

St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham Celebrates 5 Years of Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry has become an integral way in which St. John's Church reaches out to its members and community to provide care giving ministry. St. John's Church celebrated its 5th anniversary as a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Since 2005, St. John's Church's Stephen Ministers--all members who have received 50 hours of care giving training—have provided one-to-one Christian care to individual experiencing crises such as the loss of a loved one, divorce, a terminal illness, loneliness, unemployment, hospitalizations, a spiritual crisis, or the birth of a child.

St. John's commemorated the 5th anniversary with a Worship Service focused on care giving, a coffee social on Sunday morning and an informative Sunday school class time about Stephen Ministry on January 16 and 17.

The picture shows past and present Stephen Ministers: Howard Haake, Joyce Miller, Joann Russell, Nancy Marrs--our Coordinator of Christian Caregiving, Joanne Rubel, Rochel Alwardt, Karla Flach, Rosemary Seggelke and Natalie Mellendorf. Not present for the picture: Chris Rogers, Wilbert Schaefer and Mary Brauer.

