

Middle School Ministry  
November 26, 2007  
Present: Lucy Nauman, Anne Werbicki, Christine Schmidt

The meeting was opened with the Prayer of St. Francis.

Christine expressed some concern that we don't seem to be getting much interest or involvement from our young people or their families in our events. Lucy and Anne said we should not feel downhearted, but continue along. The idea of Middle School Ministry is still so new! It is going to take time. We'll need to be patient and persevere. We should not measure our success by the numbers of young people who attend our events.

We have a group of seven attending the Middle School Youth Rally, Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Elms College, four young people and three adults. Christine is completing the paperwork requirements. We'll plan to carpool together on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thirteen young people and four adults met on November 11<sup>th</sup> and crafted six different cards for Christmas, Thanksgiving and Shawl Ministry, totaling over 120 cards! As usual, the cards were really beautiful. Kids and adults had a lot of fun over the course of the afternoon. Lucy would like to extend a special thank you to Diane who has donated all the supplies and time for several years of card making. Lucy will look into a gift certificate for Diane for more Stampin' Up supplies.

We are willing to help the high school youth in any way Deb Robinson thinks would be beneficial for the '5 Alone' concert on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Christine will contact Deb about her needs, including whether or not more musicians from our age group would be appreciated.

The next diocesan YouthServe is tentatively scheduled for the February break 2008. We would like to see about sponsoring another group from our parish to attend, utilizing the same recruitment methods as last June: nominations from catechists with personal invitations sent in the mail. Christine will confirm with Don that the event is still scheduled for February 2008.

We exchanged several ideas for service projects: helping the Food Pantry with holiday baskets; helping seniors with their yard work; performing and visiting at the Senior Center; coordinating something with the Knights of Columbus? We'll continue this discussion at subsequent meetings.

Next meeting is Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, 59 Cheryl Circle.