

PARISH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Report to Congregation Council

November 2009

MISSION: *“As members of Parish Ministry we act in Christian love and witness in faith in Christ as we continually strive to serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Trinity members. We welcome all who express a willingness to learn and help in any of these ministries.”*

HEALTH MINISTRY

Twenty people received **Blood Pressure** screenings on November 1, two referred to M.D.

Cold and Flu Prevention: Per the committee’s recommendation hand sanitizers were placed in the Gathering Space, ushers closet, kitchen and heavily used classrooms. ___

Alzheimer’s Support Group: The October meeting of the Alzheimer’s Support Group was an open discussion and an opportunity for everyone to get their questions answered specifically about dementia care (at-home, day care) and other resources. The representative, from Country Meadows, even promised to help a group member who has family living away from the area where there is very limited services. They have already connected since the meeting. Finances is one of the issues most daunting. We discussed this at length. A question brought by one participant was “How to break through to a loved one that today’s assisted living facilities are fun and no longer like a hospital.” This helped the group of caregivers themselves, who are also struggling with this very issue. ___

Blood Bank: As an incentive to sign up to donate blood on Sunday, January 24, Jeanie Bentzel will be announcing that donations will be in honor of Pastor Hardy. As a cancer survivor, he was unable to be a blood donor but has always been a supporter of our blood bank.

Meal Ministry hosted two meals since the last report; 11/22 Elder funeral and 11/3 Stockdale funeral. Over 260 people were served on 11/3.

CD Ministry: Hopefully we will soon be able to start our (now titled **CD Ministry**). There are four people ready to start duplicating following training. As interim coordinator I will be responsible for the schedule of duplication. The WOT **Visitation Ministry** expects to work with a small number of at-home/nursing home members to start. CD’s will be made of the 11 a.m. service for now. The 10:45 a.m. service is also a possibility after the visitors get a better idea of interest.

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Chair.
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