

## **LCM Women's Ministry Council 2009 Annual Report**

Our four circles continue to meet monthly at the church or in homes to study Scripture.

Thanking God on Wednesday/TGOW meets weekly during the school year. TGOW offers additional studies, a children's program for 3 - 5-year-olds, babysitting and fellowship.

Women of the Word is an organization of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ Heartland District. The district WOW meets quarterly and sponsors events for all women of the Heartland District of which LCM is a member.

Other Bible study opportunities include a Women's Saturday Morning Study at Panera Bread at Oakview Mall, Pastor Kip Tyler's Thursday morning study and Pastor George Megard's Friday morning study - both at the church, and finally the Gab and Grow group meets Mondays around the noon hour.

Offerings collected at the circle meetings support stewardship programs such as the Haitian mission, Restored Hope, AAA Center for Pregnancy Counseling and Hope Center for Kids. Donations in 2009 totaled approximately \$2,000.

Our stewardship emphasis encourages members to be involved in ongoing projects in support of Lutheran World Relief. This year, more than 200 quilts, 60 health kits and more than 100 school kits were provided. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has knitted or crocheted more than 1,100 shawls designed to comfort those in need since it began three years ago.

LCM women periodically visit, serve refreshments and play Bingo with residents of the Millard Good Samaritan Home. LCM members also have an opportunity to serve their fellow members at the time of a death by providing food and help for a lunch following a funeral service.

In February 2009, the Women's Ministry was the host for the Lutheran Women of Omaha Luncheon.

We look forward to the opportunities to serve our congregation with the 50th anniversary events in 2010 as we continue to learn and enjoy fellowship in Christian love.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Holt, secretary