

CLC Planning Committee

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Common Themes from Congregation Survey

Where do we go from here?

Background

This report is designed to provide all members of Christ Lutheran Church with an opportunity to review the outcome of the survey results gathered during the 2nd half of 2008. The survey was designed to gather input from a cross section of the congregation on priority of church functions and activities. The results of this input will be used to help shape the direction recommended for church staffing needs after Pastor Peterson's retirement effective 12/31/2008.

Survey Question Selection

The survey questions used were adopted from the standard Mission Profile document that would be filled in if we decide to call another pastor. The group felt this was a good place to start because many of the questions are focused on what is important from the member perspective.

Survey Inputs

The survey questions were sent out to all 450 member families of the congregation; 62 surveys representing about 100 members were returned. In addition, the CLC Planning Committee members met with key stakeholder groups to gather collective input to the same survey questions. Approximately 100 people from the following groups participated in this survey:

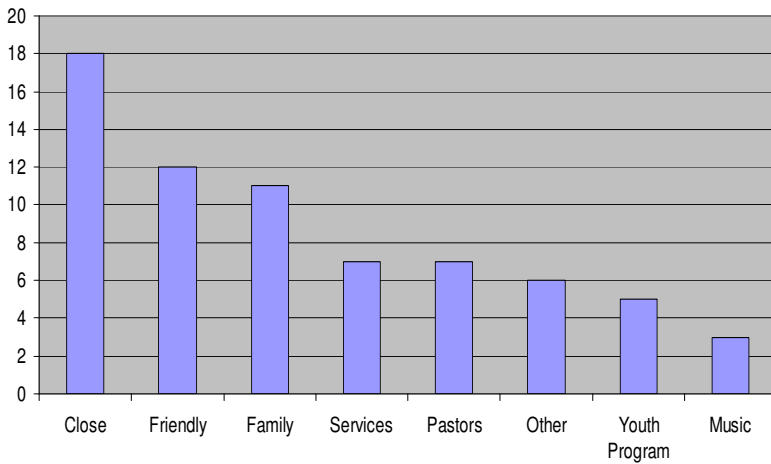
- Alieus (Glory Bee Band)
- Altar Guild
- Choir
- Church Council
- Men's Bible Study
- Office Staff
- Pastor Jerry Olson
- Quilters
- Sunday Adult Education
- Women's Bible Study
- Youth Education

Survey Results

The survey results are summarized here. Copies of the completed surveys with detailed comments are available in the Friendship room.

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Survey Results

Q1. Why do you choose Christ Lutheran Church for your worship home?



Our membership levels have been fairly even over the past 10 years while the DeForest community has nearly doubled in that time frame.

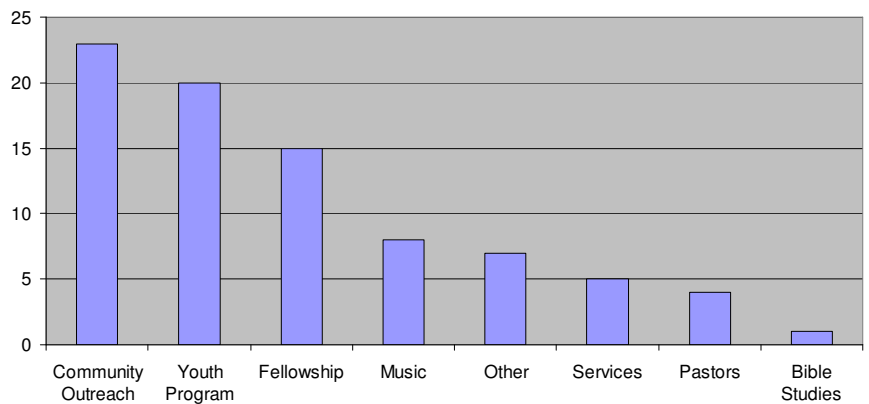
Survey results show that traditional measures like proximity and family members are the biggest factor in choosing CLC.

Q2. What are the most exciting things about our congregation?

