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## Deacon Minutes

October 15, 2019

**Deacons Present:** Todd Hopkins; Chad Kaemingk; Nate Kruse; Darin Svennes; Cory Wellnitz; Bret Wynja

**Deacons Absent:**

**Others Present:** Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor

### Mercy, Service, and Outreach

- Leaders in ministries of service
- Serve those in distress and need
- Minister to the sick, poor, hurt, and helpless
- Aid the victims of the world's abuse
- Express the social concerns of the church
- Show compassion and manifest the love and care of Christ

#### Acts of Mercy / Service

#### Benevolence Request

Last month deacons decided to allocate up to \$600 from benevolence to give to Youth Funds if Ryan Feltman could find 8 or so youth help Theresa Lucus move her mother. They needed up loading in Rock Rapids and unloading in Sioux Falls. Ryan had three kids who helped for 2 ½ hours. How much of the \$600 do deacons want to allocate? \$300

#### Pastor Discretion Fund

Sometimes we're tempted to think that the relief help we give to people is not all that helpful. Following is evidence that we never know!! Please see the thank you notes in consistory correspondence from Daren Adams from Tempe, AZ. A couple of years ago, he and his brother, Ryan, showed up at church on a Sunday morning just as we were starting a new comer's class. They said they were staying at a campground and needed food. We told them to come back in a couple of hours, and we'd give them what was left from our class meal. They did come back, we gave them a cooler, the food, and had Sue Schuldt and our custodian Max Wasberg pick up a few other things at the store and drive them back to the campground. A few months later, Daren came again asking for prayer. He was frantic about his brother who was in with a wrong crowd. I, Mary Morgan, listened and prayed with him. If I recall, we had at least one more contact with him when his dad came to Sioux Falls from Arizona. Noted.

#### A-D Todd Hopkins Prayer Request Actions

Doreen Booth asked for prayers as a 10-year-old grandson of her cousins, Ronette and Brian, was killed in an ATV accident 10/01

No contact.

Brenda Boyd left for Eldoret and Tawa, Kenya, on 9/11/19 where she will be serving for the next year. While there, she will be helping at multiple schools in the area including St. Jacobs (by Eldoret) and Kakuswi (by Tawa). She will also lead Bible studies, meet different people where they are, and seek to walk with them spiritually and practically. Unfortunately, on 9/19, Brenda received word from home that her mother has been found to have widespread cancer, which required Brenda returning to the US to be with her family through this time. Her mother is under hospice care for pain control and comfort.

Sent email.

Tonya Brockmueller's mom, Shirley Van Peurse, is receiving maintenance treatment for breast cancer.

No contact.

Aimee Brodkorb's mother, Ruth Waldner, suffered a stroke. Although her mom continues to struggle with high blood pressure, some confusion & balance, thankfully, her stroke was minor & drs feel there should be no residual side effects.

No contact.

Cecelia Brodkorb requested prayers that her new kitten, Peaches, would learn to use the litter box.

Sally Brondsema's recent MRIs and PET scan showed no active cancer. She continues with periodic chemo infusions.

No contact.

Carla Campbell requested prayers for pain control and comfort for her dad, Roland VanDenHoek, as he has had colon cancer in the past & after having new symptoms, testing recently revealed that the cancer has spread throughout his abdomen.

Sent email.

Prayers are requested for Debbie Carter and her parents, who live in a remote area in California. Her dad cares for her mom who is immobile, has lymphoma and various health concerns. Her dad, who is recovering from knee surgery, developed a blood clot and is in the hospital for an extended time. Debbie is trying to establish care for her mom in the meantime, which is difficult being so far away from them.

Sent email.

#### **E-H Chad Kaemingk Prayer Request Actions**

Susan Endres has ongoing debilitating back pain.

Sent card.

Good News Children Center and staff.

No contact. Prayed.

Carissa Hanisch was hospitalized the end of Aug., but is home again and continues with treatment for a chronic illness.

Sent card.

Karla Hanisch is treating for a chronic illness

Sent card.

Matt Hanson requested prayer for his grandparents. His grandpa is transitioning to hospice care and the family is trying to find placement for the grandma as she has dementia and is not really understanding what's going on with grandpa.

Prayed.

#### **I-L Darin Svennes Prayer Request Actions**

Marcene Kromminga was admitted to Avera Hospital on 10/01 for bladder concerns      Talked to Bill on Sunday.

Marilyn Larsonis starting in-home hospice care. Recent PET scan showed no new cancer in any organs, but her primary area of cancer is progressing and there are no more options to treat it. Her doctors estimate she has approximately 6 months.      No contact.

Frances Lee is in the nursing home      No contact.

### **M-P Bret Wynja Prayer Request Actions**

Logan Malm was hit in the head by someone, the last part of September, while riding the school bus.      No contact.

Laura Minor is being treated for thyroid cancer.      No contact.

Gertrude Overweg is a shut-in      Sent card.

Scott Oden's mom is being treated for breast cancer.      Spoke to Scott. Mom is cancer-free.

Ron Ortman requested prayers for Derek Mueller (the father of a boy who has worked for Ron) as he has cancerous lesions on his bones from head to foot. He started 3 months of chemotherapy & will have a stem cell transplant.      No contact.

