

ABOUT THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

‘Weaving’ Your Prayers

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a way to reach out to individuals experiencing grief, serious illness or other difficult circumstances by creating shawls. As the First English Lutheran Church shawl makers are knitting or crocheting, they are “weaving” prayers for God’s healing into the shawl. Completed shawls receive a blessing before they are presented to individuals. Anyone can stop by the church office to pick up a shawl and present it to anyone in need of prayer.

Any pattern is acceptable, but a basic pattern is offered in this brochure. Before you start, or as you are knitting or crocheting, remember to pray as you are making the shawl. If you know the name of the recipient, lift up that person by name. Ask for God to provide healing of body, mind and spirit. Pray for the love of Jesus to surround the recipient.

**Shawls are knit or crocheted
in a pattern of three,
symbolizing the Holy Trinity.**

Basic Knitting Pattern

Buy 3 skeins.

Use size 11 or 13 needles.

Cast on 57 stitches.

Work in a pattern of knit 3, purl 3.
Always start with knit 3.

You should always knit the purls
and purl the knits.

Continue in the knit 3, purl 3 pattern
until the shawl is 6 feet long.

To complete, you may wish to add
fringe, beads or charms.

Basic Crochet Pattern

Plan on using 3 1/2 skeins.

Use size N hook.

Chain 54 stitches or your desired width.

Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of
the stitches to the end. Chain 3, and
turn.

Double crochet in top of each single
crochet.

Repeat this row 2 more times. Chain 1,
and do 1 row of single crochet.

Repeat the pattern of one row of single
crochet and three rows of double
crochet until the shawl measures 6 feet,
ending with a row of single crochet.

To complete, you may wish to add
fringe, beads or charms.

Additional Resources

www.shawlministry.com

www.waitingroomministry.com

“Knitting into the Mystery:
A Guide to the
Shawl-Knitting Ministry,”
by Susan S. Izard and Susan Jorgensen

“Knitting for Peace:
Make the World a Better Place
One Stitch at a Time,”
by Betty Christiansen

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Meeting Times

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of First English meets quarterly in the Lounge at First English Lutheran Church-Downtown Site, 326 E. North St., Appleton. Bring your finished shawls and any that you are working on. Finished shawls will be blessed before distributing.

Questions?

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Creating Prayer Shawls in the Lounge at the Downtown Site of First English Lutheran Church are Barb Kuenzi (from left), Phyllis Anderson and Sharon Anderson. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets here at 9:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



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