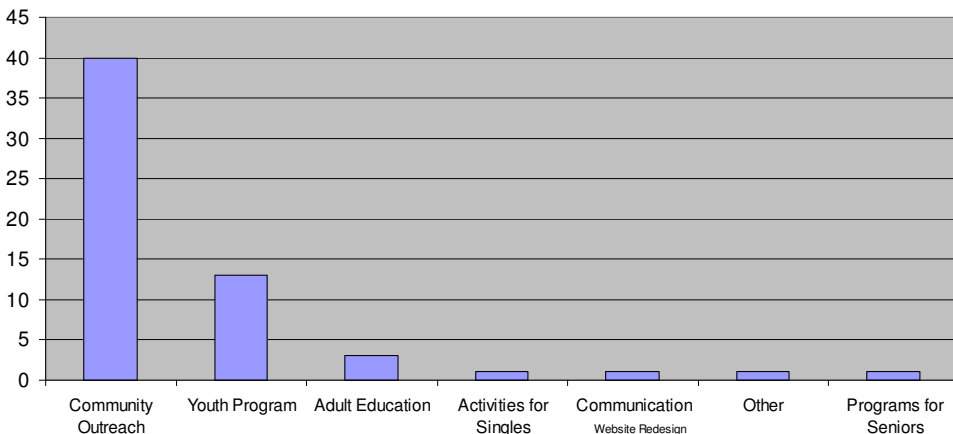
CLC members appreciate being part of an altruistic church body willing and able to help others in need.

We are seen as a model for our youth education program.

Opportunities to gather outside a traditional worship service are also important to our members.



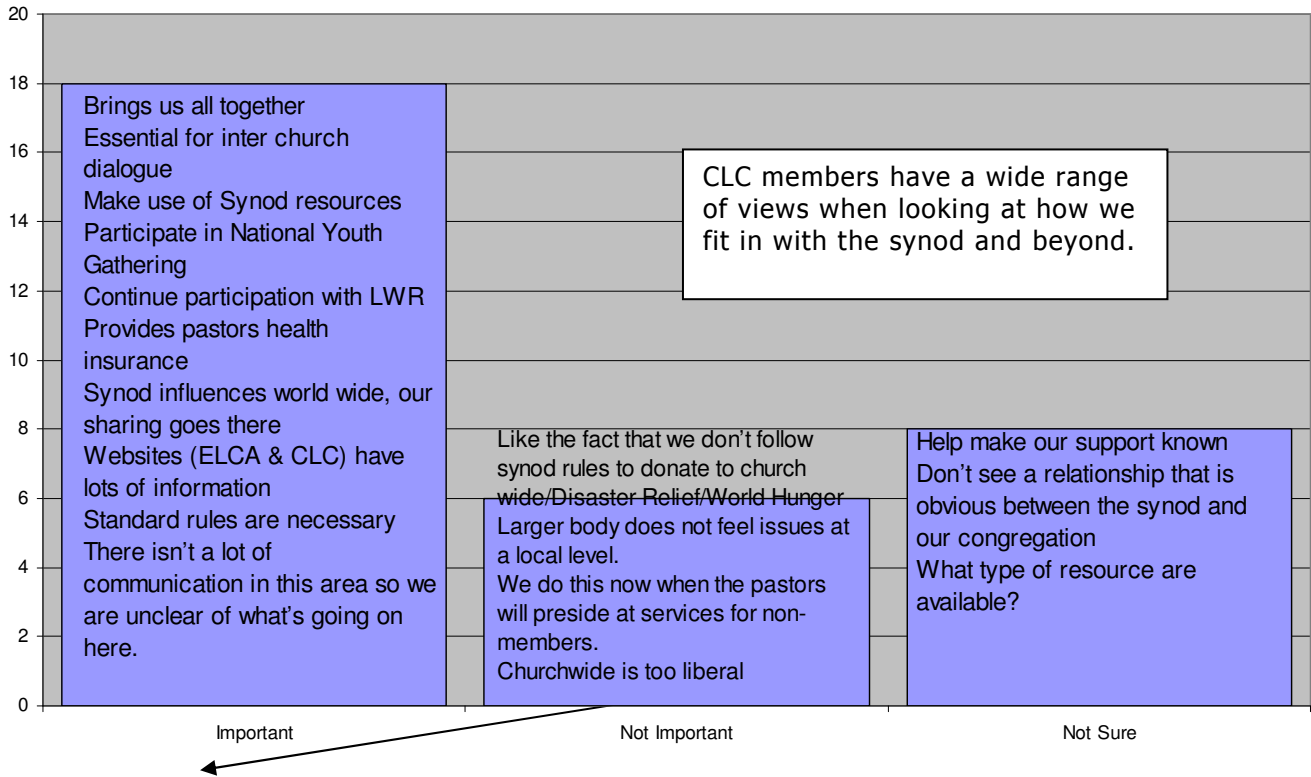
Q3. Within our community, what outreach programs should Christ Lutheran Church be instituting in the next 5 years?



