



Living Word Lutheran Church

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Council President's Report for 2009

This has been another exciting year. We had two major celebrations this year: Pastor Lori's 15th anniversary of ordination and Living Word Lutheran Church's 10 year anniversary. Living Word continues to be a conduit for God's work through the congregation with members of Living Word as well as others in our community. Some examples of our ministry are as follows:

- We raised approximately \$15,000 for the building fund.
- Kyle Parade – we had an awesome amount of representation from Living Word. Many of the kids walked beside the float, while others rode comfortably on couches greeting the Kyle community.
- Buda Parade – Flyers informing the community of our Christmas service were passed out to members of the community along the parade route.
- Teams walked through various neighborhoods collecting food for the food pantry.
- We participated in the Water to Thrive program to help those in Africa with funds to drill wells for water.
- We hosted PFLAG meetings.
- This year we offered a Sunday evening service for the community.
- Living Word now has a music director leading the musicians and a choir.
- Consecration Sunday was a success and was celebrated with a potluck dinner.
- A member of Living Word was accepted to seminary and the council has voted to provide some financial support for this calling.
- We contributed school supplies for the children at the Mission in Laredo.
- We adopted kids for Christmas.

2010 will be another year of hard work and continued work serving our Lord.
Respectfully Submitted,

Therese DeMay