



Comforter Ministry Team Message

It is hard to believe that this time last year the three of us were new to managing the Comforter Ministry. There were many days when we were emailing and texting back and forth asking, "Who's doing this?" "How should we respond?" "Will we have enough quilts?" and often thinking, "What did we get ourselves into?"

Well, today we still ask those questions, but instead of feeling our heads spinning, we stop and breathe. We remember the army of quilters and supporters that continue to be there with their talents, gifts, and prayers. And we know that God is in charge and has brought us to where we are today.

***"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26***

While at times we feel challenged, we are truly blessed and joyful to serve in this mission. We give thanks each time we can fill a request to send a comforter to a woman diagnosed with cancer, and we are grateful to have reached many that have not yet heard of this ministry.

Looking forward to the upcoming months, we continue to review promotional material and our website. We look forward to doing presentations and possibly attending the 2024 LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, SD.

As we approach Easter, let our thoughts dwell on the comfort we have in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In many ways, a quilt is a type of resurrection. We destroy a larger piece of material, cutting it to pieces. Or we glean old scraps from

We exist to share the comfort and compassion of God's Word to women battling cancer, through the gift of a quilt and a journal.

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worn out items that have seen their day. We even utilize crumbs from the floor, destined for the trash bin. With these, our skill, and our love, we assemble beautiful new quilts.

A resurrection indeed!

Like the fabrics we transform, we are forgiven and transformed, yes, resurrected every day through God's love in Christ. He pieces us together with our brothers and sisters in faith into His beautiful church.

In the same way we eagerly anticipate a finished quilt, let's long for the day God's quilt is finished—the church triumphant.

A quilt fit for a king!

Easter blessings to you.
Mary, Judy, and Christine

Getting to Know You

For the next few newsletters, to know our readers better, and give you a chance to get to know each other as well, we will ask a question and request you to take a moment and send the Comforter Ministry your answer via an email, our website, text, letter, or phone call.

Then check upcoming newsletters where we will share the answers we received. We may be listing your first name, and your location (unless you request us not to). To get started the first question is:

What is your favorite bible verse? We need only the book, chapter, and verse.

Please send your answer to us by May 01, 2024, to ensure it can be included in the June 2024 Newsletter.

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2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Recipients of a Comforter

With the guidance from our loving Lord, the ministry has comforted over 1,253 women throughout the USA, a Canadian province, Australia, the Caribbean, Japan, and Switzerland.

Recipients throughout the United States

Alaska 4 - Arizona 13 - Arkansas 2 - California 30
Colorado 18 - Connecticut 2 - Florida 36 - Georgia 13
Idaho 2 - Illinois 38 - Indiana 11 - Iowa 14 - Kansas 8
Kentucky 15 - Maine 1 - Maryland 10 - Michigan 68
Minnesota 139 - Mississippi 2 - Missouri 6 - Montana 1
Nebraska 14 - Nevada 7 - New Jersey 3 - New York 8
North Carolina 10 - North Dakota 5 - Ohio 11
Oklahoma 18 - Pennsylvania 3 - South Carolina 5
South Dakota 11 - Tennessee 6 - Texas 128 - Utah 1
Virginia 12 - Washington 10 - West Virginia 2 - Wisconsin 554
Wyoming 1 - Hawaii 1

Recipients outside of the United States

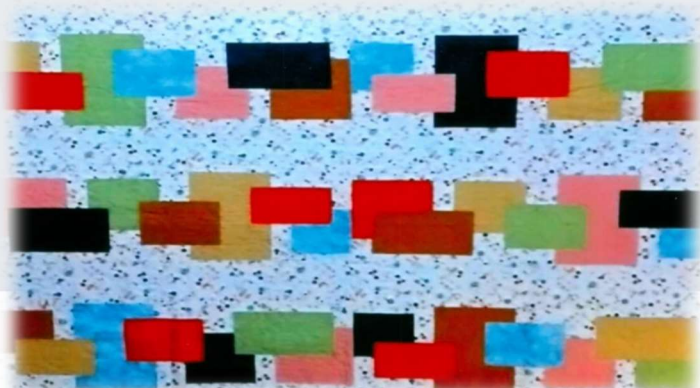
Australia 1 - Caribbean 1 - Japan 1 - Ontario, Canada 7
Switzerland 1

***“The prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective.”
James 5:16***

Please continue to support the ministry in your daily prayers.

- ♡ Pray for a cure for CANCER.
- ♡ Pray for women diagnosed with cancer.
- ♡ Pray for the Comforter Ministry.

To enable you to personalize your prayers go to
ComforterMinistry.com for a list of current recipients.



Words to Share



Thank you! Mary S. - Spartanburg, SC

“As I pray for the many people who are suffering with cancer, I never know whether they have one of my quilts or not. That does not matter. I think what does matter is that the Comforter Ministry is there to let them know that they are indeed wrapped with God’s love and they are not alone. There are many like me who pray for them every day and being an older woman myself, I can only imagine what Anne is now going through.

Our Lord knows what we can each bear, and I pray Anne will get through her battle with breast cancer. I think for many, an illness brings us even closer to our “Comforter” and that too is a blessing! Thank you all for managing this effort and to Su Hansen who started it all.”

