

Adoration's History 1988

1988 was another exciting year at Adoration with the completion of our new building. On March 20th we celebrated with a Dedication Service with over 400 persons attending. The celebration included a welcome and prayer offered by Pastor Barsch, greetings from Pastor Tom Wagner and Edie Jensen, the sermon given by Bishop Peter Rogness, special music, and a reception following the Service. Adult and family fellowship included a Ski Week-end in January; a 'Nursery Shower' in March; a Special Service offered in April by the Foolish Wisdom Clown Troupe; in June a week-end of camping at the Wisconsin Dells Hot Air Balloon Rally; in July an outing to Germanfest and a cruise on the Star of Milwaukee; the Church Picnic in September; In December the Women's Christmas Dinner, and 14 persons went Christmas Caroling at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home. The Dutch Treat Luncheons continued, as did Great Books, Mt. Carmel Ministry by the Women's Group, and the Seniors' fellowship outings with St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church. Youth activities included a Lutherdale Retreat, Pizza Party, hayride, Board Game Afternoon, and Arts & Crafts Day. In April we began our ministry with Southwest Interfaith Program for the Elderly. On May 11th we hosted an Ecumenical Ascension Service. Also in May the new Pictorial Directories arrived and were distributed. Vacation Church School and Lutherdale Day Camp were offered this summer at Adoration and our Sunday School Christmas Program was held on December 11 with a Pot Luck following the program. Our congregation regretfully accepted the resignation of Pastor Barsch effective August 15th. On August 7th a Farewell Luncheon was given for the Barsch's. With Pastor Barsch's departure, a Call Committee was formed and the call process began. Rev. Jeffrey Johnson began as Interim Pastor on August 30th. Worship Services included Sunday Services at 9:00 & 10:30, Wednesday Lenten Services at 7:30 PM, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services at 7:30 PM, Easter Services at 6:00 Am (Sunrise Breakfast Service), 9:00 & 10:30 AM, A Thanksgiving Eve Service, Christmas Eve Services at 4:30, 7:00, & 11:00 PM, and a Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM. Membership again increased with ending totals of 735 baptized and 470 confirmed members. Average weekly attendance was 185.