

Board of Member Care

Visiting Ministry Homebound Visitor

Mission Statement: The Visiting Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church serves both members and visitors with a gracious and loving attitude by offering them a short visit, all to share our Christian love for them and our Savior.

Description: The Homebound Visitors serve the homebound members of Grace as they visit and share a devotion with them in order to keep them connected with their church family and their Savior. Homebound members are communicant members who are unable to attend worship services for an extended period of time.

Qualifications:

- A desire to show love and grace in all circumstances.
- Ability to demonstrate mercy and encouragement.
- Possession of a current driver's license and car.

Responsibilities:

1. Homebound visitors visit Grace's homebound members on a monthly basis to demonstrate the love of Jesus and the love of the congregation.
2. Before you go, pick up anything that may be in their member mailbox, along with any new periodicals (Forward in Christ, Meditations) and take it to them with each visit.
3. Share a devotion with them.
4. Engage them in short conversation if they are receptive.
5. Ask if there is any way you can pray for the member specifically.
6. Ask if there is anything you can do for them while you are there.
7. Pray the Lord's Prayer with them at the end of the visit.
8. After the visit, record a note in Church 360 that you made a visit along with any other pertinent info. – OR – record the member's name, date of visit, and any other pertinent info, and give it to the Staff Minister or Pastor.
9. Unless there is a possibility of imminent danger or harm to the individual or someone else, the visitor maintains the confidentiality of the members they serve.
10. If there are concerns regarding serious declining health, the Pastor is informed of the status of the individual and a visit by the Pastor may be in order.

Time Commitment:

- On average, collectively there are currently about 12 homebound visits made a month. These visits will be shared by other visitors. You make as many visits as you wish. On average visits will take approximately 30 minutes each, depending on driving and visiting time.
- This is an at-will commitment with no required length of time, for as long as you are willing and able to serve.

Relationships: The homebound visitors will work with the staff minister and the Pastor to determine who they will be visiting. The Visiting Ministry serves under the Member Care Elder who will regularly evaluate the ministry and provide the necessary resources for carrying out the ministry.

Training: Each homebound visitor will be trained under the guidance of either a current or previous visitor. Their first visit will be made with a seasoned homebound visitor (Pastor or Staff Minister).

****If you have any questions, please contact Staff Minister Bob Fink at 920-860-3604 or Pastor Henning at 507-766-0438.***