

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

***Organizing Care Ministries  
That Really Care***



**BPM 2026**

## Meet Our Care Ministry Team Leaders

**Christine Escobar – Coordinator, Care Ministry**

**Darlene Markle – Visiting Team Leader**

**Robin Coursen – Love Meal Team Leader**

**Duane Rawson – Handyman/Tech Team Leader**

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## What Is Care Ministry at Crown of Life?



*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Col. 3:16-17).*

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### Notes

## Mission, Core Values & Vision



*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!  
(Psalm 133:1).*

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## How Crown of Life lives out its mission

### Ministry Strategies That Support Care



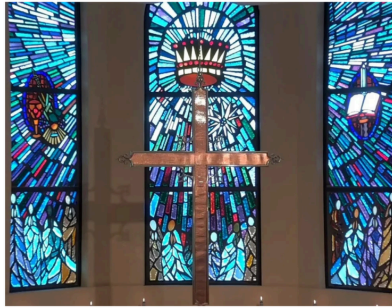
*Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up,  
just as you are doing (1 Thess. 5:11).*

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# Where Do Care Needs Come From?

## Recognizing Needs in Real Time



*For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints  
but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God (2 Cor. 9:12).*

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### Notes

# Care Ministry

## Four Connected Teams



1. Visiting Team
2. Love Meal Team
3. Handyman & Technology Team
4. Coordinator, Care & GriefCare



*Let love be genuine. Love one another with brotherly affection  
(Rom. 12:9a-10a).*

## Recruiting Volunteers

### Growing Your Ministry Family

- Ministry Weekend
- Annual Team Brunch



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## Notes

## Visiting Team (Darlene)



**What We Do**

**How It Works**

**What We've Learned**

*But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).*

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**Notes**

## Love Meal Team (Robin)



**What We Do**

**How It Works**

**What We've Learned**

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35).*

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**Notes**

## Handyman & Tech Team (Duane)



**What We Do**

**How It Works**

**What We've Learned**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Peter 4:10).*

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**Notes**

## Coordinator Role (Christine)



### Behind-the-Scenes Systems That Keep Care Consistent

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain (Psalm 127:1a).*

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#### Notes

## Bringing It All Together

Teams + Communication + Framework =  
A Ministry of Care that Really Cares



We are one congregation caring for each other as the Body of Christ.

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life (Jude 20-21).*

**Your turn!**

Question



Ask us anything about starting, organizing, or  
strengthening a Care Ministry.

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**Christine Escobar, MBA, LMSW  
Coordinator of Care Ministries**

**Christine Escobar serves as Coordinator of Care Ministries at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West, Arizona, where she leads Care and GriefCare Ministries that empower volunteers to serve with confidence and compassion. A Licensed Master of Social Work with over 20 years of experience in law, business, and spiritual leadership, Christine blends heart and strategy to equip teams for real impact. With an MSW from the University of Denver and an MBA from Hawaii Pacific University, she develops training systems that strengthen leadership, promote healthy boundaries, and build resilience in ministry teams. Since 2017, she has guided countless individuals toward healing through GriefCare, demonstrating how equipping God’s people to lead with empathy and purpose transforms care ministries into thriving networks of grace and hope.**

**If you have questions, please call Christine at 808.778.1141 or email [griefcare@colchurch.com](mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com)**

**Darlene Markle  
Visiting Team Leader**

**Darlene Markle lives out a life of service, faith, and Christ-centered love. As the leader of the Crown of Life Care Ministry Visiting Team, she blends deep compassion with decades of leadership experience to inspire others to serve.**

**A past president of the LWML Pacific Southwest District and former vice president of Servant Resources for the Rocky Mountain District, Darlene has faithfully strengthened the church at every level. Her years as a hospice volunteer revealed the sacred power of presence, listening, comforting, and sharing Christ’s peace. Now in Sun City, Arizona, she continues to serve as a GriefCare facilitator and memory care volunteer. She is a gifted communicator and writer for the District News and LWML Quarterly magazine. You can find her published Bible study, “Divine Time,” at [lwml.org/biblestudies/divinetime](http://lwml.org/biblestudies/divinetime) (spring 2025). Darlene leads by example, showing how compassionate visiting teams bring comfort, connection, and the transforming love of Christ to all they serve.**

**If you have questions, please call Darlene at 970.623.9360**

## **Robin Coursen Love Meals Team Leader**

**Robin Coursen brings a servant’s heart and a leader’s experience to Crown of Life Lutheran Church, where she leads the Love Meals Ministry with warmth, faith, and excellence. After 40 years in federal service, developing teams, leading projects, and managing complex systems, Robin now channels those skills into ministry, coordinating volunteers and ensuring meals are delivered with the love of Christ. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and follower of Jesus, Robin understands compassion on a personal level, having raised two children, including one with special needs. Her blend of organization, empathy, and hospitality makes her a model of Christ-centered care. Through her leadership, Love Meals has become more than a service; it’s a ministry of connection, nourishing and bringing hope to those in need within the church family.**

**If you have questions, please call Robin at 303.249.2644**

## **Duane Rawson Handyman and Technology Team Leader**

**Raised in Pettibone, North Dakota, Duane was baptized in the Lutheran faith in 1940 and has lived a life shaped by service and faith. After high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving for 20 years and supporting families of deployed service members by maintaining homes and meeting needs. That experience inspired his heart for ministry and hands-on care. Following retirement, Duane spent decades in small, close-knit church communities where caring for one another was a way of life. If someone needed help, you called the church. For more than 40 years, Duane has embodied that model of responsive care. Married for 67 years, Duane and his wife are blessed with two daughters, nine grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. A lifelong Lutheran, he has served as elder, president, and leader in several congregations and now serves as Trustee at Crown of Life Lutheran Church. As coordinator of the Handyman and Technology Ministry, Duane leads a team that turns practical help into spiritual encouragement, reminding us that simple acts of service are powerful expressions of Christ’s love in action. Those who receive help often say, “Every church should have a program like this.”**

**If you have questions, please call Duane at 928.925.0453.**



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ABOUT ME	
<b>Name / Preferred Name:</b>	<b>Date of 1st Request:</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
	<b>Referred by (if any):</b>
I was born in (city and state):	
Important people in my life are (include relationships):	
I like to be remembered for: I like to reminisce about: My work life includes/included: My interests, hobbies, and talents: Things that bring me peace or solace (prayers, readings, rituals, music, nature):	
Favorite movies, TV shows, and videos:	
Music, song, or sound preferences:	
Massage or other forms of touch preferences (neck, hands, feet):	
Favorite foods and beverages:	
I like the smell of:	
My sleeping habits are (waking, napping, and things that help me sleep):	
Things I dislike include (food, situations):	
Other things I would like you to know about me (routines, quiet time):	



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<b>Person in Need:</b>		<b>Date of 1st Request:</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
		<b>Referred by (if any):</b>	
<b>Inquire as to:</b>			
Date and time to deliver meal:			
Food Preferences:		Prefer baked or unbaked?	
Food allergies or sensitivities:			
Favorite Food:		Least Favorite Food:	
Best time to deliver:		How many people are at home?	
No. of adults?	No. of kids?:	Cooler on porch?	Home Prepared? Purchased?
<b>Extras:</b> Would they like us to eat with them?		Would they like us to pray for them?	
Provide: paper napkins?		disposable plates?	plastic wrap?
Leave a bag to put personal dishes for return: If using personal plates, label them with your name.			
Insert a care card with the meal.			
<b>Additional Notes / Reflections / Suggestions?</b>			