

# Zion Lutheran Church Committee Meeting Report

Committee: Visitation Meeting date: 12/08/2020

Members present: Marcie Andersh, Kent Edson, Phyllis Gab, Sue Gates, Virginia Tobin, Sharon Paranto, Pastor Tim, & Pastor Erin

Excused: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of committee report:        X   Reporting/updating  
          Recommending council action  
          Recommending policy change(s)

Committee updates/items discussed (report briefly)

1. Due to the increased number of COVID cases, the committee provided their updates via email. The email discussion began with a prayer.
2. Delores Anderson resigned from the committee in October and Sue Gates joined the committee. The following people have passed away since our September report: Curt Suedmeier, Ida Fauth, Hilda Hoffman, and LaVonne Peterson. In addition, Gloria Lauinger was added to the shut-in list, but shortly after she was added, her sons moved her to another state (to be near them) and she passed away shortly thereafter. Frances Wolff has moved to Primrose, with Virginia serving as her contact. Virginia will also take over as the contact for Verneda Wolff, who is still in her home. Viola Tetherow and Gladys Voegelé have moved to Bethesda Town Square, with Sue serving as the contact for each. Sharon has taken over as the contact for Janice Peterson at Bethesda. Phyllis noted at the last council meeting that Meta Vetter's husband, Pius, was moved to Bethesda Home. (*The updated listing is included on the attached pages.*)
3. The members provided updates on the people they have contacted. Contacts have been made via phone, letters, cards, Christmas messages, and packages for the shut-ins. The committee members also noted how much they miss visiting with these people in person.
4. Pastor Tim provided very strong words of encouragement and appreciation to the committee members: *I'm very impressed with this committee. I was ordained 39 years ago and this is the most compassionate, committed, and effective committee of its kind that I have ever seen. I'm very proud of all of you and I give thanks to God for you often! I give thanks because I know that this is not something to be taken for granted. I hope you have some idea of the difference that you make in the life of others and in the life of this church.*

5. Pastor Erin added: *With our infection rate continuing to run high across South Dakota and in Brown County, I think we need to once again pause any home Communion visits. I know that is difficult, but our rates need to come down quite a bit before resuming those visits. Let's pause for the next month and look at our rates in a few weeks. Pastor Tim and I will take care any end-of-life visit needs of people who may go into hospital or hospice care.*
6. The next meeting of the Visitation Committee is tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Recommendation for council action – (State in the form of a motion(s) to be acted upon by the council)

1. *No items need approval at this time.*

Report filled out by: Sharon Paranto, Committee Chair

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People making visits are encouraged to take home devotionals from the pamphlet rack in the narthex to shut-ins. Large print editions are also available.

**PEOPLE TO VISIT****BETHESDA HOME**

Jane Fischer 10/17  
Martha Zimmerman 3/25  
Ben Schroeder 7/28  
Carol Knispel 09/14  
Janice Peterson 6/19

Marcie Andersh  
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Kent Edson  
Sharon Paranto  
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**BETHESDA TOWN SQUARE**

Meta Vetter 10/12  
Shirley Wagemann 8/1 #105  
Viola Tetherow 4/15  
Gladys Voegele 1/20

Phyllis Gab  
Phyllis Gab  
Sue Gates  
Sue Gates

**PRIMROSE COTTAGES**

Charleen Hargens 9/27  
Frances Wolff 4/1

Virginia Tobin  
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**AT HOME**

Barb Gardner 1/19  
Milbert Dais 2/1  
Verneda Wolff 4/1  
Alice Heckel

Pastor  
Kent Edson  
Virginia Tobin  
Pastor

**GROTON HEALTH & REHAB**

Leon Tobin 4/19  
Marge Rhodes  
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe 4/17 & 10/5

Pastor  
Pastor  
Pastor

**OUT OF TOWN SHUTINS – For Birthdays & Holidays**

Erna Schmierer – 855 Bruce Road #212, Chico, CA 95928 ~ 5/19

Family: Ron and Marge Schmierer 530-532-0646

LeRoy Buechler – 2324 Hillside Ave. – St. Paul, MN 53108-1612

Ella Aipperspach – 10371 Coal Ridge Street – Firestone, CO 80504 Daughter: Claudia ~ 5/3

Marvin Bucholz – Lincoln Court Rm. #257, 850 Lincoln Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401 ~ 5/25

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Hazel Martel - 1520 N Forty – Wickeburg, AZ 85390 ~ 8/3

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