

## **Health Ministry Committee**

- FLC Mission:** Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian Faith.
- Committee Mission:** The mission of the Health Ministry Committee is to help all to more fully experience God's grace, love, and healing by addressing their spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental health.
- Organization:** The Health Ministry Committee is comprised of the Parish Nurse Coordinator, the Parish Nurses, a visitation Pastor, and at least five individuals committed to the Health Ministry of FLC, including one Council member. The Committee includes individuals from healthcare professions as well as individuals not involved in healthcare.
- Function:** The Health Ministry Committee is a coordinating committee, supporting the Parish Nurse Coordinator in achieving the goals and priorities set by the group in the areas of spiritual, physical, and emotional health. The Health Ministry Committee functions under the Congregational Care Ministry.
- Meetings:** The Health Ministry Committee meets monthly, except during the summer months, with the Parish Nurse Coordinator organizing the agenda and leading each meeting. Minutes of the meetings are provided to the Congregation Council on a monthly basis.
- Responsibilities:**
- To support the parish nurse program and its mission, educating others about the program, and promoting the overall interests of the parish nurse program.
  - To be responsible for the ongoing development of the health ministry program of this congregation.
  - To support the Befriender Ministry program.
  - To develop an agenda and focus for the health ministry program annually.
  - To recruit members including a combination of parish nurses and lay members of First Lutheran Church to fulfill the duties of this committee.
  - To serve as a resource to parish nurse, church staff, and congregation.
  - To encourage, support, and foster education of the parish nurses in effort to promote the health and wellness of the congregation.
  - To fulfill such other responsibilities as the Congregation council may assign.