

## GSLC Inreach and Congregational Care Committee

### Meeting Minutes of Thursday, August 12, 2021

Via Zoom and In-Person

Present: Cathy Beaty, Pr. Sheryl Erickson, Pr. Mark Renner, Kathie Schroedel, Kimberly King, Vern Andren, Cathy Peercy, Jan Grebel, Pat Westimayer (via Zoom)

Kathie opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer. The minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

#### Metrics for June and July

	June	July
• Monthly Home Communion Calls	2 calls, 2 cards, 30 visits	2 calls, 3 cards, 31 visits
1	▪ Hospital Visits	2
42	▪ Follow Up Contacts	55
	• Elder Phone Calls	
	• Grief Group	N/A
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	• Grief Packets	17 active packet recipients (as of 8/04/21), 6 completed series. (Ministry has been offered for one full year.)
3	• Funerals	2
	• Prayer Chain	13 new, 2 updates
new, 10 updates		10
7	• Stephen Ministry Active Relationships	7
	• PrimeTimers and Widow/Widowers	

- Shepherds Hands working on prayer shawls for church and hats and scarves for food pantry, clothes closet and homeless; prayer shawls - 1
- Card Ministry January - June 468 cards

### Name Tag Sunday

The committee discussed the possibility of having a Name Tag Sunday in September, perhaps timed with the start of Sunday School as suggested by Jessica. Cathy P said she was concerned about the safety of shared markers. Pr. Mark said that perhaps when we can return to our regular communion format instead of individual cups in the pews, we might be comfortable doing name tags. Vern noted that until we can shake hands, we shouldn't share pens. Pat suggested that people could pick up blank tags on Sunday morning, fill them out at home and wear them the next Sunday. Pr. Mark said that would require remembering to bring them on the given Sunday. The decision was made to not attempt a Name Tag Sunday under the current health restrictions.

### Altar Flower Delivery

Pr. Sheryl said that Judy Hoard has posted a sign-up sheet outside the office for buying altar flowers for the Madison campus. Purchases can also be done online. Judy has contacted members of the original delivery team and has people ready to deliver flowers to home-bound members when flowers are purchased.

### Shepherds Hands

Pat reported that the group of about 10 people will meet under the tent at Verona campus this month. Starting next month they will alternate between campuses, odd-numbered months at Madison and even at Verona. Pr. Sheryl recommended that Pat follow up on her space requests with Rick Thomas. Kathie said the group is working mostly on hats and scarves looking ahead to the fall and winter needs in the Clothes Closet.

### Budget Approved

Cathy B said the Inreach budget proposal was approved at the Town Hall Meeting on July 18. Vern reported that the Church Board had no argument with the budget request, so the request was approved as presented by Pr. Sheryl.

### Wedding and Funeral Coordinators

Pr. Sheryl announced that coordinators for weddings and funerals are again actively involved with planning and facilitating those activities. Wedding Coordinators are Cathy Beaty, Jan

Grebel and Linda Hoffman Olson. Funeral Coordinators are Linda Hoffman Olson and Emily Moll Thompson.

### 20s&30s Gathering

The committee reviewed Sarah I's report on the successful gathering for the 20s&30s group. Thirty young people attended a casual event held under the tent at Verona campus hosted by Sarah and Becca. More gatherings are planned.

### New Member Gathering

A new member gathering is scheduled under the Verona tent at 11:15 am on August 22nd. Cathy P and Vern from the Inreach Committee and Kyoko and John from the funeral service team will help with set-up, serve the meal and visit with the attendees. The meeting and final cleanup should conclude by 1pm - 1:30 pm.

Pr. Mark presented an informative handout which covers what it means to be a Lutheran. He asked the committee to review the paper and give him feedback. The paper may become part of the new member packets in the future.

Vern volunteered to do devotions for the next committee meeting to be held Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6 pm in the Good Shepherd room at Madison campus. A zoom link will be provided for those who will not be able to attend in person. The committee closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Peercy, Vice Chair