

DEACON MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2008

Karen Blomberg and 22 deacons met in the Haverkamp Room on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

The “old” and “new” deacons introduced themselves to each other. The old deacons described deacon duties and the new deacons asked questions about their future responsibilities as deacons.

Invitation to Serve Communion: Elder Anne Pickett, representing the Worship Committee, invited the deacons to help the church by serving communion, which takes place approximately once a month. She said that there are 248 slots a year to fill. Four servers are needed at the early service and 8-10 servers are needed at the 11:00 service. Anne passed around a sign up sheet with the communion dates and asked that deacons contact her with their availabilities.

Easter Flowers: Anne also told the deacons that Easter memorial flower contributions will be different this year. Members can make memorial contributions in Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour the three Sundays preceding Easter. The contributions will be used to fund two large arrangements (instead of individual flowers) for Easter Sunday and the remaining money will be sent to the orphanage in Kenya.

Deacon Schedule: Barbara Watts distributed copies of the deacon schedule for 2008. We are implementing a new system suggested by a steering committee last year. The deacons have been divided into four teams and each team is responsible for specific duties (flower delivery, van backup and transportation) on 12 designated Sundays in 2008. The team members are also responsible for homebound communion and attending session meetings. The teams will have a chance to meet at each deacon meeting and can communicate via email. Each team has a captain or co-captains. (A copy of the deacon schedule for 2008 is attached.)

Other Duties: Deacons also visit homebound members and provide food for families and members at need. Chris Matthews agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next deacon meeting will be at 7:00 Wednesday, March 12 and the Officer Intreat will be on Saturday, March 8.