Ron and Linda Ortman's son-in-law, Richard, is undergoing treatment for aggressive cancer but continues to be weak and tired. Recent tests are inconclusive

Five-year-old Jake Dieters, family friend of Ron and Linda Ortman, now has been found to have cancer on his remaining kidney. Please pray for complete healing for Jake and comfort for his parents.      No contact.

Pvt Mady Obang Oweet (son of Scott & June Odens) will be serving in Germany      Spoke to Scott.

### **R-T Nate Kruse Prayer Request Actions**

Monica Rishilinghad thyroid surgery mid Sept and home recovering      No contact.

Monica Rishling also asked for prayers as her friend/coworker, Carl Marquardt, unexpectedly passed away. Carl had diabetes & Monica had served as a team captain for "Carl's Crew" in raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation where they both worked.      No contact.

Lance Roseland continues with treatment for APL, a type of leukemia. They are grateful for all the support and request continued prayers.      No contact.

Kendra Schnabel is recovering from a 2<sup>nd</sup> reconstructive surgery after having skin cancer successfully removed from her face the end of Aug.      Spoke to them.

Rosa Schepel has metastatic liver cancer. A new growth was found on her spine at T10 and other tumors have grown. They are not moving forward with any more treatment and she has started on home hospice to focus on pain control.      No contact.

Brett Smith's stepdad, Chris, has metastatic cancer but is receiving immunotherapy treatment and periodic infusions and doing well. No contact.

Renata Sutton requested prayers for her family as they lost a pet recently that had been in their family for 12 years. No contact.

#### **U-Z Cory Wellnitz Prayer Request Actions**

Justin Uhe passed away on 9/27/19 after suffering a stroke on 9/22/19 No contact.

Cora Van Der Ziel is in Dow Rummel. No contact.

Nicole Visser asked for prayers for her dad, in changing some of his life habits, after undergoing a liver transplant recently No contact.

### **Stewardship**

- Gather and distribute the offerings of the congregation
- Give personal attention to the distressed
- Responsible for all congregational concerns such as providing for the support of the Minister of the Word and Sacrament
- Exercising careful stewardship of all funds, goods, and properties

#### **Stewardship of Finances**

##### **Financials – Todd Hopkins**

##### **2020 Requested Budget**

Initially ran through the requested budget and did some preliminary work. We need to let the congregation know where we stand on 2020 budget decisions before the Dec. 8 Congregational Meeting. Therefore, the deacons will ask for 5-7 minutes on October 27 at the end of both services to inform the congregation about our current financial status and the implications.

#### **Stewardship of Facilities and Property**

**Maintenance Report** – Included with pre-meeting information. Not addressed at this meeting.

#### **Stewardship Education**

What will the deacons do to educate people on giving in 2019? None of these items were addressed at these meetings.

Educating people on the purpose of this year's building fund.

3 Min. Video of missionaries we support. Waiting for missions policy.

Need a letter for a statement that will be in early November.

Email to Deacons from Ryan Lefever on 09/27/2019

Hi All,  
I am not trying to overstep bounds, but am concerned, as much as I'm sure you are, on our church's giving numbers. I do believe God will provide and I know when I was there last year our concern has always been how to promote giving, its importance, education of it, etc.

Outside of directly preaching it from the Senior Pastor, I guess I wonder does Good News in its order of worship (not the Book of Church Order) allow for and give it enough significance/importance to be incorporated more/better within our corporate worship? Sure we pass the plate and pray over it - but have been thinking if there's ways to make it more than a ritual to pass the plate and even for those who give electronically to participate together with the rest of the body in a public act/profession of giving back our gifts.

I'm not suggesting Good News needs to copy what I've seen another church that I watch sometimes on YouTube videos (see links below), but I think there may be merit to do similar things in a corporate setting to come together on it, publicly declare where our help/stuff comes from and to help educate. I've linked a few videos that you can see samples of what is done in that church (i.e. offering readings, scripture, etc.). I was skeptical at first and felt some portions seem very "health & wealth" gospel....BUT that doesn't mean we'd have to use the exact language in offering readings, I also don't feel like this Church believes that way, and also felt like you know maybe we DO need to pray more boldly in similar things as God is the God of Miracles and blessings.

I know I'm probably opening myself up to participating in this - and I know putting yourself up in front of the congregation can be scary/uncomfortable but we don't build our gifts and abilities if we don't try. Trust me, I'm nervous thinking about getting up there and doing it - but I think it could make a big impact.

Link #1 - (start at the 52:30 mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ7kzODSuxw>  
Link #2 - this is probably my favorite (start at the 1:35:45 mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvZiMYS6omI>  
Link #3 - (start at the 58:56 mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nzace8j9BM>

Just trying to help anyway I can.

I appreciate you all for doing what you do and the time you serve! God bless you and I pray that he gives you boldness and insight to serve our church body!

Ryan

## Other

Need thank you cards sent to the following:

Not addressed at this meeting. Mary Morgan sent them on behalf of Good News Church.

Philip & Judy Davis (not from Good News Church)  
502 W Sweetbriar Pl  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
For \$250 gift to McGovern Cares

JoAnne Eggebraaten (not from Good News Church)  
3609 S Home Plate Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110  
For \$100 gift to Fall Festival

Marie Knock (from Good News Church)  
For \$738 memorial gift in honor of her husband Gene Knock

Francis & Barbara Jacobson  
717 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Lennox, SD 57039  
For \$20 memorial gift in honor of Justin Uhe