

## Adoration's History 1992

The 1992 Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 19. Committee Nites and Church Council Meetings were held monthly throughout the year. In February several members attended the Cluster III Assembly at St. Lukes' Lutheran Church in Greendale; in June Pastor Beutler, Bob Zeit and Jarrell Taylor attended the Synod Assembly at Carthage College.

A Special Congregational Meeting was held on May 31 regarding the following proposal: "Resolved that the congregation of Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church change its Sunday morning schedule so that an educational hour may be provided between services of worship; that the schedule include Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:45 and a separate Sunday School and Adult Education Hour at 9:30; and that this new schedule and education program be implemented in September 1992." Approved by majority of 80% in attendance.

Adult Forums included:

September - "Christian Vote" presented by Ted Steege, Director of Lutheran Office on Public Policy.

October - "A Grand Experience...Doing Theology in the Grand Canyon" presented by Pastor Beutler

"Jonah: The Paranoid Prophet?" presented by pastor Beutler.

"Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care & Living Wills" presented by Mary Mainella, Director of Interfaith Program for the Elderly, southwest.

November - "Ethics & Politics" presented by Dr. Eunice Boyer, Emeritus Professor at Carthage College.

"Understanding Grief & Loss" presented by Pastor Richard Weeden, Chaplain VA Hospital and member of Adoration.

December - "Understanding Grief & Loss" continued

"A Christian Vision of Life" presented by Bishop Peter Rogness.

Worship Services were held at 9:00 & 10:30 AM January through May; 9:30 AM June through August; and 8:30 & 10:45 AM September through December. In addition Worship Services were offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM during Lent and Advent, with Soup/Potato Suppers preceding these Services; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services were held at 6:15 PM; in addition to regularly Service times, a 6:30 AM Service was offered on Easter morning; Christmas Eve Services were held at 4:30, 7:30 & 10:30 PM and Christmas Morning a service was offered at 9:00 AM. The Group "Arts in Motion" presented a performance at a Worship Service in March; and at a Service in May the "Racine Church Singers" sang several selections. The Children's Christmas Program was held on December 20th at 4:00 PM with a Pot Luck Supper following. The average weekly worship attendance was 249.

Great Books continued to meet each month in the homes of members; A Bible Study/Witness group met Sunday mornings June through August; a 'Spring Cleaning Day' was held in April and a 'Fix & Repair Day' in June.

The Women of Adoration continued with their Bible Study groups meeting each month in the homes of members; in February they held a Pre-Lenten evening of prayer & meditation; in March they attended the Women's Day of Renewal; in June they offered a Luncheon & Silent Auction; In July a new group was formed, "Romper Room," offering a morning out for parents and young children; in September a Pot Luck Supper & Silent Auction was held; a "Women's Sunday" was held in October; in November another Day of Renewal was offered; and in December the annual Women's Christmas dinner was held.

The Social Ministry committee offered many opportunities throughout the year including the Mt. Carmel Ministry; Bread of Life inner-city meal program; food barrell; Interfaith for the Elderly-Southwest; World Hunger; Guest House collection (over 250 items collected); Lutheran World Relief Fall Drive (in additon to the congregation's offerings, the quilters provided 100 quilts, 38 lap robes and 50 school bags); the Mitten Tree provided 87 items and Operation Christmas offered 100 gifts to needy children.

In February the Confirmation Students participated in an evening of pizza and a concert presented by the group "Conerstone" at Christ Church. In March they visited a deli and Synagogue. In September the Confirmation Students formed the A.L.Y.C. (Adoration Lutheran Youth Council). They went on a hayride in November and held a Lock-In in December.

Ending Membership in 1992 was: 557 Baptized members and 780 Confirmed members