

Christian Companions

St. Luke Visitation Ministry

The person I am visiting is _____ Birthdate: _____

Their contact information is _____

Months I am scheduled to visit _____

A Typical Visit

1. In most cases, it is helpful to call ahead to schedule a visit, rather than dropping in
2. Many of these folks simply need a companion & warm conversation...
Some ideas for conversation:
 - Ask about their family, kids, grandkids, pets
 - If they have pictures up in the room, ask about the people in those pictures
 - Other trinkets, wall hangings, etc. often have beautiful stories behind them
 - Ask about their lives - the places they grew up, the places they have visited
 - Ask about how they met their spouse - these are often warm memories!
 - Many want to feel connected to the church - tell them what's going on here
 - Many feel badly they can no longer attend church...I reassure them by saying:
"Sometimes in life, we come to church - sometimes, the church comes to us..."
(Reassure them this is why you have come & that it is OK...)
3. Offer prayer (you can use the resources on the back of this page, or your own)
Ask them what they would like for us to pray for
*these prayer requests can be forwarded to Pr. Matt for either pastoral or public prayer if you deem it appropriate...
(use contact info at bottom of page)
4. Offer Communion (training provided)
Please note that this is merely an *offer* - some don't want this & that's OK too
5. Reassure them that you and I are in touch, and that one of us will be back soon to visit again...
6. Send a brief e-mail updating me on your visit, and forwarding on any pastoral concerns I need to be aware of... pr_matt@hotmail.com

Thank you for your partnership in this important ministry!

Please understand I see you as *partners* in the important work of caring for the needs of the saints, and that I deeply appreciate your help in meeting those needs in a way that my schedule wouldn't allow without your help! -Pr. Matt