Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation’s finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?” During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Ever attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. This procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday Worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Scandia Stewardship Committee
The Scandia Church Council met Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 8:00 PM with the following members present: Tim Ostrem, Ron Lounsbery, Dale Petersen, Chuck Ostter, Roger Blake, Steve Knutson, Mike Satter, Jim Nelson, Paul Buckneberg, Tim Eide, Philip Christofferson, Judy Hansen, Joyce Vasgaard, Richard Vasgaard and Pastor Fedde.

President’s Report
Scandia received a call from a Pastor who is interested in interviewing for our pastor.

Pastor Fedde spoke on the upcoming ballot issues about abortion and marriages. He passed out literature from Focus on the Family. After a lengthy discussion, it was the general consensus of the council not to put this particular literature in the Sunday Bulletin but instead if Pastor Fedde wanted to put together scripture based resources, he could do so. He also spoke on his concerns about the new hymnals and the changes in the wording in them.

Board Reports
Stewardship
Finalizing the plans for the Dave Ramsey program that will be offered to the congregation.

Property
The work on the parsonage is almost complete. General discussion was held about the rain gutters. The furnaces have been serviced this fall. Need to check if the furnaces for the Fellowship Hall were also checked.

Mission & Outreach
A representative from the Gideon’s will speak at a Sunday worship service this fall.

Music & Worship
October 29 is Reformation and Confirmation. The Confirments Faith Statements will be heard on Wednesday evening, October 25 at 7:30PM. The Deacons and President need to be present that evening.

Old Business
Tim made a motion to give LSS $200 for their fund raising drive. Judy seconded it and motion passed. General discussion was held regarding World Hunger Appeal and giving to missions in general. We should be doing more.

After reviewing both bids for leasing a copier, Jim made a motion to accept the bid from A & B Business to lease the copier for about $80.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Tim and motion passed.

New Business
Sarah Thompson has requested to become a member of Scandia. Will need more information and then will act on request.

Prayer Concerns:
Abby Logue, Joel Vasgaard, Cheryl Polley, Sharon Johnson, Stanley Knudson, Verda Erickson, Lucille Hisel, Fern Knutson, Dana Knudson, Jenny Peterson and Ron Peterson.

A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Mike to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Joyce Vasgaard, Secretary
Confirmation

We welcome these Confirmands as adult members of Scandia Lutheran Church.

Kelsey Pearl Brue
Chase Ryan Crelly
Cory Daniel Cunningham
David Erik Diercks
Ashley Nicole Eilmes
Jeremy Benjamin Nelson
Chelsey Jo Rist

New Member

We welcome Sarah Thomson as a new member of Scandia Lutheran Church.

Sarah plans on attending Seminary School to become a Minister.

Sarah is the daughter of Jim & Kathy Thomson of Centerville.

Baptized in Christ

Brooke Helen Pingrey
October 15, 2006
Daughter of Tony & Jessica Pingrey
Sponsors:
Jenny Johnson
Nick Pingrey
Gregory & Kristen Birgen

Ciara Kimberley Velasquez
October 29, 2006
Daughter of Kara & A.J. Velasquez
Sponsors:
Derek Rederth
Kirsten Rederth
Derek Velasquez
Darren & Jodi Tieman

Kara Rae Velasquez
October 29, 2006
Daughter of Kara & A.J. Velasquez
Sponsors:
A. J. Velasquez

Announcements & Thanks

Bridal Shower for HEIDI SHUBECK on Saturday, November 11 from 9:30—11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Heidi is the bride to be of Chris Wentzlaff. Please bring your favorite recipe.

Thanks to the Scandia Angels who are cleaning the church during this time when we do not have a custodian. We don’t know who you are...but your work is so much appreciated! We are still looking for a part-time custodian. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Scandia Women Christmas Luncheon
December 6 @ 12:30PM
Hostess—All Circles
Location—Fellowship Hall
Bring a Guest!

100th Anniversary Cookbook
Looking for all cooks interested in making a keepsake cook book to commemorate our church’s 100th Anniversary. Recipes should be printed or typed, no abbreviations and be sure to include your name. A drop off bag is located in the Church Library to collect your church recipes. What a great way to celebrate cooking traditions for generations to come! If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Joyce Vasgaard (238-2969) or leave a message at the church office.
November Birthday’s and..... & Anniversaries

   Ronald Lounsbery 16. Callie DeBondt
   Marissa Meyer 17. Jessica Pingrey
10. Justin Schoepf 22. Rebecca Roth
    Jean Smith 18. Tammy Bobzin
    Brenda Jensen 23. Lisa Vasgaard
    Sharon Johnson 26. Sandra Pederson
    Dana Knudson 19. Dorothy Hanson
    Virginia Peterson 23. Chelsey Rist
13. Ethan Cunningham 27. Sandra Pederson
    Rachel Evans 18. Adam Buckneberg
    Scott Hookie 28. Christian Krohg
    Diane Kieffer 20. Dean Austin
   Jessica Pingrey 22. Shane Nelson
   Mariam Begeman 23. Christian Krohg
   Tammy Bobzin 19. Chelsey Rist
   Adam Buckneberg 20. Christian Krohg
   Dorothy Hanson 26. Chelsey Rist
   Shane Nelson 27. Dean Austin
   Christian Krohg 25. Dean Austin
   Shane Rist 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   Dean Austin 27. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   Virginia Peterson 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   Annabelle Andal 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   Mary Gilmore—86 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   Thomas Jensen 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
   John Stuntebeck 28. Boyd & Loreen Knudson
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