

Outstanding Volunteer Award Nomination

NOMINEE: Pastor Timm Meyer (Posthumous)

ORGANIZATION: Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas is proud to nominate Pastor Timm Meyer, Posthumous, for the InterHab Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Providing spiritual support and guidance for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities was what Pastor Timm Meyer was all about. For more than 20 years, Meyer not only served as a pastor for Norton Redeemer Lutheran Church in Norton, but became a spiritual leader for the individuals served by DSNWK in his community.

Every month, Pastor Meyer would come to the DSNWK group homes and provide a short bible passage and lead residents in singing hymns and choruses. A few years ago, Meyer shared his thoughts with DSNWK about his experience. "Each visit really provides another memory that is special," said Pastor Meyer. "To see some of the residents understand is the greatest joy. Some have learned to come and sit quietly when I arrive. Others smile or laugh during the singing."

"He provided insight and comfort to those he ministered to, and was a comfort for staff as well," states Darryl Clark, DSNWK Program Manager. "He never asked for compensation, but instead saw DSNWK as part of his ministry and he genuinely enjoyed his time sharing with us."

Meyer also provided pastoral care for five individuals who passed away during these 20 years, presiding over their services. One of these was Oliver Sayers, who before his passing, developed a close relationship with Pastor Meyer. Sayers always looked forward to Timm's singing and would often request that he sing "Jesus Loves Me".

He genuinely lived a life of service and cared deeply about his community providing ministry to inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility, regularly donating blood and coaching youth sports.

Pastor Meyer, a humble man of faith and service, would likely have declined any recognition of his passionate work and care of others. His life revolved around engaging and helping support the needs of others, no matter their challenge or ability in life. Sadly Pastor Timm Meyer passed away on February 28th after a brief illness.

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I have reviewed and agreed to the criteria for filming the awards video.

I have obtained approval for this nomination from the submitting agency's Executive Director.