

**Missional Budget  
Alexandria United Methodist Church  
Proposed 2008 Operating Budget**

Your church leadership has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of changing lives for Christ. We celebrated a wonderful year last year and commit ourselves to even more people experiencing the joy of living in Christ in the coming year. Join us in the journey of being God's people in Alexandria.

**OUR PLAN OF MINISTRY**

- A. To provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week of the year.

Last year we held 105 worship services where, in an average week, 202 persons gather to praise God and hear His Word. Six persons became new members for the first time in those services and 27 rededicated themselves to God through membership transfers or professions of faith. Worship attendance in 2006 was 428 at Easter and 621 at Christmas. Christmas worship was highlighted by many from the congregation joining with the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah". This summer's week-long evenings of Vacation Bible School was so completely filled with 60 children, plus adult staff, that without additional building space it is impossible to accept additional children.

Budget Total - \$212,000

- B. To nurture persons in their faith journey through assimilation, Education, congregational care, family life, library, health ministry, task forces, workshops and training.

Budget Total - \$ 82,000

- C. To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves.

In the past two years, 60 persons from our congregation have traveled to Mission, SD during three trips for work projects at the Tree of Life Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. This includes 12 youth, some of whom made two trips to the Mission. The Rosebud Reservation is located in the poorest county in the USA.

Connectional support of our district, conference and general church and attendance at the MN Annual Conference.

Budget Total - \$ 41,000

Total Needed To Fulfill Our Mission - \$335,000

A detailed line item budget is available in the church office for everyone to review.