**Pastoral Care Team**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

To be stewards of God’s abundance by living in relationship with God through Christ and with each other, extending ourselves and our blessings to the world

**Mission**

Our mission is to be a listening presence for Faith members, families, friends, and the larger community at times of stress, grief, extended illness, hospitalization, crisis and following, life transitions, being homebound, or others as needed. We serve to encourage and build up the Body of Christ.

**Who We Are**

We are volunteer members of Faith who have participated in a course which included teaching people to be a non-anxious listening presence. We are available to be an extension of the care and support offered by Faith Lutheran Church to members of its congregation. We are bearers of Christ’s love and fellow travelers on the journey of life.

**What We Do and What We Don’t Do**

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of Jesus’ commandment to love one another as Christ loves us (John 13:34, 35), and Paul’s beckoning to bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2), the Pastoral Care Team prayerfully offers a nonjudgmental, caring, supportive listening presence when invited to do so.

We do: Bear Christ’s love, listen attentively, respect confidentiality, serve as fellow travelers on the journey of life, visit by mutual agreement

We do not: Offer spiritual advice, medical advice, or solutions, judge or interject our own opinions, replace the role of Faith’s pastoral staff

**Who to Contact**

To request a visit from a Pastoral Care Team member, more information about the scope of the Pastoral Care Team ministries or for inquiries about becoming a part of this team, contact Debbie O’Connor at deb@oconnordesign.com