Thank you, Mary, for sharing your thoughts and for your support to the Comforter Ministry. Anne and so many other women battling cancer will continue to be in our prayers.

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The Comforter Ministry Quilters

Our gifted 143+ Quilters/Quilt Groups throughout the United States and Canadian province have made and donated over 984 beautiful quilts.

Quilts received since November 20, 2023:



- ♥ **Mary W.** - Wis. Rapids
- ♥ **Abiding Grace Quilters**
Covington, GA
- ♥ **Gwynn M.** - Novi, MI
- ♥ **Ruth E.** - Watertown, WI
- ♥ **Phyllis F.** - Mukwonago, WI
- ♥ **Nancy L.** - Menominee, MI
- ♥ **Mary S.** - Spartanburg, SC

**Thank you for serving in
this special ministry.**

To view the quilts received, visit the Photo Gallery on our website, ComforterMinistry.com.

We have two longarm quilters that have generously offered to longarm quilts for the Comforter Ministry. As the top maker, you are responsible for completing the top, supplying a backing that is 4" larger than the top in all directions and shipping to the longarm quilter. They will supply the batting, longarm quilting and return shipping to you. If interested, please contact them to discuss.

Heidi Bork from Neenah, WI
Email: Quilterazzi@gmail.com or call 920.205.7213
JoAnn Maedke from Eden, WI
Email: jamaedke@gmail.com or call 920.948.3727

Thank you, Heidi, and JoAnn!

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
Colossians 3:17*

Special Gifts Received



*"I thank my God every time I remember you."
Philippians 1:3-5*

The Comforter Ministry has been blessed with generous financial support that has allowed us to reach women with cancer and provide them with God's word and the gift of a comforter and journal.

Special gifts received since
November 20, 2023:

Gail O. - Waupaca, WI; **Ardie S.** - Winthrop, MN; **Rebecca W.** - Jackson, WI; **Mary & Edwin S.** - Spartanburg, SC; **Gwynn M.** - Novi, MI; **St. Paul EV.** - Appleton, WI; **Becky D.** - Wis Rapids; **Jacqueline S.** - Bay City, MI; **Barbara S.** - Inver Grove Heights, MN; **Robert & Geraldine H.** - Greenville, SC

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Remember: The Comforter Ministry is a Non-Profit Organization. Upon request a 501(c)(3) Organization Donation Receipt can be provided.

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Burdens

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

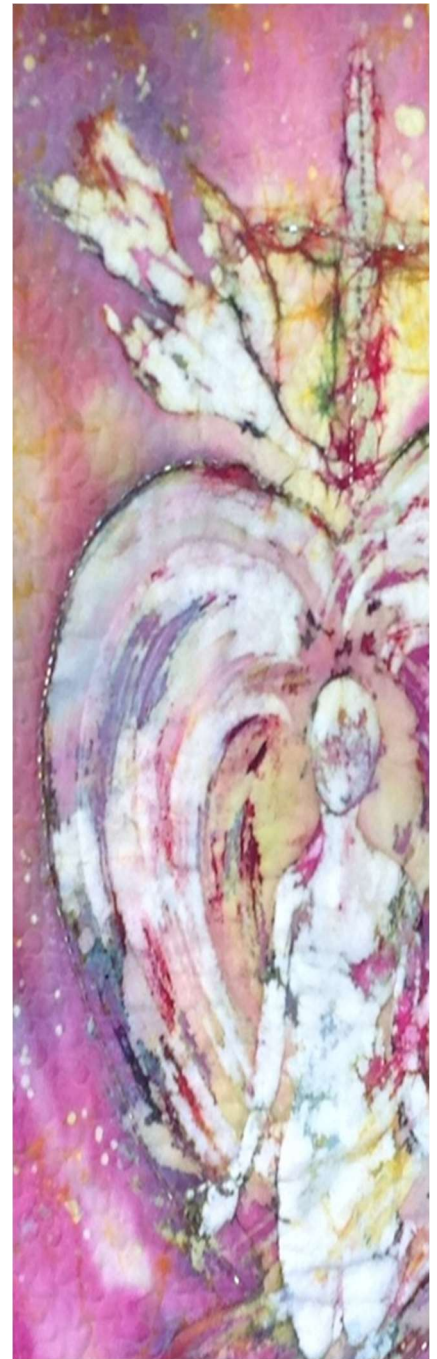
Matthew 11:28-30

Burdens come in many sizes, shapes, and forms. Some burdens urge us to act or pray for someone that God has laid on our hearts. Troubling circumstances may quickly become burdens we hoist on our backs. Sin might be another burden we attempt to carry. Regardless of the burden, the longer we carry it, the heavier it becomes. It weighs us down physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

The Lord never intended for us to carry our own burdens. He is our burden-bearer. Jesus tells us to come to Him and put on His yoke. He is stronger. As we allow Him to bear our burdens, our load will become lighter, and we will experience rest. What burdens are you carrying? Come to Jesus. Lay your burdens at His feet. Allow Him to carry your burdens. Find rest for your soul.

Dear Lord, why do I insist on carrying burdens when You desire to give me rest instead? I am coming to You, asking that You be my burden-bearer, Amen.

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