

## **President's Report**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your faithful presence and grace, now and forever.*

It is with some sadness that I write this report. It has been my honour and privilege to complete my term as President of the congregation. My time on Council has been made easy by the dedication and support of my peers including Blair Kardash, Connie Machmer, Gerald Martin, Angela McDougall, Lynda Anderson and Pastor John.

The calendar year 2007 began with a strong message of stewardship. The congregation did respond as evidenced by our financial health at the end of 2007. Ambitious projects including the establishment of a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Committee and the LCC Open House Committee were both successful initiatives supported by our congregation. The purchase of our beautiful digital piano was one of our highlights. Vice President Blair Kardash continued his ambitious church governance research contacting every branch and committee of Emmanuel Lutheran for his project. This fine work will continue in 2008. Council also officially adopted our Privacy Policy Statement to safeguard personal information entrusted to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and to comply with the requirements of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act.

Council also prepared a survey concerning the Church Picnic. It was the wish of the congregation to continue with the current format of an on site bbq. Last year's Church Picnic featured M & M's mobile bbq with the fixings prepared and served by members of council. The youth used the opportunity to have a dessert auction to help raise funds for their trip to Ottawa.

It was again my honour to conduct an interview with our Parish Worker to share in her many successes and to understand what Council can do to support her and Pastor John in their daily duties.

I would like to thank-you for your support these last four years that I have served on Church Council.

Submitted by Al Bromley, President