  
June 8, 2009