

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – “Forging Our Future...”

It was a strong kick-off for the Masterplan and a great celebration! Nearly 300 “Mission Partners” met at West Valley College for Palm Sunday Worship that included a brunch as well as the initiation of the Masterplan of becoming **Partners with Jesus to make a difference**. If you missed it you missed a wonderful event (*and contrary to suggestion, we will not have a “brunch” every Sunday as part of worship*). We made the first dispersal of Endowment Funds: \$2000.00 to Bethel Lutheran School for a special reading program; and \$2000.00 to Mission Outreach to bring Pr. Godbless from Tanzania to Bethel sometime in the coming year. We were (and still are) excited to introduce **Seven Initiatives** that address the Masterplan of Partnering with Jesus to make a difference. They Include:

- **Bethel School Initiative**  
As we bring on a new Principal, to continue to grow the school to capacity.
- **Green Initiative**  
Continue to make our facility more energy efficient including roof repairs, siding replacement, new HVAC for the office area, and solar panels. Also, fund raiser for a new Church Van that is more energy efficient.
- **Mission Partner Initiative**  
Continue to develop a stronger sense of what it means to Partner with Jesus in our Ministry and work.
- **Staffing Initiative**  
Begin a process of realigning job descriptions and staff to better serve the Masterplan.
- **Stelling Property Initiative**  
Continue to grow Asian focused ministries including the Good Shepherd Congregation out of the Stelling Site in cooperation with the Synod, ELCA, and Taiwan Lutheran Church.
- **Stewardship Initiative**  
To grow and strengthen all aspects of being Stewards of God’s gifts including financial support for this ministry.
- **Worship Initiative**  
Begin a review (following Easter) of our over-all worship ministries seeking ways to strengthen our worship life. Any changes will begin in the fall of 2008 – watch for ways you can be a part of this important review!