

DEACON HUDDLE MINUTES

October 10, 2007

Karen Blomberg and 18 deacons met at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

DEVOTION: Laura Kopp read a poem called "Autumn Days."

HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Karen distributed copies of a list of homebound church members who have been selected for visitation by the deacons. She asked every deacon to sign up for one homebound member; each deacon is responsible for contacting and visiting that person at least once a month. Karen will email copies of the completed list to all of the deacons.

CASEY FITZGERALD: Karen reported that the Educator Search Committee has nominated Casey FitzGerald for the position of Associate Pastor for children and families. Casey would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Joan Taylor Reid, former Director of Children's Ministries. Karen said that Casey will be preaching at both services of October 21, and, if approved by the congregation, will begin her new duties at Westminster on November 21.

SMALL GROUP REPORTS: The deacons divided into small groups to discuss the new deacon ministries that will start in 2008. The groups reconvened and summarized what progress they had made.

Meal Team- Lisa Zickar reported that this team will prepare a model to use for responding to short term meal needs of ill or housebound church members. The members of the meal team will alternate coordination responsibilities each month.

Brochure – Liz Moore and Martha Girard will develop a brochure describing the work and ministries of the deacons. Liz reported that the brochure may include pictures of the deacons in service.

Transportation Coordinators- Bill Eckert and Ron Shoemaker will work with Molly North to develop a plan to provide transportation on Sundays for church members who need rides. They will also handle other special needs that may arise.

Steering Team - Larry Wynne summarized a plan that this team proposes to use to implement the deacon duties in 2008. The deacons would be divided into four groups of equal numbers of deacons. Each deacon group would be responsible for providing deacon services (transportation, flower delivery, van backup, education wing greeting, homebound communion and attendance at monthly session meetings) every fourth week. Each deacon group would have a coordinator who would be responsible for making sure all the spots are filled each designated week. Barbara Watts agreed to prepare a draft plan for presentation at the next meeting.

Karen Edgell and Elizabeth Martineau described their rewarding experiences serving home communion. The meeting adjourned with a prayer. The next deacon meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in the Haverkamp Room.

