Executive Summary

Inreach and Congregational Care Committee Meeting
October 13, 2022
In Person and via Zoom

1. Topics discussed
    a. Considered the August and September metrics. Saw an increase in hospital visits, including hospice patients. Two Home Communion server gatherings were held in September.
    b. Vern gave an update on the impact of the road construction near Verona campus.
    c. Reviewed highlights from Pr. Sheryl's and Sarah Iverson's committee reports. Sarah met with 17 PrimeTimers for lunch this week. We mulled over new ways to connect members aged 55+. Is it time for a new 60-70s group? Or several groups focused on a discerned need/felt need (anxiety, loneliness, caring for aging parents)? Sarah and Pr. Sheryl will meet to discuss further. Committee will also continue to brainstorm ideas.
    d. Ministry Showcase: Card Ministry - Susie Cramer told us about how this ministry began and how it has grown over the years. 1200-1500 cards are made every year for various ministries (homebound, Keeping the Connection, Confirmation, Baptisms, Food Pantry birthday bags, milestone anniversaries, Music Ministry thank yous, 400+ given out with Thanksgiving meals last year). Susie Cramer and Ruth Paulson co-lead the group and 6-10 women meet most months to create the cards for staff use.
    e. All congregation Worship event November 13th
    f. Judy R. and Judy L. made follow up calls to attendees of the June 23rd New Member Gathering. Calls were well received. Judy L. attended the October 9th New Member Class with 20 or so attendees. Next class will be in January or February 2023. Pr. Sheryl encouraged committee members to attend and to sit at a table with new members as a way to extend a warm welcome.
    g. Heard report about Strategic Planning Leadership meeting held October 4th. Judy L. is the representative from the Inreach Committee for the Internal Relationships "pillar"
    h. Set the next committee meeting date as Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6pm.

2. Requests for board approval - None at this time