**Ministry Reports for Council on Ministries 6/16/2015**

**Go in Service – Doris Moss & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Scholarships – 3 students received scholarships of $500 each.

Up From the Earth – Anyone can bring produce from their own garden to the church on Sundays or Wednesdays.

Food 4 Kids – have finished up the year. They’ll make their plans as they learn more about the changes in the new school year.

The mission group is finding about Nepal and how we can help. We’re currently taking donations to help with the recovery work in Nepal. The “GO” bulletin board will soon be updated with information about Nepal.

*Doris*

**Grow in Discipleship – Yvette Boysen & Julie Luhr**

In early May we celebrated with the youth who participated in Confirmation. Many renewed their baptismal vows and/or professed their membership. BIG Time leaders and participants were also recognized.

In conjunction with Summer Arts Camp, we hale St. James’ second P-free event, an ice cream social. It was also a kickoff to SAC. More than 60 bowls of ice cream were served.

SAC 2015 was a success. Nearly 70 kids registered and approximately 30 volunteers assisted each day. Additionally, the Circles provided and helped serve the daily lunches.

Upcoming Plans:

 Our current curriculum series ends this summer. I will be reviewing other options.

*Yvette Boysen*

 **HOPE Groups**

 **HOPE Groups completed**:

 *Leadership training* with Pastor Ryan

 *Praise These Sweet Devils* with Garrett Thomas and Jamie Upton

 *Puppy Donuts* with Kristi Christenson

 **HOPE Groups continuing**:

 *MOPS Steering Team* with Christine Cappetta and Jennifer Eckert co-coordinators, Yvette Boysen, Financial Coordinator. Seven are on the team/ *MOPS Bible Study* led by Christine Cappetta, six in the group during this summer

 *Caregivers*

finished but meets perhaps quarterly (will meet at Peachwave - Thursday, 06/18

 **Future HOPE Groups**:

 John Carter plans on leading an adult Bible Sunday mornings.

 Sharon Shook plans in a group focus on the book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, beginning in the fall.

 Yoga and prayer pending, depending on Julie Luhr's arm recovery

 **Other business:**

1. MOPS wants to give a ministry/God Moments report during church services prior to their September kick-off, with CoM approval.
2. Grow in Discipleship bulletin board has been and continues to be updated, including photos.

I have failed to get a team to review and talk about our HOPE groups fulfill St. James' mission and vision. Looking for new prospects now.

*submitted by J Luhr*

**Gather in Celebration –Merlyne Smith & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Praise team – played at Yankton for Saturday and Sunday worship at Christ the King Lutheran with Pastor Dani. She invited us to venture into prison ministry either in Yankton County or at Springfield, Springfield holds 4,000 inmates. This requires prayer and a deep level of calling into this arena.

The praise band will be at St James for June and July. Saying farewell to Pastor Ryan, wishing him the very best in new ministry and easing the transition into worship with another Pastor leading.

We hope to play in Ponca at some point this summer and hopefully at Okoboji with the Methodist church one if their service is early Sunday morning - playing from the bridge area with many boating in to worship (my first choice). We will see where August leads.

We are supporting Shirley as she plans her father’s memorial service.

And Paul has a birthday today. We have a cake "it's all about the bass"

*Merlyne Smith*

**Member Care – Sharon Shook & Mary Ferrari**

We have recently placed “Prayer Cards” in the pews in the hopes that more people will be able to make their prayer request known. Regina Ireland is helping with this.

Roy Wascher has been recruited to make hospital calls. I will take him along the next time I go to acquaint him with some of the details of making calls. Talked to Wightmans and they are not interested and Retha Lillie is moving to Texas. I will still keep looking for others to help.

Mary Ferrari is working with Evelyn St. Peter on making a list of everyone who is in a nursing home. That continually changes, but we still can call on them.

*Sharon Shook*

**Communication and Connection – John Carter & Miranda Galvin**

Topics at the last meeting included --- use of Dropbox, connecting the new pastor to email, the Twitter password, following the COM plan, St. James credit card, cancelling Media Fire, finding someone to save “everything” on the old website, archiving the old Newsletters, John and Mary reviewing announcements, topics for summer, reviewing Ministry Highlight list (brainstorming more topics at COM meeting on June 16), taking minutes at COM meeting, and Mary’s “report.”

John Carter and Miranda Galvin