

life after "journey"

notes from conversation # 3
24 October, 2010

1. SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Just a quick reminder: we are here to proclaim/listen to the word, administer/receive the sacraments, and to carry out god's mission. All our ministries are an expression of that overall mission. Last week, we did a good job thinking outside the budget. However, many of the ideas were within the box – dealing with 10:30-11:45, Sunday mornings, here at 2705 W. Michigan Ave. Today, what I'd like us to do is think outside, think beyond that box and consider ministries that normally wouldn't come to mind. For instance – and this is only a for instance. . . highway churches in Germany. I came across a story in the online edition of the Lutheran magazine that discussed Highway Churches along the autobahns throughout Germany. We could establish such a church or chapel along I-20 and share responsibilities with Christ's/Odessa and Hope/Midland. Again, that's only a for instance to understand what we might begin to consider. . .

2. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- establish a storefront bible study
- work together in mission with Christ's/Odessa and Hope/Midland
- increase the use of the facility by outside groups (like COTJ)
- sponsor special events, i.e., conferences on personal finances, job fairs, etc.
- provide after school tutoring for neighborhood kids
- diversify worship – re: time, style, etc.
- go internet

lead with "lutheran" charisms – grace & mercy

3. NEXT STEP: THINKING INTO THE FUTURE

Our next (final?) meeting will be in two weeks: 2:00pm, Sunday, November 7th, here in the fellowship hall. We'll look at ideas we've thought about and choose what we might begin doing. When I use the word "we", I mean exactly that. With a worshipping attendance of 45-or-so, choosing to stay on the sidelines is a luxury we don't have any longer. So, when we decide what the next step is, it is a step we ALL will need to take. . . together!