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## Deacon Minutes

November 19, 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

Included here for record-keeping purposes: Pastor Kevin was reimbursed for \$59.07 in groceries that he purchased for Gene Groen.

Included for record-keeping purposes: Pastor Kevin talked to deacons and obtained their approval to help Mike Morse with \$200 in rent.

#### Pastor Discretion Fund

#### Missions Support Request

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

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 that her mother was 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.

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

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.

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

Sally Brondsema's son, Dan Schlader, is receiving chemotherapy again as his multiple myeloma is back despite a recent stem cell transplant.

Carla Campbell's dad, Roland VanDenHoek, is receiving comfort care after new symptoms and testing revealed that the cancer has spread throughout his abdomen.

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.

Mary Drier requested prayers for God to soften a hard heart, to draw that heart closer to Him and to transform that person.

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

Susan Endres has ongoing debilitating back pain.

Karen Floyd's dad, Marvin Runia, was admitted to the Heart Hospital on 10/31 for a blockage. Once a blood clot is dissolved, they will re-evaluate him for possible stent placement.

Good News Children Center and staff.

Carissa Hanisch continues with treatment for a chronic illness.

Karla Hanisch is treating for a chronic illness

Matt Hanson requested prayer for his grandparents. His grandpa is transitioned to hospice care and his grandma has dementia and is not really understanding what's going on with all the changes.

Glen Heibult is recovering from surgery on 10/31/19 for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

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

Angela Kjonsgaard's mom, Shirley, has been on antibiotics that were found to be damaging to her kidneys and if her kidney function isn't restored, she will have to start acute dialysis. Her antibiotic was switched and they are hoping that her kidney function will turn around and dialysis can be avoided.

Bill Kromminga was hospitalized for a GI bleed in Oct and has been undergoing testing.

Marcene Kromminga is in Prince of Peace.

Marilyn Larson is receiving in-home hospice care.

Frances Lee is in the nursing home

Elaine Losing had right total knee surgery on 11/04/19.

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

Paul & Shirley Miersma's son-in-law, Gary, had open heart surgery on 10/29/19.

Laura Minor is being treated for thyroid cancer.

Karen Moore and Karla Hanisch's mom underwent an angiogram and a cousin has been put on a heart transplant list.

Gertrude Overweg is a shut-in.

Scott Oden's mom is now 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.

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.

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

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

Paula Reiff's brother, Dale, underwent a stem cell transplant in early October.

Monica Rishiling had thyroid surgery mid Sept and home recovering

Betty Roos and family as Betty's sister, Clara VanGelder, passed away on 11/02/19.

Lance Roseland continues with treatment for APL, a type of leukemia.

Gary Schepel and family as Rosa passed away 11/03/19.

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.

Brett Smith's stepdad, Chris, has metastatic cancer but is receiving immunotherapy treatment and periodic infusions and doing well.

Jerry & Kim Strating & family as Jerry's mom, Lou Jane Strating, passed away Monday, 10/14/19.

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

Cora Van Der Ziel is in Dow Rummel.

Taylor Van Voorst's mom, Cara Hetland, had surgery to remove skin cancer.

Marcine Van Zee's home suffered considerable flood damage in September such that she's had to move out temporarily.

Nicole Visser asked for prayers for her dad as he underwent a liver transplant recently and needs to change lifestyle habits.

## 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**

#### **2019 Financials**

#### **Kakuswi School for the Deaf – VBS Offering**

We haven't sent a \$2,249.71 check to the Kakuswi School for the Deaf for the VBS offering, which was publicized as designated for Kakuswi School for the Deaf (not mission trip expenses). Since this time, Ryan is no longer working through the parent organization, World Servants. Ryan wants to know if it can be held until their 2020 trip or right before to make sure it's spent on necessary needs. He also notes that with his relationship with World Servants being somewhat dissolved he'd prefer to wire it through Simba instead.

Ryan will hold money and deacons will follow up to make sure it's used correctly.

**2020 Requested Budget** – included in pre-meeting budget.

### Stewardship of Facilities and Property

**Maintenance Report** – Included with pre-meeting information.

Bret will get in touch with Scott

**Ash Trees** – see pre-meeting information

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### Stewardship Education

What will the deacons do to educate people on giving in 2020?

Educate on Building Fund versus General Fund.

## Other