



## Madison Area Jail Ministry

The Jail Ministry needs your support! Listed below are numerous ways you can contribute to the ministry on an individual or congregational level. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Supplies

We have an urgent need for the following supplies, most of which can be purchased at the Dollar Store:

- Reading Glasses – especially 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, and 2.00
- Composition Notebooks – Without spiral binding
- Coloring Pencils
- Postage



Donations can be brought to Lake Edge Lutheran Church

located at 4032 Monona Drive. The church is open Mon – Thurs. 8:30 – 4:00 and Friday 8:30 – noon.

## Prayer Shawls

Each week women gather for worship in a cold chapel, dressed in worn blue scrubs and flip flops. One week in December the chapel was so frigid that we wrapped the women in the fabrics adorning our alter. Not only were the women warmer but, for the first time since their incarceration, they felt like ladies. It was wonderful! We'd like to make this unexpected beauty part of our weekly worship through the use of prayer shawls. As the Chaplain's imagine it, each lady would have her own shawl for worship which she would be gifted upon release. In addition to the love that goes into making the shawl, the jail congregation would pray over the woman while wrapped in her shawl. Would you or your congregation like to prepare shawls for the jail? Would you like to organize this program? If so, **please contact Chaplain Christa at [ChaplainChrista@yahoo.com](mailto:ChaplainChrista@yahoo.com) or 608-332-9424.**



## Food

If you like to cook or bake, we have just the job(s) for you! Please take a look at the following three opportunities to see which is the best fit for your skills and passions.

### Bread for Worship

Each week in worship the Chaplains offer Holy Communion, using delicious, decadent breads. While that might sound heretical, we believe Jesus would understand. The mix of holy and decadent makes for a truly spiritual experience. Are you a baker? Do you have a favorite recipe for banana bread or blueberry coffee cake? If so, we'd love for you to share with us.



If you would like to prepare baked goods for our weekly worship or coordinate this program, please contact **Chaplain Christa at [ChaplainChrista@yahoo.com](mailto:ChaplainChrista@yahoo.com) or 608-332-9424.**

## Support Group Meals

Each week the Chaplains host a women's and a men's support group which includes a meal. This group takes place at Bethel Lutheran Church Tuesdays (for women) and Wednesdays (for men) from 1 – 4 pm. With the exception of extreme weather conditions, we meet weekly. We meet if it is 95 degrees with 100% humidity and if it's raining cats and dogs. And, the men and women walk to our group, some walking a few blocks others walking a few miles. It is important to us and our ministry of hospitality that we offer our guests drinks and food when they arrive. The Chaplains are in need of your help. For the past year they have been purchasing and preparing all of the food. This however, is not the best use of their limited time. Would you or your congregation be willing to provide a monthly or quarterly meal?



To learn more about this opportunity please contact  
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### **Details**

- Women's Group: Tuesday, 1 – 4 pm, Bethel Lutheran, approximately 6 women
- Men's Group: Wednesday, 1- 4 pm, Bethel Lutheran, approximately 15 men
- No pork please!

## Snacks for the Staff

The Chaplains are called to serve those who are experiencing incarceration as well as those who staff the jail. Food, the breaking of bread, is one way for the Chaplains to connect with the very busy staff. They are very intentional about preparing snacks for the staff during the holidays (the Chaplains baked dozens and dozens of cookies over Christmas!) but also bring food in periodically just to say thank you and hello. Would you or your congregation be willing to prepare some treats for the staff? You could do this for a holiday or as the Spirit moves. Or, if you have leftovers from a church meal or meeting, we'd love to share those with the staff as well. Please consider these opportunities and contact Chaplain Christa with questions or to schedule a food date!

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