

Adoration's History 1991

1991 was another good year for Adoration. The Annual Meeting was held on January 20th and on the 25th the Church Council participated in a "Council Retreat" held at Luther Manor. In February a "Mardi Gras Pot Luck" was held preceding Ash Wednesday. In June the "New Sign Fund" began. The Synod Convention was held in June at Carthage College and was attended by Pastor Beutler, Christi Sheehy, and Dan Cyr. In September the annual Church Picnic was held with 136 members attending. During April and May a 6-Week video class was offered titled "What Does it Mean to be a Christian?" In October and November a 4-week session entitled "New Perspectives in Marriage" was offered. In December G.R.O.W. (Gather for Reading Of the Word) was offered 3 times a week. The Women of Adoration were active this year holding Bible Studies in their homes throughout the year. In June they held a Women's Luncheon and in August they hosted the Cluster III Women of the ELCA Continental Breakfast & Planning Committee Meeting. In September a "Light & Lively" dinner was held with Guest Speaker Petey Lund in attendance. The Women's Christmas Dinner was held in December with 47 women attending. Sunday Church School began on September 8th with a "Rooted in Christ...Rarin' to Grow" program. In December the children presented their Christmas Program with a Pot Luck Supper following. Our Social Ministry groups were active this year with participation in the Bread of Life Meal Serving Program at Reformation Lutheran Church and collection of food for the Food Pantry at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church throughout the year. The Mt. Carmel group continued their ministry with the residents of Mt. Carmel Nursing Home. We continued our support to Southwest Interfaith Program for the Elderly. Two hundred and nine items were collected to be given to the Guest House for use by the homeless being ministered to there. Throughout the summer months we collected books for the "Books for Kids" program sponsored by the Next Door Foundation and Rainbow Summer. Free Blood Pressure screenings were offered monthly by the nurses of Adoration. In October we participated in the Crop Walk, with 20 people participating in the walk, collecting over \$700. Our Quilting Group met weekly making quilts, school bags, and lap robes for Lutheran World Relief. In December "carollers" visited our shut-ins; the "Mitten Tree" collected 13 hats, 7 scarves, and 34 pair of mittens; and "Operation Christmas" provided 110 gifts for children. During this year a goal was set to raise \$1250 for World Hunger and this goal was more than doubled when at the end of 1991 our total offerings to World Hunger were \$2659! Worship Services during 1991 were held each Sunday at 9 & 10:30 AM, with Summer Services held at 9:30 AM. In July the use of non-alcoholic wine for communion began. The choir sang at several Services throughout the year. Lenten Services were held on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM, preceded by Soup Suppers. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services were also held at 6:15 PM, along with our participation in the Good Friday Ecumenical Service held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church at 1 PM. Easter Services were held at 6:30 AM (Sonrise Breakfast) and 9:00 & 10:30 AM. In June a special Service was offered by the Acacia Theatre entitled "Noah & the Rainbow." Our "Thank-In" Service was held on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 PM. Advent Services were held at 10:00 AM & 6:15 PM on the Wednesdays during Advent, with Soup Suppers preceding the evening Services. Christmas Services were held on Christmas Eve at 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00 PM and A

Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM. Membership at the end of this year was 772 Baptized members and 550 Confirmed members. The average weekly attendance was 259.