

Congregation Council

2011 Annual Report

2011 was a great year to be on Church Council. In addition to watching many ministries grow and evolve, we were also blessed to steward the gifts funded by our congregation's Ministry Challenge and participate in the planning for our 50th Anniversary.

The past year included some changes in the council meeting agenda. One of our favorite new items is called the "Feedback Forum." During this time, council members are invited to discuss any ministry opportunities, celebrations, or challenges that we have personally encountered or heard about from fellow congregants. This enables the council to address and react to the broader needs of our congregation. We welcome you to bring your ideas and concerns to any member of the 2012 council so that we can continue these important discussions.

We also gained a deeper understanding of our staff's needs in 2011. At each meeting, we invited a different staff member to provide the council an overview of their role and give us insight on how the church can help their ministries to grow. Most importantly we were reminded how blessed we are to have such dedicated staff members engaged in the day-to-day activities of our church.

This year, my role as President will conclude as well as the terms of the following council members: Katy Martin, Tim Staycer, and Marji Wilkens. In addition to their council involvement, they participate in many of our BLC ministries and have brought a great depth of faith to our council. We also want to thank our Youth Representative, Hannah Drawbridge. Her sincere commitment to her role on council and her insightful questions were a value to us all.

I also want to thank the council members who will continue their terms in the coming year: Michael Breed, Gwen Humphrey, Gary Kloehn, Sandy Lakey, Mark Reynolds, Skye Svenningsen, and Lori Wolf. We look forward to welcoming new council members and conducting the business of the Church, always remembering to be good stewards of our congregation's gifts.

As we look to 2012 and beyond, please feel free to contact any of the council members with your ideas, questions or concerns so that we can work together to make BLC a place where all are welcome.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Anderson, Council President