

# **Council and Congregation Support Core Team – Annual Report 2020-21**

**The mission of the Council and Congregation Support Teams is to MAKE DISCIPLES by supporting and providing resources to the ministry of Cross of Christ.**

The Council and Congregation Support Core Team comprises the various teams and committees that do not naturally fit in with the other three core teams. These teams and committees, however, fulfill an especially important part of the ministry of the congregation. These are the groups that provide the resources and the support needed by the ministries in the other three core teams.

The existing teams within the Support Core Team are healthy and functioning very well without my direct involvement: the Properties Team, the Computer Systems Committee, the Garden of Remembrance, the Finance Committee, Thrivent Advocacy Committee, Document Review Team, and the Budget Committee. My role with these groups is to facilitate communication within these groups and with other ministry groups in the Congregation.

Here are some highlights of the work within the Support Core Team.

The **Properties Team** provides a safe and comfortable location within which ministry can occur. The team was unable to meet in person due to COVID-19 restrictions, but they continued to work tirelessly to maintain and beautify our building and grounds. This has allowed us to keep the building in good repair.

Thanks to the whole team; Bob Shelly, Don Westby, and Ron Weisel, all led by Art Hill. A special thanks to Lee and Lyn Thompson for their work on the Garden of Remembrance, to Hildegard Schmidt for caring for the beautiful patch of flowers and plants at the end of the sidewalk, and to Jay Marsh for planting many new flowering

shrubs and doing much upkeep over the past several months. (And thanks to Pastor Dave for his lawn mowing and landscaping skills.) On behalf of myself and the Congregation, thank you all!

The **Computer Systems Committee** make sure the computers and network work and are kept up to date. Thanks Brian Constable and Pete Stewart.

The **Budget Committee** has also had their work cut out for them in such uncertain financial times. But they have risen to the occasion, expertly led by Cyndee Kraiger. Thanks!

Overall, this "Pandemic Year" had been a strange one, to say the least. While often frustrating, it has also shown me the resilience, creativeness, and fortitude of our amazing staff and congregation. We rightfully put the physical health of our members first and still carried on the ministry of our church. Instead of just saying, "No, we can't do that", it has been a year of, "Let's try this and see if it works". I couldn't be more proud!

Submitted by Linda Capron, Core Team Leader, Council and Congregational Support