

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Shared Ministry Opportunities in...

Prayer & Member Support

Prayer is a vital part of the life of each of us as Christians. It is communication with God. Our prayer time is also an opportunity to listen to God and begin to understand what His will is for us and for those for whom we pray. Likewise, the support of our members is part of what it means to belong to a caring, Christian community.

At Redeemer, members cherish and care deeply about each other. To that end, we have several ministries that help support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our members. Following are some of those ministries described herein:

Prayer Chain

Prayer Group

Prayer Shawls

*Blood Pressure
Checks*

Cheer Club

Stephen Ministry

*“Let us pray for
the whole people
of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all
people according
to their needs...”*

Prayer Chain

The Goal of our Prayer Chain, is to encourage prayer and to offer prayers to help members of the congregation.

Our Prayer Chain involves many people who dedicate their time to specifically pray for the needs of others. Prayer requests are received by the Prayer Chain Captain from Prayer Request cards in the pews, forms in the church office, or even via e-mail. These prayer requests are then sent by e-mail to members of the Prayer Chain who continue to pray for these requests each day.

We pray for many things: for our nation, our leaders, for our church, for those hurting, for those needing protection, for our parents and our children for those we work with and for those we may casually meet.

Prayer Chain members are anonymous. They are not interested in being identified. Their joy is participating in the work of the Lord through Prayer.



If you are interested in joining this ministry, or have a prayer request:

Contact: Judy Staib,

Prayer Chain Captain 425-5042

Prayer Committee

The Prayer Committee works with the Prayer Team to organize and coordinate special prayer events such as Prayer Vigils which are held from time to time during the year. Prayer Vigils may be held during a specific season of the church year, during times of special concern to the congregation, or during faith renewal events. This committee also coordinates special prayer request notices in the bulletin or newsletter. Additional members are always welcome.

Meets: As needed

Contact: Pastor Easterling 425-6071

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this ministry knit or crochet shawls and pray for the recipient with each stitch. Shawls are made independently by each member on their own time. Completed shawls are donated to those with special needs such as Hospice House, where they have become a special ministry. Join us!

Meets: Every 3 months

Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Jeannie Aumann

773-896-6716

Cheer Club

This ladies workshop spreads cheer by making quilts for Lutheran World Relief as well as for the community. Come and enjoy the fellowship while providing comfort and joy to others. No special training is required.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Betty Jardine 424-2802

Stephen Ministry

Loving and caring for one another is not just the Pastor's job—it is something Jesus calls each of us to do!

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, one-on one caring ministry of reaching out to those experiencing a difficult time in their lives.



Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for a caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way—bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

The Stephen Ministry program at Redeemer equips lay people to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and in our community. After 50 hours of training, our Stephen Ministers meet twice a month, in addition to meeting with their Care Receivers for about an hour each week.

We ask a two year commitment to this ministry, but from past experience, most

Stephen Ministers remain in this program for many years.

Meets: 1st Tuesday each month

Time: 4:15 P.M.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bob Reinhardt 506-0099

Pastor John Easterling 425-6071



Other Support Ministries

Listed below are several other groups within Redeemer offering indirect support to our members via other types of ministry programs. See the referenced brochure for more information.

* **Divine Divas**—fun and speaker or discussion of women's issues—*Women's Brochure*

* **Foot Care Ministry**—senior members and non-members—*Social Ministry Brochure*

* **Oldies—Singles over 60**—Fun, activities, for over 60 singles—*Fellowship Brochure*

