

Council President 2009 Annual Report

Dear Friends in Christ,
The Lutheran Church of the Master Council worked hard and prayerfully accomplished a number of items this year. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord and do the church's work.

2009 in Review

Worship Attendance: Similar to 2008, LCM saw an increase in average weekly attendance by one percent. This was the highest average weekly attendance since 2002. It is hoped that this trend will continue at an even higher rate in the future.

Finances: We were very blessed financially and were able to meet our proposed budget and continue to reduce our mortgage balance during 2009. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for details.

50th Anniversary: We have funded and planned for the church's 50th anniversary. We all look forward to this glorious celebration in 2010.

Outreach: We participated in many successful outreach missions including, Winterfest and Summerfest. The Point of Grace concert at Summerfest attracted more than 600 people and was a smashing success. See the Outreach Team Report for more information.

Nursery at the West Campus: A new commitment was made to the nursery at the West Campus and positive results already have been seen.

Vacation Bible School: VBS at both sites continues to grow and be fruitful.

Preschool: The Alleluia! Preschool continues to be successful and show growth.

Institute for Lutheran Theology: We continue to be actively committed to the Institute for Lutheran Theology. John Lewis is now taking his seminary level course work through ILT.

Budget Process: We have implemented a specific organizational plan for gathering information for the budget. Special thanks to Larry Beldin for this.

Worship and Music: Special thanks to the excellent work done by the praise teams, choirs and all those who contribute to the excellent worship experience we have at LCM.

Sound System East Campus: We all are enjoying the new sound system provided at the East Campus. The sound difference is amazing and truly enhances the worship experience.

There are many other accomplishments for the year that are well represented by the Council members in their various reports. As you read them, please consider participating in one of the many ministries at LCM.

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Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work within LCM. All of you generously give your time, talents and treasures to support the church and grow its mission.

For those Council members whose term expires this year, we thank you for your service to Council. Your ability to work as a team and complement others is outstanding.

LCM staff is unsurpassed. They work hard each day (with smiles on their faces!) to operate the church and all of its ministries without complaint. We offer our thanks to each of you.

Finally, special thanks to our pastoral staff. Pastors Kip Tyler, George Megard, April Dietz and intern John Lewis are unsurpassed in preaching the Word and their tireless commitment to LCM's ministries programs and their love for the Lord reflects on all of us.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you on the LCM Council team.

In Christ,

Christopher Hoyme
LCM Church Council President