

Embracing His People with His Love and Stitched Prayers!

Hugs from God's Gifts of Talents:

During this isolation period, Knitters, Crocheters, and Seamstresses have been busy with their God given talents! Thank you and Praise be To God! Thanksgiving to you, who have not buried or hidden your talents. Alleluia! Isolation doesn't mean hibernation! If you would like to lend a helping hand, please contact one of the volunteers heading up our many outreach ministries!

We continue to stitch throughout the year then take our shawls, blankets, prayer squares, Hats and Scarves (etc.) to the alter for blessings. We use patterns from multiple resources, and try to be thrifty with our supplies. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry yarn is kept in the cabinet in the parish hall and are grouped by color and maker for our shawls. There are some supply tubs marked for separate ministries: Seafarer, DOK (Sapphire Blue and White), "Baby Bible Blankets" (Baptismal Blankets). We accept yarn donations and financial offerings from "Prayer Shawl Angel\$". You will also find containers for completed projects marked: "waiting to be blessed". We give thanks to you for your ministry of creating and giving!

Prayer Shawl Ministries – Lydia Schweizer 937-231-8590

Prior to the closing of the church doors, we blessed 35 new shawls! During this stressful time, our inventory is expected to diminish! Ask yourself, is there someone on your journey that would benefit from God's embrace? That person could be: going through a difficult time; alone in their quarantine; mourning the loss of a loved one; dealing with a serious illness; postponing surgery or cancer treatments; cancelling/missing a major event (wedding!) or milestone (birthday, anniversary, or graduation celebration); supporting a loved one through a difficult transition; dealing with an addiction; YOU! Please reach out to the church office to make arrangements to pick up a shawl to spread God's love. Please remember to fill out the attached information paper to let us know who you are, who will be receiving the shawl, and when. If you would like to let us know any additional information feel free to right a note on the back or drop Lydia a note. She keeps an inventory of persons who have received, given and created our shawls, so this vital information is updated from those papers. Master lists of recipients (by first and last name) are kept in the library cabinet. Please check to see that the person you have in mind has not already received a shawl(s).

Seafarer's Ministry (Hats and Scarves) – Marion Downing 561-222-6842

Stitchers of all ages are welcome to join our ministry. As we approach the warmer days ahead, many stitchers like to switch to making hats and scarves for our seafarers who come through our ports, in the winter, on their way to the North Atlantic. These special Gifts provide God's warmth and Love to the men and women working hard so far from home and family. Please let Marion or any staff member know that you would like to help knit or crochet for this ministry.

Face Masks – Karen Rouch 561-762-4794

This ministry jumpstarted at the beginning of the epidemic and ran like gangbusters with volunteers who made masks for Parishioners, Frontline Workers and Hospitals. Patterns were shared over the internet and we helped many people in need. For more information, contact Karen. Praise be to God for all who assist in this ministry, AMEN!

Three Additional Outreach Opportunities for:

Youth, Families, Multigenerational...ALL AGES!

Project Linus, Toys for Local Dog Shelters, Pillowcases

Through the Project Linus distribution chapters in both Palm Beach County and The Treasure Coast, Lydia Schweizer has been working with high school volunteers to create: no sew blankets for Project Linus; Sewing (yes, she teaches you to sew on her machines!) pillow cases for children, elderly and patients recovering from illness or sudden changes in life; and making dog toys (from old t-shirts!) for local dog (we may add cat) shelters. If you would like to get involved in one of these projects, she needs and would love to recruit some new volunteers for the summer! “sew” far, our materials have been donated, but they will need replenishing soon! Give her a call, send her a text, or an email and look for opportunities and resources to join her as she continues this ministry into the summer months! Lydia 937-231-8590, satt.ischweizer@gmail.com (indicate your ministry of interest in the title bar please!)

During this time of “Cabin Fever”, Please join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, as we keep our Blessed hands busy doing God’s work as He Embraces His People with His Love, and Stitched Prayers! Thanks Be To God, AMEN!

Faithfully submitted for TIDINGS,

Lydia Schweizer