

COMPASSION & CARE MINISTRIES

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Compassion & Care ministries provide opportunities to express the hope, comfort and love of Christ to our congregation and surrounding community and city through practical acts of giving and service. Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to join us.

Serve at one of the 5 local agencies that we support by providing financial and volunteer support:

Inn From The Cold

- We provide volunteers for the Downtown Shelter on the first Monday of every month and host an Inn at First Alliance Church whenever there is a fifth Monday in a month (about 4 times a year).

(www.innfromthecold.org)

Mustard Seed

- We prepare and serve meals for the homeless at the Foothills Industrial location once a month.

(www.theseed.ca)

Sonshine Centre

- A centre for women and children fleeing domestic violence. See website for many opportunities to serve.

(www.sonshine.ab.ca)

Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

- Donate to the Baby Bottle campaign every May/June; see website for other opportunities to serve.

(www.pregcare.com)

Bridge My Community

- A website that allows people to ask for help and members of the community to respond directly to their needs. Check website regularly for submitted request of items that you can donate.

(www.bridgemycommunity.org)

Other expressions of Compassion to our neighbours that you can participate in:

Grace Givers Projects – Christmas & Easter Hampers

- Donate, assemble and deliver hampers of food and gifts to families in our surrounding communities.

Father Lacombe Care Centre – Chapel Services

- The 2nd Sunday afternoon of the month, 2:30 - 3:00 pm. Volunteer opportunities include: playing piano, leading worship, providing brief devotionals, as well as simply taking the time to sit and visit with the seniors.

Our church is our family. When part of our family is suffering or in crisis, we want to respond with care and support. There are many ways to be involved in caring by serving on one of our teams:

Meals

- Provide a meal for an individual or family in need of some encouragement.

Visitation

- To hospitals, hospices or home; training is made available.

Lend A Hand

- Practical helps such as shopping, running errands, driving to appointments.

Tool Team

- Household, vehicle, and yard repairs for our single moms, elderly, and ill.

Mercy Ministers

- One-on-one support in crisis - walk with someone as they journey down a path that you have previously journeyed and found God to be faithful; training is made available.

Funeral Teas

- Help host light refreshments following a funeral or memorial service.

Prayer

- Join the prayer line or one of our prayer groups.

Emergency Medical Responder

- Are you a health care worker or have had training in emergency first aid/CPR? We have a roster of individuals who can respond to an emergency within the church during worship services.

