

# Spiritual Care Team/Visitation Assistants

**Purpose:** To provide a sustainable, on-going ministry to our members and especially our seniors. Our trained and commissioned volunteers provide visits to homes, nursing facilities and hospitals as requested. We bring them God's Word, communion, and have prayer with them, providing reminders of God's grace, love and presence in their lives. We help them feel connected to their church and supported by it.



**Responsible to:** Pastor Randy Rozelle is the Spiritual Care Team Director. Henry Kogler assists and reports to the pastor as he maintains the visitation report form online, provides support to the volunteers, and assigns new calls as needed.

**Job Description:** Normally, there are 8-10 volunteers and 2 pastors serving on this team under Pastor Rozelle. Once trained and commissioned, you will be making phone and/or personal visits to our members and shut-ins. This includes visits to homes, nursing facilities or hospitals as requested and desired by the members. Monthly meetings with Pastor Rozelle provide on-going training and support. Team members are encouraged to communicate regularly with each other about their experiences or questions.

**Time required:** Varies, but 2-4 hours per week is average. Team meetings are 1 hour per month, often by Zoom.

**Length of Commitment:** A minimum of 1 year is desirable, as each assistant is better able to form lasting relationships and friendships with those they visit.

**Training Provided:** Initial training is by "shadowing" with another team member and learning to use the materials you'll receive. Direct support is also given as needed to answer questions about visits, scheduling and the online visitation report form.

**Qualifications or Special Skills:** This position requires at least six months of active participation in worship at St. Peter, as well as a pastoral recommendation. The applicant must be active in worship, in studying God's Word, and in prayer. This position is for those who have a heart for people who are lonely, sick, or isolated. In addition, the applicant must complete the Protection Screening process, including a background check. Screenings will be reviewed annually in the summer to make sure they are up to date.

**Benefits to Volunteer:** While much responsibility is attached to this position, the visits are of immeasurable value to those who receive them. These visits often bring great satisfaction. Further, they also allow opportunities for our own spiritual growth, as God is at work in us as well as in those who receive our care. It is an honor to serve Jesus in this way and a joy to be on such a ministry-focused team of partners in the Gospel!