



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

**Sunday School** – The beginning of our Sunday School year started off with a full house of teachers and students. The attendance has averaged 90 per Sunday, in a combination of students, adults and teachers. In order to keep expenses down the decision was made to re-use previous years' curriculum to the extent possible. A special thanks to Anna Kitzmiller, our Sunday School Coordinator, who has yet again done an outstanding job with all aspects of ensuring Sunday School continues to run smoothly. We have a dedicated and caring group of Sunday School teachers who fully engage our youth in the teaching of God's ways. A special thanks to this year's Sunday School teachers and helpers: Karen Phelps, Sherry Owens, Melissa Stuart, Sherrie Thompson, Jeanette Ciccone, Susan Groff, Rachael Yonkers, Nancy Campbell, Sarah Kolbe, Carol Blatt, Andre Dangin, Ann Scopel, Kathy Dangin, David Hickin, Vicki Williams, Anna Kitzmiller, Tim Schwartz, Barbara Harris, Glenn Wolfgang, Jean Wolf, Amare Merz, Mary Jo Gebhardt, Sheila Poole, Julie Fowler.

The Sunday School offering recipient for the 2006/2007 school year was Camp Victor for their support of individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina. A check for \$274.50 was mailed. The first half of the 2007 Sunday School year Lutheran Campus Ministries benefited from our Sunday School offerings. A check for \$99.31 will be mailed to LCM.

**Confirmation** – Last summer, the decision was made to change the confirmation classes from a 3 year to a 2 year program. The focus of confirmation has been refined but continues to be on the essentials of the Lutheran faith. Pastor Wendy and Pastor Greg continue their leadership of the confirmands, with each class having several guides to help assist. Family Day continues on the first Sunday of the month where parents have been enjoying worship services and skits performed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands. Parents have also gathered with other parents to benefit from the teachings of Dr. Kevin Leman as we preview and discuss the video series "Running the Rapids, Guiding Teenagers through the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence." Thanks to our confirmation guides and supporters for their constant care and support: Ann Scopel, Suzie Brown, Vicki Williams, Julie Fowler, Kristee Camilletti, Sandy Griese and all parents.

**Adult Education** – Adult offerings this year have been The Beloved Disciple, Following John to the Heart of Jesus, Reclaiming the L Word, Honoring our Neighbor's Faith. Thank you to our adult education ministers: Barbara Harris, Glenn Wolfgang, Jean Wolf, Amare Merz.

**Special Highlights** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bible Bowl, Cupid's Café, Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, 17 eighth-grade confirmands affirmed their Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, 2007, VBS, Christian Educators Workshop with 13 participants, Rally Day for students, Operation Christmas Child—42 gift boxes prepared by our youth for children in need; care package for Rob Frick, Christmas program.

I would like to welcome Vicki Williams as the new Director of Christian Education for Saint Nicholas and thank her for responding to this call. As I reflect on the year 2007, I am truly grateful for all the wonderful people of Saint Nicholas whose commitment to God's children is evident in so many ways. Through their gifts of love and dedication they have made our education program strong. Furthermore, I am thankful for the opportunity that was granted to me and I look forward to serving the congregation in new ways.

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