

## **Synopsis of Church Council Meeting March 15, 2011**

- Judy Baker, Executive Director of ALOA (Association of Lutheran Older Adults) brought us information about revisions being made by ALOA, which is a resource of the Lutheran Church to help meet the needs of senior Lutherans. Included in these revisions is a name change. The acronym ALOA will now stand for "Adult Lutherans Organized for Action". Their new mission statement will be "to empower mature adults to celebrate and serve". Good Shepherd supports ALOA financially (\$200.00 per year) and we also provide them with office space in our Education Unit. They give us a donation of \$250.00 per quarter for the office space. Council approved providing them with office space on an on-going basis.
- We are maintaining a positive cash flow and have \$12,524.13 cash on hand through January 31, 2011. Thank you for your faithful support.
- Council discussed a new Service Contract for our church office copier which will save us about \$300.00 per month.
- A new office layout is being considered which will improve the arrangement and usage of the office equipment.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for July 18-22, with Debbie DeVilbiss as Director. Fund-raisers are planned to provide financial backing for VBS including a Bob Evans Day, Don Bennett's weight loss challenge, and the Talent Show on Sunday evening April 3, 2011. The recent Dinner Dance held at Good Shepherd netted us \$150.00 for VBS. Thank you for ALL of your support!
- Easter Prayer Vigil will be held beginning at 9:00 P.M. on Good Friday, April 22nd and ending at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 23rd. Please consider signing up for service at the Prayer Vigil. A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex.
- Tentative plans were discussed for our annual Stewardship Program to be held prior to the August/September time period during which Council will be working on the budget.
- Scout Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011.
- Confirmation will be held at a joint service at 10:00 A.M. on May 8, 2011.