

# School Nursing & Team Ministry

Trinity Lutheran Church, School and Child Care.

Trinity Lutheran Health Ministry began in 1999. Its leadership is a God of wholeness: full of love, grace and mercy. This health ministry is a response to God's plan of salvation; His love for us. That plan was the sacrifice of the blood of His only Son, Jesus Christ, on the Cross, and Christ's resurrection in order that "His kingdom come" to us and we may be restored. We desire restoration and wholeness of body, soul and spirit that can only come when His Spirit lives in us.

The command of Jesus Christ to His followers was to "preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2). We respond, "Help us Lord, and heal us".



School nursing responsibilities are addressed by the Parish Nurses and certified parents and lay parishioners. Included are annual Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Screening; computerized immunization records and follow-up; health education classes; and first-aid care of students.

**CPR, AED and First Aid classes** are taught to keep all staff current and classes are open to parishioners as well.

**Volunteers** (lay people) are trained and supported with information needed for meeting the care offered through the ministries of health.

The **team ministry with pastors** and parish nurses in the health ministry benefits the parishioner. The pastors have expertise in theology and spiritual care and nurses understand the medical and nursing terms, tests and issues that often confuse parishioners.

Unpaid professionals (registered nurses/medical doctors/dentist and allied health), as well as lay people make up the health ministry for the faith community at

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## Parish Nurse Health Ministry At Trinity Lutheran



*May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:23*

Trinity Lutheran Church, School & Child Care  
Parish Nurse Health Ministry  
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Amarillo, TX 79106



Conveniently located at the corner of I-40 & Avondale.

## Welcome to our Health Ministry



The **Health Ministry** is coordinated by registered nurses and parishioners interested in the body, mind and spiritual health of their faith community and extended to the community-at-large.

The **Blood Pressure Ministry** is available when the Parish Nurse is in the office during the week, and on the last Sunday of each month after both morning worship services.

**Project Compassion** includes visits, calls and notes to parishioners and others in the community. Pastors and lay members of the church, school and child care are encouraged to refer any person/family for the parish nurse to make an assessment call to in their home or in a health facility.

Temporary assistance to a doctor's appointment, health class, or to pick up a medication is available. Sitters are available on a temporary basis during prolonged hospitalizations; with hospice in the home or a health facility; for respite care; or when a parishioner has no family available to support them.

**Home Health Equipment** that has been donated by church members is available to loan out or give to others in need.

**Exercise classes** are held as instructors are available to lead them. And, parishioners as a group are involved in community competition like "Walk Across Texas" or other programs like "Walk to Jerusalem" that motivate parishioners to exercise.



**Mini-Symposiums** offer educational programs on body, mind and spiritual health for parishioners and the community.

**Health Counseling** in the Parish Nurse office offers supportive information regarding special diets, healthy habits and lifestyles, medications and medical/nursing terms and tests that the parishioner may not understand. A library of materials, books and DVDs has been started that can be loaned out to parishioners.

As a **liaison to the community**, the parish nurses utilizes and refers the parishioners for community resources such as lifeline, hospice, and transportation services.

**Bible Studies** for wholeness are offered in Fall and Spring, on various topics.

**Prayer Vigils** are hosted during the year and provide parishioners with an atmosphere in the sanctuary that encourages one to pray and seek the Lord for the needs of all.

**Prayer Circles** (several groups of 8 parishioners) are involved in daily prayer requests of the members.

In our **Jail Ministry**, we hold "church" and Bible studies at Randall and Potter County Jail, as part of Prison Fellowship. We also join the annual **Angel Tree project** with other Amarillo churches.

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