

## **First Lutheran Church Social Concerns Committee Report**

*This is the third installment of the monthly report highlighting the activities of a committee here at First Lutheran Church. If you have an interest in participating in the activities of this committee or any other church committee, please call the First Lutheran Church Office (402) 426-4073 for further information.*

The Social Concerns Committee has a three-fold purpose in the life of First Lutheran Church. First, it shares information about social issues both locally, nationally, and internationally. Second, the committee provides opportunities for members of FLC to minister to those who have special and immediate needs. Finally, it provides opportunities for members to work as advocates for the poor and disadvantaged.

Committee members include Lynette Jennings, Trudy Hutton, John Mark Nielsen, Eric Filows, and Jim Peterson who also serves as the Council Representative on the committee.

Some of the activities in the church that the Social Concerns is active include the "Have a Heart for Hunger Campaign", "Mother's Day Ingathering for the Bridge (crisis center for domestic abuse)", "Bread for the World Writing Campaign", "Summer Garden Market", "God's Work Our Hands Program", ELCA World Hunger Appeal, and "Staffing for the Washington County Recycling Center".

Other ministries include the Oak Indian Mission, Lutheran Family Services, ELCA Focus areas such as Malaria, Health Clinics, Habitat for Humanity, Equal Exchange Fair Trade Produce promotions, ELCA Disaster Response Promotions, The Washington County Food Pantry donations, and many others.

The Social Concerns Committee mission is to "participate in God's mission by proclaiming and celebrating the life giving and freeing power of God's undeserved love in Jesus Christ to all people by...bringing reconciliation to a divided world caring for the hurting in society, and advocating for their needs"

Congregational members interested in becoming members of this very dynamic committee are encouraged to email Lynette Jennings at (Brianlynj@abbnebraska.com) or Trudy Hutton at (dhutton@abbnebraska.com.) New members are always welcome and quite frankly are needed.