



## Christian Education Board 2011 Annual Report

Another year has passed filled with many joyous, educational and wonderful moments in our youth programs. The successes we shared are due to the hard work of our youth group leaders, nursery attendants, Jr. Choir leaders, Christian Education Board and our talented teachers and guides.

The following is a list of youth activities that were completed in 2011.



(June/July/August). An activity class was offered for the kids during church services. Adult volunteers alternated working with the class. Thank you to all of our volunteers for keeping the kids interested for the summer months (average attendance 8-10).



The theme was SonSurf Beach Bash. Approximately 45 kids attended. We had 6 youth helpers and 11 adults (includes opening/closing leader, teachers, guides, cooks, decorators and helpers). We had a family get-together on the last night enjoying popcorn and ice cream floats.



122 people attended the official beginning of the church school year. Chalk artist, Terri Bond, entertained us with creating art and listening to music. Her finale with using florescent chalk was amazing. Our church was decorated with "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."



Our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes participated in Faith Journey, a rotation program. Classes rotate to a different workshop for four weeks to learn one Bible story in different ways. This repetition helps with memory retention and provides opportunities for in-depth exploration. Our teachers prepare only one lesson for two weeks. Our three-year-old and preschool class was taught by Annel Olthof who creates her own rotation curriculum. Our Jr. and Sr. High classes are team taught with David C. Cook curriculum. Thank you to Colleen Clark, Betsy Peterson, Annel Olthof, Carole Dusterwinkle, Christy Williams, Kim Chappell, Taren Keith and Lisa English.



Prior to attending classes, our preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes sing songs, hear a lesson, take an offering, sing the doxology and say the Lord's Prayer.

#### ACOLYTES



We had 4-6 students participate in the worship service by lighting and extinguishing the altar candles.



Our students, three-yr.-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, participated in a program called "A Living Advent Calendar." Children displayed symbols of the Biblical overview of Jesus' birth through the window of a life-sized calendar.



Our Christmas program for our three-yr.-old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes was called “The Night Before.” The program used the structure of the familiar poem to tell the story of Jesus’ birth.



The choir consists of 8-10 regular members. They practice 15 minutes following church school and perform on the last Sunday of the month. They are becoming very professional under the direction of Heidi Tice and Kristi Kriger. Thank you Heidi and Kristi.



Margo DeHaan, Tricia Ceja-Torres and Henney Tice give tender loving care to our babies through 2 year olds. Our attendance varies each week.



We use a point system for awarding attendance, knowing a Bible verse, bringing their Bible, singing in the Jr. Choir, acting as acolytes, and praying in class. These points are used to “purchase” prizes from our glass display case.



Memorial Day Parade – Beach items containing VBS information was distributed during the Old Fashioned Days Parade in May.



*MS & HS Classes* Made to Make a Difference – Our middle and high school classes participated in a program called “Made to Make a Difference” by Max Lucado. Four sessions offered Biblical insight into how God uniquely creates students with certain passions, talents, and interests to impact the world for Christ. Thank you to Kim Chappell and Colleen Clark for teaching this series.

Our Christian Education Board members include: Annel Olthof, Betsy Peterson, Joy Oleen, Deb Bos, Whitney Jensen and Gina Sharlow. Christy Williams was the Superintendent and Mary Keith was the Director of Christian Education.

I have been happy to serve as the Director of Christian Education and thank you for the opportunity to work with the young people of this church. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our programs. Please continue your prayers for our youth and our programs. I’m looking forward to a year full of possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Keith, Director of Christian Education