



Comforter Ministry Team Message

Since the Comforter Ministry transition a year ago, Su has been gracious in continuing the publication of our quarterly newsletter. But it's time for us to take it over. We cannot thank Su enough for her support and guidance. If you would like to reach out to Su and thank her, go to our website ComforterMinistry.com and find the link under "Su's Corner" and send her an e-mail. While there, use the "Contact Us" link and let us know how we are doing, and what you would like to read about in future newsletters.

We have been busy the last few months preparing for two presentations. In October we traveled to Savanna, IL and met with the LWMS Great River Circuit. They treated us to a wonderful lunch and a display of beautiful vintage quilts. It was like a mini quilt show! In November we attended the David's Star Women's Retreat in Jackson, WI. The day was filled with devotion, singing, and learning how God's peace helps us live in an anxious world. We are extremely thankful and blessed for these opportunities to present the work of the Comforter Ministry Team and our many quilters and supporters.

If your church group, or quilt group would like to learn more about the Comforter Ministry let us know. Depending on the location, we may be able to make a visit or send brochures and flyers for you to post.

It is hard to believe it has been one year since we took on the Comforter Ministry. We are blessed to have been given this service of sending God's word of love and comfort to women with cancer. We are humbled by the many stories we hear of women with cancer and their loved ones. Please continue to pray for them and the Comforter Ministry as we move forward into the upcoming New Year.

May the joy that filled the world when Jesus was born be found in your hearts this Christmas and New Year.

Mary, Judy, and Christine

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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Recipients of a Comforter

With the guidance from our loving Lord, the ministry has comforted over 1,218 women from 40 states (USA), a Canadian province, Australia, the Caribbean, Japan, and Switzerland.

Recipients throughout the United States

Alaska 4 - Arizona 13 - Arkansas 2 - California 28
Colorado 18 - Connecticut 2 - Florida 34 - Georgia 13
Idaho 2 - Illinois 38 - Indiana 10 - Iowa 14 - Kansas 7
Kentucky 15 - Maine 1 - Maryland 7 Michigan 66 -
Minnesota 138 - 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 2 - South Carolina 5 - South Dakota 11
Tennessee 5 - Texas 126 - Utah 1 - Virginia 12 -
Washington 10 - West Virginia 2 - Wisconsin 545
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.



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*Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles; so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.
2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

Words to Share



Thank you, Johannah, for sharing your situation with your mother battling cancer.

“She was so comforted and delighted about it! She had her first round of chemo and brought her journal with her. You are so thoughtful, and this is a beautiful ministry you do. I’m married to a pastor and live in Canada with our three little kiddos, so I am not able to be physically present for my mom as much as I would like. Knowing she’s receiving a gift like that from others is very special for me. Thank you for the work you do! We are blessed by it.”

Thank you, Cheryl, for sharing your thoughts on being a requester of a comforter.

“This Comforter Ministry also gives comfort to the requester. It is so comforting to know that a loved one is being prayed for and is receiving God’s word at a time they need it most.”

Johannah and Cheryl, your request to send a quilt and journal is a vital part of this special ministry. **Thank you!**

To The Comforter Ministry Quilters

Our gifted 143+ Quilters/Quilt Groups throughout the United States and Canadian province have made and donated over 968 beautiful quilts.

Quilts received since August 19, 2023:



- ♡ **Donna B.** Mansfield, GA
- ♡ **Abiding Grace Quilters**
Covington, GA
- ♡ **Mary S.** Spartanburg, GA
- ♡ **Patsy G.** Oshkosh, WI
- ♡ **Trinity Quilters**
Minocqua, WI
- ♡ **Barb S.** Bloomington, MN
- ♡ **Gwynn M.** Novi, MI
- ♡ **Faith in Action Quilters**
Rochester, MN
- ♡ **Kathy D.** Shawano, WI
- ♡ **Elenore G.** San Jose, CA

Thank you for serving in this 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.

Gifts received since August 19, 2023:

Cheryl M. - Menomonee Falls, WI;
Patti S. - Covington, GA; **Gail O.** - Waupaca, WI; **Sally H.** - Waupaca, WI; **Marie K.** - Wausau, WI;
Michael M. - Nekoosa, WI;
Cynthia G. - Hastings, MN; **Linda P.** - Wis. Rapids, WI; **LWMS Great River Circuit** - Savanna, IL;
Suzanne G. - Wis. Rapids, WI;
Wanda L. - Savanna, IL; **Colleen** - Wis. Rapids, WI; **Dennis and Lyla M.** - Stevensville, MI; **Pamela M.** - Sandy, UT; **David's Star Women's Retreat attendees** - Jackson, WI;
Gayl J. - Rothschild, WI

Thank you for giving to this special ministry.

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

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Life can sometimes leave us feeling discouraged, dejected, or disillusioned. Even though the Lord has abundantly blessed us, at times it's easy to forget the truth. Perhaps we're struggling financially, maritally, or health wise. How can we respond with praise when our earthly life appears to be in conflict with spiritual truth?

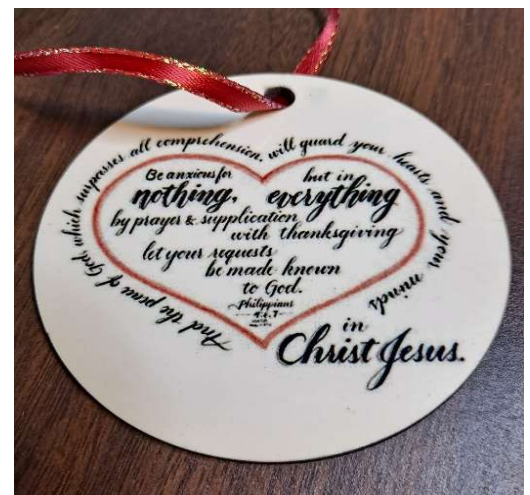
Regardless of our circumstance, God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Although we never lack anything in the heavenly realm, many times our focus remains worldly. Jobs, family, houses, finances, health~~~these all pull at our heartstrings. When experiencing difficulty in one of these areas, it's hard to offer God praise. What is the solution?

Focus your thoughts heavenward and count the spiritual blessings at your disposal. The Lord's indwelling presence guides our minds and comforts our hearts. His resurrection power enables us to persevere triumphantly. His sustaining peace imparts encouragement for today and hope for tomorrow. When we meditate on eternal blessings, our momentary struggles are put into proper perspective. Earthly trials are temporary. Spiritual blessings are eternal!

Dear Lord, help me keep my focus in the heavenly realms. I have everything I need because of You! Amen.

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