

Pastor's Report Items
May 13, 2008

1. We are in the process of completing the Lilly Foundation Sabbatical Grant Request. It will be for the amount available of \$45,000. Of this amount, \$10,000-15,000 will be going to the church to help facilitate ministry while I'm gone. We should hear back from Lilly in Oct-November 2008 timeframe. The sabbatical is tentatively planned for May-August 2009 if we receive the grant and adjusted accordingly if we do not receive the grant. There is a question about Pastoral Supply during the sabbatical and by the end of 2008 we will probably need to make some decisions: One pastor or multiple pastors involved in conducting Sunday Services? Weekend or Full-time Supply? Local or non-local? I'm very appreciative to those who have helped guide this process, form the vision and write the grant: Ginni Young, Pete Luitwieler, Bob Mentzel, Jill Provenzano and Jim Brill.
2. Clergy Evaluation - I've met with Pete Luitwieler and we are in the process of developing an excellent evaluation tool per the requirements of the goal of our Council and Leadership Retreat in February.
3. Pr. Dan and Alta B. 50th Ordination appreciation will be this weekend (May 18) and we will be honoring them publically for his leadership and ministry at Fellowship as mission developer, first called pastor and 50 years of ordained ministry by the naming of the new education center in his honor. The proposed wording is: "The Reverend Dr. Dan and Alta Bruensbach Education Center" This will be unveiled during the morning services. Pr. Jean DeVoll-Donaldson, Asst. to the Bishop will be with us for this occasion.
4. I'll be out of town over the weekend of May 24 -25, 2008 to attend the graduation of my niece in Houston. Dr. Ed Decker will be leading worship and preaching.
5. As we think about Long Range Planning, revisiting our Staff Plan (developed in 2003) should be included as well as the LR Budget items.
6. The excitement is starting to form for the start of the building and for the Christ-Care ministry. These will be two very important events in the life of the congregation. We have had updates on the building and now Sharon Russ and Jennifer Guel who attended the Christ-Care training are willing to attend an upcoming council meeting to share with you the vision and strategy for Christ-Care. There may also be other Ministry Team or staff we would like to invite.
7. Thank you for your service to the church. God Bless you...