

HEALING SERVICE at St. Bartholomew's, Pewaukee

Seventy percent of Jesus' ministry was Healing. Luke 9:12 states that we are to preach the Kingdom and Heal the sick. Healing ministries offer listening, love, anointing and prayer for our body, mind and spirit. The laying on of hands and anointing with Holy Oil can be a powerful part of healing prayer.

St. Bartholomew's has a Healing Service every Wednesday evening at 6:15 P.M. (please note New Time). The service lasts approximately one-half hour.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus is to make people whole, not just physically, but spiritually, mentally and emotionally. The healing Ministry was such an essential part of Jesus' Ministry that I believe He imparted that responsibility to us in the Church who continues His work.

As a Chaplain at Waukesha Memorial Hospital I have the opportunity to serve Our Lord by helping patients to heal through listening, prayer and anointing. There is a book titled "Sharing - A Journal of Christian Healing", in it Doctors are quoted "God is not limited in His methods of healing. All healing is of God. The best interests of the patient are accomplished when there is a co-operation of medicine and prayer." Yes, I believe in physical healings - but at other times people are healed of some important problems/concerns in life like bitterness, anger and resentments.

In our World we do not get enough touch. We do so much of our communications electronically. I would like to quote/reprint from Henri Nouwen's book "Bread for the Journey". "Touch, yes touch, speaks the wordless words of love. We receive so much touch when we are babies and so little when we are adults. Still, in friendship, touch often gives more than words. A friend's hand stroking our back, a friend's arms resting on our shoulder, a friend's fingers wiping our tears away, a friend's lips kissing our forehead - these bring true consolation. These moments of touch are truly sacred. They restore, they reconcile, they reassure, they forgive, they heal. Everyone who touched Jesus were healed. God's love and power went out from Him (see Luke 6:19). When a friend touches us with free non-possessive love, it is God's incarnate love that touches us and God's power that heals us."

I believe healing is not an event. I believe healing is a process. Faith is not believing God can do something. Faith is believing God will do something. And, I believe our God is already and continually doing something.

Do you or do you know someone, a family member or a friend who needs healing. Do you know you can be a representative for someone in need of Healing? Come, join us at the Healing Service every Wednesday evening at 6:15 P.M. St. Bartholomew's is located at N27W24000 Paul Court, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

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