

Rejoicing Spirits at Calvary Lutheran Church – January 18th 2009

The theme for this Rejoicing Spirits Sunday was “Listening for God’s Call”



Thanks to Pat Swalm for coordinating the service. Pastor Gwen led us as we learned how God called Samuel. Pastor Gwen asked “Has God ever spoken to you? What did he ask and what did you do?” There were some very special answers.

As usual, the Holy Spirit visited our service – ever present.

We gave glory to God in a way that surely made God smile. We shared Christ’s love, sang about it, heard about it, and prayed.

Following are a few things we heard and experienced in our service this month:

As we sang -

- Theresa led the singers; Mariann played the piano.
- Singers included T.J. and Jean Swalm, Rex and Gwen Llewellyn, Fred, Samantha, and our littlest participant was Ashley who played her drum with gusto.
- He is the King of kings
He is the Lord of lords
His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Oh, he is the King!
- One church, one body, one faith, one Lord.
Together in one Spirit, rejoicing in His Word.

As we read –

- Samantha read the story of God calling Samuel in [1 Samuel 3:2-10](#)
It took awhile for Samuel to realize that it was God, not Eli, calling him. “Samuel said, ‘Speak, Lord. I am your servant and I am listening.’”
- Pastor Gwen preached on the importance of listening for God. Jim Murphy (Eli), Freddie (God) and Rex (Samuel) re-enacted the story of God's call to Samuel, complete with robes.

As we prayed –

- Special prayers were offered by many worshippers
- Fred led us in the Lord’s Prayer

As we shared –

- The snacks were enjoyable, but the "boom box" conveyed the results of the Eagles game.
- Carol expressed her joy in being able to attend. She loves being at Rejoicing Spirits.
- Andrew’s presence was a present to all.
- Hugs and greetings and sincere fellowship

We look forward to worshipping together next month on February 15th in God’s presence as a part of this Rejoicing Spirits community.

May the peace of the Lord be with you,

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