

# PARISH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

## Report to Congregation Council

October 2009

### HEALTH MINISTRY

Fifteen people received **Blood Pressure** screening in October.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** has been meeting 2 ½ years on a monthly basis. Following a very informative presentation by a representative from Messiah Village at the September meeting a representative of Country Meadows who is very familiar with persons with dementia/Alzheimer's Disease will be joining us. The members of the group have been asked to come with questions which will guide our discussion. It used to be the only alternative was nursing home care but that has changed drastically in the last 10 years. There are many more care options available now. We will discuss the special approaches that are needed and how appropriate services (including home care & day care) help to meet the needs of people with memory loss.

**Cold & Flu Prevention:** We talked about the concerns this year with not only the seasonal flu but also the swine flu (H1H1 flu). In addition to coughs and sneezes, one of the common ways these viruses can be spread is by hand-to-hand contact or shaking hands which we all do in church. Therefore, the committee's is recommending we inform the congregation if they don't feel comfortable shaking hands they may extend a greeting without touching the other person.

This might be the year Jeanie Bentzel won't be able to report making our **Blood Bank** quota so you know how hard she will be working to bring people out for the last drive. After the September drive we were credited with 157. The (her) goal is 200.

During the week of October 11-17, the **Every Member Prayer Ministry** completes 14 years of prayer support, "members praying for members". We presently have seven Prayer Partners who call the members on that week's prayer list to let them know they are to be prayed for. The Prayer Partner listens to concerns and offers prayer support throughout the week

**Meal Ministry** hosted their first luncheon since July 6 on September 28 (McCrary). After discussion by the committee, it was decided to use the \$50 gift to the ministry (reported in April) to purchase large serving bowls.

Parish Ministry will be participating in the **Giving Tree** by asking for gift cards to K-Mart, Target or Wal-Mart for our members in need. Donations have always been very generous so we are able to have additional cards for the pastors to use for our members throughout the year.

The committee's **Budget Request Form** has been submitted, with the addition of funds to support the April 2010 Health Fair.

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