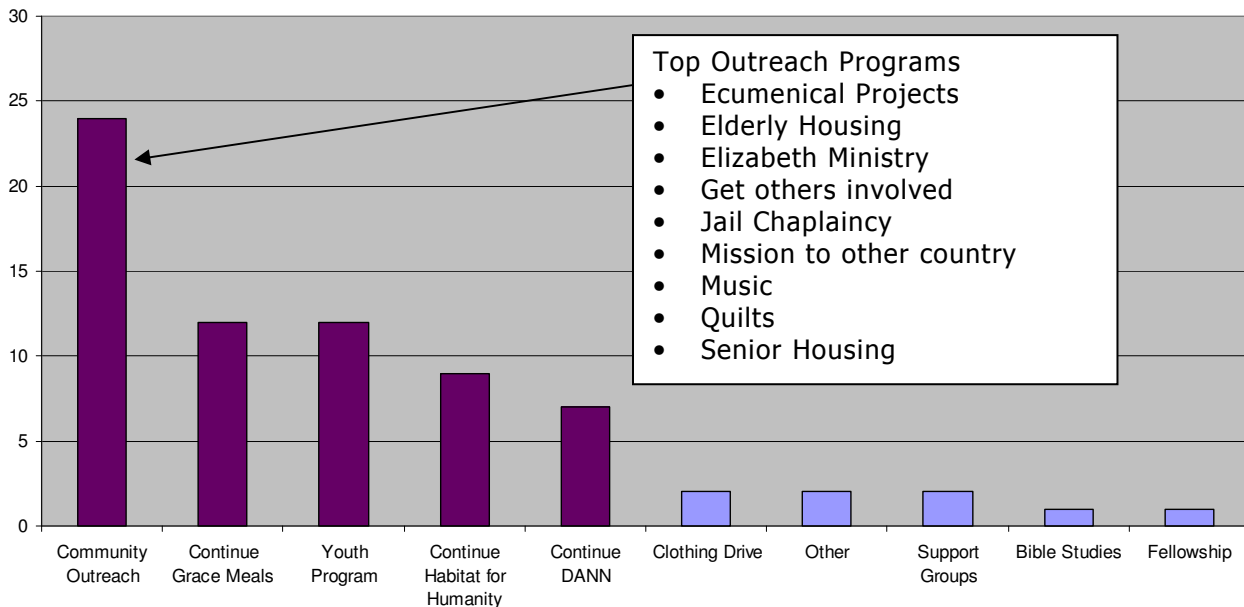
We feel strongly about the commitment to community outreach programs. Comments in the surveys typically start with "please continue..." and then go on to name: DANN, Grace Meals, Habitat for Humanity, Food Drive, Giving Tree, CareNet, provide ceremonies for non-members, meals for needy, etc.

Results here led the CLC Planning Committee to further explore the specific skills needed to perform these roles to help identify staffing options.

