

October Ministry Reports
Bethel Lutheran Church

Special Needs Ministry:

Submitted by Patrice Sera

Met with a ministry consultant from Bethesda Lutheran Communities today.

We got some starting points for bringing a Special Needs ministry to Bethel.

One of the first steps will be Disability Awareness, we will work with Pastor Gabi to start putting together a plan.

We will also visit a program recently started at a church in Hayward to see what that looks like.

Out & About:

Submitted by Holly Lofgren

Planning Out and About to Hearst Castle on Nov 2nd

Men of Monday:

Submitted by Tom Cole

1. Loaded dumpster with trimmed tree & shrub branches.
2. Assembled child's wooden/cushion couch for Pre-school.
3. Replaced 2 Fireside ceiling bulbs.
4. Repaired and re-positioned lawn sprinklers facing high school side of Pre-school.
5. Loaded dumpster again with branches and debris from area behind Pre-school storage area (not finished yet).
6. Found more metal trash amidst said debris.
7. "Happy Green Recycling" picked up all metal trash.
8. Repaired loose hinges on Fireside cupboard doors.
9. Helped Quilters take down Sanctuary quilt display.
10. Moved most boxes of quilts and schoolbag kits into empty pastor's office. Will be shipped out in Oct.
11. Checked pagers at Nursery. Need batteries and further checking after batteries are installed.
Fara and Marianne ordering batteries.
12. Reset all campus light timers to winter schedule.
13. Removed 2 dead palm trees from Narthex and left large containers for future plant ideas.
14. Trimmed tree shading children's garden planter..
This will allow more sunshine for growing stuff.
15. Installed rain gutters over 2 Torvend patio doors.
16. Swept pine needle debris off of Torvend roof and filled dumpster again with said detritus

CARING MINISTRY

Submitted by Joanne Stensaas

SUNSHINE TEAM –

New format birthday cards with the Bethel image are being sent out this month

Cards continue to be sent to those new on the prayer list

STEPHEN MINISTRY/CARING CONNECTION –

Pastor Gabi led the August meeting due to Pastor Ken's surgery.

Most Stephen Ministers reported positive feedback from those they contacted. A few contacts were never made because of no response in several calls

SUNSHINE TEAM– Joanne Stensaas and Sharon Parady

Birthday card messages are being written by Sharon Parady, Barbara Misch and Joanne Stensaas

Our ministry fair table will include: Altar Flower Delivery, Hospitality and Welcome ,Stephen Ministry, Lay Eucharist, Visitor Follow-up and the Sunshine Team

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Robyn Winegardner

We, 15, 7th & 8th graders continue to meet on Sunday mornings. We began our 31 lessons from The Story this past Sunday. 2nd Sunday of each month will be our longer, mini-retreats, that include worship, service, lunch and fellowship.

Each family will get a copy of The Story so that they can follow along at home and keep up with anything that was missed. Each Confirmand gets their own copy of The Story, but I keep them with me cause we all know what happens when a Junior Higher is asked to remember to \"bring\" their Bible. Still lovin' these guys, they are fun and awesome and caring and polite.