

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Touching Lives for Christ

A shawl wrapped around the shoulders is a feeling of being encircled in God's arms. The warmth of a lap robe covers one with prayers. Having a shawl within sight is a reminder that Christian friends care, have lifted you in prayer, and are following Jesus' command to love one another.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a part of "Messiah's Touch", the heart-hands-health outreach of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Although only God can provide a miraculous healing, we hope that our prayer shawls and lap robes will provide hope, comfort and encouragement in times of need through the power of prayer. As they warm the body, may they also nurture the soul. As we create, may our handiwork become not only an expression of concern, but also of the loving care and amazing grace of the love God who works through us.

<u>Volunteer Opportunities</u>: We are a group of caring and creative women who meet together to knit or crochet shawls and lap robes. As they are being made, prayers are said for their intended recipients (known or unknown). As they are completed, a small cross charm is attached... a reminder of the Savior's love. Each month, a service is conducted for group prayers and The Blessing of the Shawls.

These prayer-filled shawls and lap robes are then given to those in need of comfort; in times of loneliness, illness, hospitalization & recovery, medical treatments, experiencing a loss, or shut-ins needing a caring touch.

<u>Skills Needed</u>: If you can knit or crochet... why not join us? If you want to learn, we can teach you... this ministry is open to all! Bring your own needles/hooks and yarn, and any pattern you choose. Come and share yourself and your stories as you work your shawl. We talk; we listen; and we pray silently for the persons who will receive our shawls as we create.

<u>Time Commitment</u>: Since most of our creating takes place at home, your time commitment will vary. We meet as a group at 11 a.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel (any changes will be in the bulletin). Our gatherings last about one hour.

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