

## **SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING**

August 2, 1:00 pm

Our meeting as always began with one half hour of devotions. The only piece of correspondence was a note signed by all the members of the Synod Council that July was the month they prayed for St. Mark's. We have begun taking the time to evaluate individually in 1 or 2 sentences how we are living our Vision Statement in regard to praying, learning, serving daily and bringing others. In this way we also learn from our fellow council members new ways of accomplishing our task. We will be urging team leaders to initiate this practice with their teams. We also encourage you to engage in your own evaluation.

We discussed our upcoming Council Goat for 2009/10, and came up with a list of 7 to refine at our meeting in September. Our meeting ended with the joy of hearing from Barbara and Gretchen Melvin about their mission trip to Nicaragua. Their comments and experiences along with pc video highlights were a blessing. You, too, will have the opportunity to benefit from their experience. Following adjournment and the welcoming of family members, we enjoyed a Barbecue and pool time thanks to the hospitality of our V.P. Ray Hansell and his lovely wife, Karen. Coincidentally, Ray is one of our featured council persons this month along with Nancy Fuson.

Roberta Dukes, President