

Ascension Lutheran Church Council President
Congregational Annual Report, November 24, 2009

Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Medford, Oregon has had a busy, emotional 2009. With church member, pastoral and Oregon ELCA Synod support, encouragement and participation, Ascension continues to minister to its members, local and worldwide communities as it has always done.

The work that your current council, pastors, and members have undertaken is extensive.

The body of work that has been **COMPLETED**:

Job descriptions for Nursery Director, Financial Secretary, and Administrative Secretary

Filled the Nursery Director position

Implementing procedures for a Child Safe Environment

Establishment of committees for stewardship, finance, education, constitution & bylaws

Finalized Personal Policy

Membership survey

Successful Summer Vacation Bible School program

Successful Stewardship "Estimate of Giving" program

Evaluation for repairs of the sanctuary-contracted work to begin January, 2010

Filled the Choir Director position

Established Ascension Lutheran Youth Organization (ALYO) to participate with the Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization (OLYO) of the ELCA

Joined the Venture Crew Leadership Program of the Boy Scouts of America (boys and girls participate)

Supported youth and adults attendance to ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Supported youth and adult attendance to the Synod Assembly in Eugene

Supported youth and adult attendance to OLYO weekend at the beach

Sunday School/Nursery painting and improved lighting

Partnered with members, pastors, ALCW and Thrivent in support of community p

The body of work **IN PROCESS**:

Presentation of ALC Constitution & Bylaws and Mission/Vision Statement for vote to approve by ALC congregation

Election of council members-January 2010

Budget for 2010

Establish a "call committee"

Assessments and changes to organizational processes at Ascension

Facilities and property inventory, assessment, maintenance and repairs

Composition, structure and function of the church council, committees, subcommittees

Search to fill Pianist/Organist position

Support of community and faith programs with participation of our pastors, members, ALCW and Thrivent

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