

## Adoration's History 1985

1985 was a year of continued activity at Adoration, with the formation of new opportunities. In February an Adult Winter Getaway at Lutherdale Camp was offered and again in June an adult week-end was offered at Lutherdale; AAL Nite at the Brewer Game also happened in June; the synod convention was held at Carthage College in Kenosha and was attended by Pastor Barsch and John Platzer; in October the Annual Church Picnic was held and we participated in Al's Run; November 17th was "Loyalty Sunday" and the Service was followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon; the 1st week in Advent brought about a Family Nite & Pot Luck with 50 persons attending; the Women's Group held their Christmas party on December 10; a group of 37 persons attended "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Melody Top Theatre; Word & Witness continued, as well as Bible Studies; Dutch Treat Luncheons for members and friends of Adoration began meeting monthly; and a group, "The Great Escape", was formed for young mothers. The Youth Group attended the Lutheran Youth Encounter Convention in Chicago in March and in October they held a Halloween Party, went horseback riding, and on a hayride. The Seniors' continued their activities with St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church. The Long Range Planning Committee that was formed last year completed their work, which resulted in the "Journey Forward" program being launched in February. This 3-year capital fund drive was officially kicked off on May 1 with a "Journey Forward Dinner" being held at Meurer's Restaurant on 76th Street. We continued with the Bread of Life meal program, serving meals in January, March, May, August, and October. This year saw the hiring of an organist/choir director, Mary McConnell. A "Thank-You" day was held for Millie Witteman and Barbara Regent as they 'retired' as organists. Again in the fall of the year we participated in the Lutheran World Relief drive. Vacation Church School was held July 29-August 2 with 39 children attending and on December 22 the Sunday Church School Christmas Program was held with 62 children participating. Summer Services were held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, as well as on Sunday mornings at 9:00 & 10:30. Lenten Services were again offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and the focus this year was on "Followers of Jesus." Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services were held at Adoration at 7:30 PM. We also began our participation in the 1:00PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Greendale. Easter Services began with the 6:00AM Sunrise Breakfast Service and was followed at 9:00 & 10:30 by Services of Holy Communion. The Thanksgiving Eve Service was held on November 27 at 7:30PM. Christmas Eve Services were held at 4:30, 7:00, and 11:00 and a Christmas morning Service at 10:00AM. Membership at the end of 1985 was 657 baptized and 457 confirmed members. Average weekly attendance was 185.