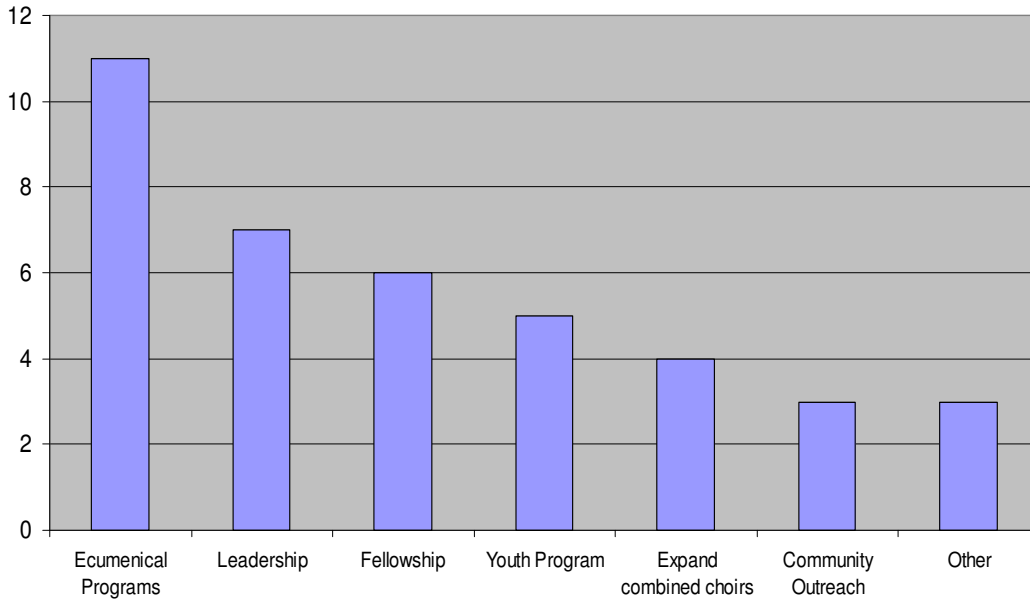
Q4. How important is Christ Lutheran Church's participation in the larger church body (synod & church wide) to the health of our congregation? Please explain.



Q5. What are the 3 most important Mission Programs offered by Christ Lutheran Church? What programs should Christ Lutheran Church develop in mission to the community and beyond?

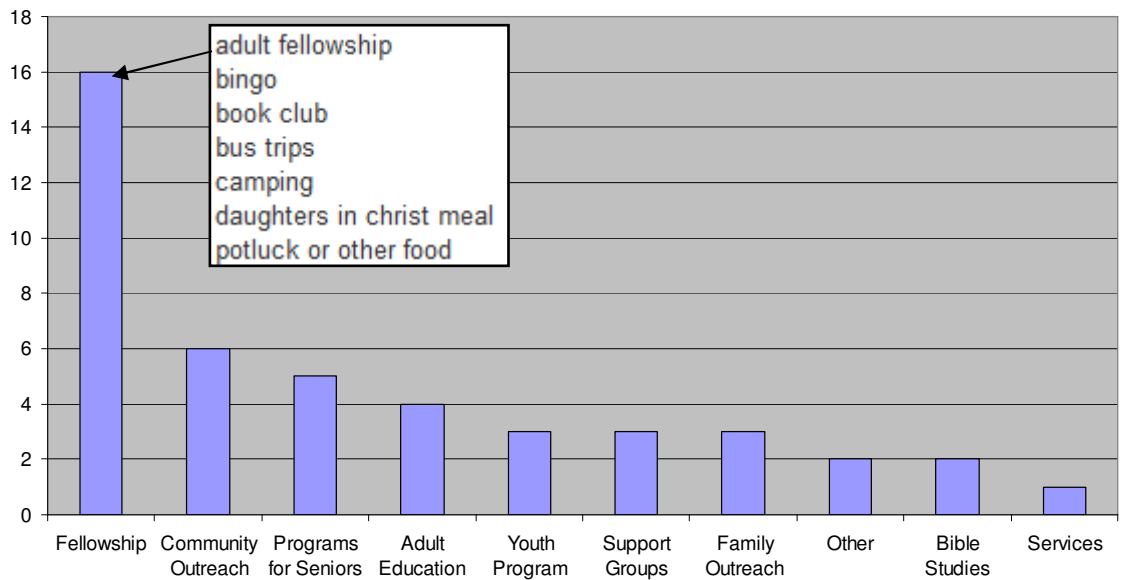


Q6. How do you think Christ Lutheran Church can help increase ecumenical cooperation in DeForest?



Our commitment to being a leader in driving ecumenical programs throughout the community continues to be a strong theme.

Q7. What activities or programs, that you would participate in, would you like to see at Christ Lutheran.



Fellowship activities suggested here don't necessarily require a pastor to lead but do suggest that additional focus on this area could yield more cross member participation in activities outside traditional worship services.

adult fellowship
 bingo
 book club
 bus trips
 camping
 daughters in christ meal
 potluck or other food

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What do you think?

Please let us know your thoughts about this update by returning the bottom part of this form to church or contacting a planning committee member.

Yes, looks like the planning committee is on the right track with gathering and reporting feedback, please continue to publish more information as you make decisions.

Hmm, I have concerns that don't look they are being addressed, please contact me at: _____

Proverbs 16:9
A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.