

DEACON MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2008

Larry Hayward, Karen Blomberg and 15 deacons met in the Westminster Room on June 11, 2008.

DEVOTION: Lisa Zickar read “Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire” by James Montgomery.

UPDATES: Karen reported that Healing Services will be held after the 10:00 worship service during the summer. The services will be held in the area where the bell choirs usually perform. Two services have been held to date. Deacons should contact Karen if they would like to participate as an assistant in any of the services.

Karen reported that interviews are being conducted for the pastoral care position that is currently available.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGE: Ron Shoemaker reported that the deacons have been asked to provide a van assistant (instead of a backup car) during the summer. The assistant will ride in the van with the driver and assist passengers in and out of the van at each stop. Ron will let us know what time the assistant should arrive at the church to board the van.

DEACON TEAMS: Carri Stoltz proposed that the deacon teams provide backup for one another. It was agreed that Teams A and B and Teams C and D would be paired. When a team has a shortage of workers on a particular Sunday, the team leader can contact the backup team for additional support.

PASTORAL CARE VISITS: The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing pastoral care visits and ways to approach them. Deacons will be visiting homebound members to serve communion, deliver flowers and provide one-on-one contact. It was agreed that each visit should include preparation, contact and evaluation. The deacons role played several possible scenarios and Karen distributed copies of three handouts: “Extended Communion,” “Possible Feeling Reflection Phrases,” and some guidelines developed for pastoral care visits developed by interim minister Roger Shoup. Please contact Karen if you would like copies of any of these handouts.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next deacon meeting will be Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm. (There will be no meeting in August.)