

## WELCOMING MINISTRY MINUTES

August 8, 2017

Attending: Pastor Erik, Carole Scott, Brenda Tubbs , Janet and Bill Witt and Juanita Stephenson.

Pastor Erik opened with prayer. First timers Carole Scott and Janet and Bill Witt were welcomed to the meeting. A little of the ministry background was discussed.

- 1) The first item up for discussion was New Member Classes. Brenda shared her experience when joining Holy Trinity as did Carole. Janet and Bill shared their experience at their former congregation in Simi Valley. There were about three classes along with some present members of the congregation as well as a potluck meal. This gave new members an opportunity to really get acquainted with church members as well as learning about the denomination and bible study.

We decided that we should try a similar approach so the Weds. dates of October 4, 11. And 18 were chosen to begin. Pastor has names of approximately eight family/individuals who he believes will be interested in attending such meetings. We will work to attach present Holy Trinity members as Welcomers with those attending thereby giving opportunity to become better acquainted and learning about Holy Trinity ministries as well as the Lutheran theology. Pastor and Jennifer will make contact with the prospective attendees and the Ministry members will contact "Welcomers." Details will be presented in the upcoming September Tempo.

- 2) Carole discussed the Welcome Mugs. She feels instead of having visitors stand or raise their hands during the announcements it could be a better approach to have the "Welcome" table available with someone to "man" it where visitors could pick up their mugs. She also suggested some kind of information in the mugs which would give the numbers to contact the pastors in an emergency.
- 3) Pastor talked about the several page booklet/brochure the church in Agoura has had printed (in house). It is a picture booklet which covers all the necessary information (times, names, addresses, etc. where events take place as well as committees and seasonal events.) This is something that Holy Trinity could put together to give to visitors and for members to give friends and neighbors. Brenda will look into the "hows and wherefores."
- 4) There was some discussion of the Welcome Table. Best of all would be someone to man each Sunday. Work to be done.

Meeting closed. Thanks to all who attended

Juanita Stephenson