

Mount Cross Care Team Minutes – December 10, 2020

Members Present: Vicar Amanda Berg, Luanne Crockett, Gayle Johnson, Evonne Kuchera, Julie Merrick, Susan Prosser, Becky Riley, and Bev Rueckert.

Devotion and Light of Christ: Susan led a devotion based on Mark 4.

Caring Conversation: A time for sharing and prayer.

Minutes: Minutes approved for October and November.

Holiday Newsletter: There has been good feedback from members regarding the special newsletter. Julie Merrick will e-mail Carina McVeigh to see if we can get the newsletter on the church website. There was discussion that we and other ministries may be encouraged to do more special issues throughout the year.

First Christmas after Family Death Christmas Card Mailings: Becky is providing Christmas cards and Becky, Luanne and Evonne will each send five cards for the 15 mailings. Susan will also send an additional 2 cards to the most recent family member deaths. These mailings will include a holiday grief pamphlet.

Resource Nurse and Health Ministry Report: Evonne gave a very thorough and sensitive report on the many members and families with health concerns. There was discussion on the best ways for the church to be of assistance. These conversations are confidential and are not shared in the minutes or outside the care team.

Evonne offered to lead an ‘Advance Directive Seminar’ at Mount Cross. The hope is to host this seminar in person after the pandemic.

The care team would also like to sponsor the showing of the video “Healthy Aging”.

Susan, Evonne, and Pastor Julie plan to set up a meeting with Trinity Lutheran, Ventura to learn more about the senior services non profit agency ‘Ventura Caregivers Group’.

Identifying Current Care Needs and Care Updates: Pastor Julie sent confidential updates and new concerns.

Meal Support: Jamie Marroquin, volunteer coordinator, is keeping the online sign-up requests and reminders up to date.

Card Partners Update: There is some shuffling of card partners but all is going well.

Tech Assist Program: This past month Julie Merrick helped two member families work out technical issues for better online participation.

Gayle and Susan are working on medical alert recommendations.

Mount Cross Website Caring Update: Postponed discussion to review the Care Ministries presence on the church website and how that can be improved.

Looking Ahead to 2021: Also postponed until next meeting. Members thought the idea of a special planning meeting for 2021 is a good idea.

Newsletter Deadline: January news needs to be in by December 17th. Please e-mail Susan contributions and ideas.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13 at 9 a.m. on zoom (changed from Thursday, January 14 at 10 a.m.).