

Wartburg Conference 2008 Report

Those serving in churches of the Wartburg Conference met regularly through out 2008 usually on the third Tuesday of the month, meeting on a rotating basis at churches within the Wartburg Conference. At each of these meetings an opportunity was provided for us to Commune together and a chance to share where God is leading the congregations that we have been called to serve God in ministry.

The Wartburg Conference continued to offer scholarships to those who attended the Global Mission Events. We also offered scholarships to those in the conference that attend a class for Life Long Learning for Lutherans sponsored by the Northeastern Iowa Synod. We also supported our youth that attended WIYLDE with scholarships.

We continued our support of the premarital event at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waverly. The program continues to be well received and is beneficial for those in preparation for the wedding and the marriage that follows. This ministry over the years has continued to expand and is a blessing to the Wartburg Conference.

We sponsored a marital retreat lead by Pastor Mark Anderson which gave married couples an opportunity to exam their relationship and how they can scripturally enrich that relationship.

We hosted our now annual feed the synod staff which was well received and an opportunity to thank the synod staff for all that they do.

We encouraged the church leadership to attend the Cedar Valley/North Iowa Forums as an opportunity for continuing education. We also financially supported those events.

We had several churches in the Wartburg Conference offer the Safeguarding God's Children program and plan on offering additional opportunities in 2009.

In ordered to strengthen family ministries we supported two parenting seminars that were held at St John Lutheran Church in Charles City which provided members of the conference a biblical method and resources to raise their children.

The Wartburg Conference is looking for ways that we can share God's story in our Conference as we continue to discover where God is leading and guiding us in ministry through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Respectively submitted
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