

Accomplishments of *Stitches of Love* Quilt Ministry September, 2010 – May, 2011

- 150 quilts created & completed by the St. Matthew's Quilt Ministry.
- Dental Bags distributed to children in Central America using recycled upholstered fabric samples
- 3 blankets sent to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in SD in conjunction with ELCA Women of Greater Milwaukee Synod
- 5 baby quilts completed; donation of squares drawn by preschool classes / teacher is church member
- 6 quilts completed; donation of quilt tops from a church member, including 2 twin size quilts
- 20 receiving blankets completed; distributed in memory of infant child, Vivienne Louise Rose Ubell
- Numerous children's medical gowns were sewn and distributed to dental clinics in Central America

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry Schedule

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry meets 3-5 times a year between September & May. Meetings take place:

Evenings @ 7:00 PM at church

A Morning Workshop of Quilting & Prayer Shawl Ministry is planned for January, 2012. Bring your project to work on or give a helping hand to others. The working session will be followed by light lunch at noon. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Watch the Voice church newsletter & Sunday Bulletin for details on dates and times to meetings and January Workshop.

Beginner's Quilting Sessions meet on an as-needed basis to learn the basics of quilting. Contact Bev Etzelmueller if interested.

Information about the Quilt Ministry is also on the St. Matthew's website at:

www.stmattslutheran.org

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry



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General guidelines for *Stitches of Love* Quilt Ministry of St. Matthew's.

- Ministry focuses on quilts and blankets for infants and young children. Also lap blankets for wheelchair bound
- Donations are accepted but restricted to cotton, flannel and fleece to coordinate the focus of children's bedding. Donations are reviewed at the discretion of the Coordinator of the Quilt Ministry
- Greater portion of handwork is done at home
- No deadlines for project – work at your own pace
- No experience needed...no equipment needed...just a willingness to learn
- Meets at church 3-5 times between September-May.
- Not necessary to attend each meeting; attend as your schedule permits.
- All ages welcome; friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers

St. Matthew's has an active **Prayer Shawl Ministry** which ministers to the healing of hearts both spiritually and physically. Contact Jane Sandstrom (262-790-1652) if interested.

Quilts and blankets are currently being distributed through the following organizations:

- **Linus Project** – National organization that distributes blankets on an as-needed basis. Local donations include preemies to St. Joseph's Hospital, Children's Hospital & Bethany Christian Services.
- **The Joy House.** This welcoming home is dedicated to supply the needs of women and children through Milwaukee Rescue Mission.
- **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee** – serving & supporting the needs of women
- **BASIC (Brothers & Sisters in Christ Serving) – City of Milwaukee** – working in conjunction with Mark Mallwitz and the homeless.
- **Additional donations** are made on an as-needed basis

“*Stitches of Love*” Quilt Ministry is a non-profit ministry dedicated to spread the message and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. All quilts created and completed are donated. **No quilts will be sold for profit.** The ministry's quilts and blankets are made from donated fabrics and distributed through various charities as needed.

The Goal of *Stitches of Love* Quilt Ministry

The goal of the ministry is to spread the love of our Lord worldwide through the warm bedding provided by the Quilting Ministry. The ministry strives to make beautiful quilts, afghans, and receiving blankets from donated fabrics, for distribution to individuals who are in physical, emotional, or spiritual need. Quilts are donated to ministries serving the needs of the Greater Milwaukee area, charities and foreign missions.

The “*Stitches of Love*” Quilt Ministry combines the talents of quilters who have eager hearts and hands, to make quilts for those in need, to the Glory of God.

Prior to the quilts and blankets being distributed, all quilts receive a prayer of blessing.

Contact Coordinator, Bev Etzelmueller (262-250-3969) with questions and for more information.

