

## **Special Meeting of Christ Lutheran Congregation January 25, 2009**

This special meeting, which was called to inform all congregation members of the procedures required to call a new pastor, was opened by President Tom Jackson. There were forty-nine members present.

Jim McDonald, Spiritual Board president then introduced Rev. Steve Misch, Texas District Mission and Ministry Facilitator and Rev. Tim Radkey, Circuit Counselor who attended the meeting to explain the formalities and procedures of the call process.

After offering an opening prayer, Pastor Radkey thanked Pastor Paul for his service. He then explained that the calling process is not always quick. We need to appoint a Call Committee that will submit the multiple forms and paperwork needed and also be our contact with the Texas District. All congregation members will have an opportunity to give their input by completing a Congregational Self Study form.

Pastor Misch also stated the call process can take time. The survey is open to all members and we need to hear from all segments of the congregation – youth as well as adults. A web site is already online [texasmmf.org/0303](http://texasmmf.org/0303). The survey can be completed online or printed. The Call Committee will also have hard copies of the survey available.

Another form called a Congregational Health Study, a facts sheet of congregation history, is a vital tool the District will use to evaluate our congregational needs before they are able to submit the names of compatible candidates.

A closing date of March 15, 2009, was established for the completion and submission to the District president, of both survey forms. The Call Committee will be provided with a book that outlines all the procedures in detail.

We all need to keep this call process in our prayers and the committee is encouraged to communicate and keep every one informed. Pastor Radkey himself and other circuit pastors will help and assist when we have a vacancy.

When all self-studies are completed both pastors will come back and meet with us again.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and the benediction by Pastor Misch.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Jenkins

