
Historically the church has played a major role in the health and caring for people by establishing the first hospitals, hospice, and long-term care facilities.

Over time, the church stepped back from this role and healing became the task of medical professionals and clinical institutions. We now recognize that technology and medical treatment by themselves, are not the answers in bringing about healing.

People of faith are reaffirming their call by God to minister to one another. We have come to realize that good health requires caring not only for the body, but also for the mind and the soul.

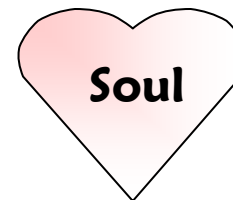
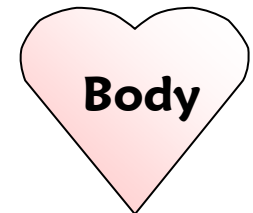
"I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

John 10:10



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Parish Nurse Health Ministry



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**The Health Ministry Team
at Grace Lutheran Church
consists of:**

- The Health Ministry Board to guide and direct this ministry.
- The Health Ministry Resource Members to assist the parish nurse with specific activities and programs.
- The parish nurse to coordinate and implement the direction of the ministry.

A Parish Nurse is...

A registered nurse who is committed to the caring and healing mission of the church, educated to promote the wellness of mind, body, and spirit. The program follows the Scope and Standards of Parish Nurse Practice. The parish nurse works in partnership with the pastor.

The focus of this ministry is...

- Health promotion and prevention.
- Caring for the “whole” person.
- Referrals as appropriate.
(This is not a substitute for physical health care.)
- Bring wholeness and healing to the faith community.
- Education, support and counseling to all members.
- Serve ongoing needs of the parish.

**Some of the services a parish nurse
could provide are...**

- Referrals to appropriate support services.
- Offer support and prayer during times of crisis, grief, and celebration.
- Presentations on health education and promotion.
- Counsel members on health related issues.
- Blood pressure checks.
- Coordinate wellness programs.
- Home, hospital, nursing home visits as needed.
- Develop support groups within the church.

“We do this in response to God’s love and his word: He sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

Luke 9:2



**If you are requesting information on Parish Nurse Services,
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