



St. Luke's Care Visitation Team (CVT): What is it?

A St. Luke's lay member who provides follow-up care in partnership with St. Luke's pastors to provide compassion, encouragement, and support for church families during illness, hospitalizations, and/or long-term care.

Requirements/Qualifications for a CVT:

- Member of St. Luke's preferably for a minimum of three (3) years.
- Regular worship attendee
- Knowledge and study of scripture to provide a foundation for care ministry through provided CVT training.
- Discernment process: Must complete application and meet with Minister of Care.
- Applicant should take Spiritual Gifts Survey online (if not taken within last 5 years)
- Financially gives back to the church
- Expected to commit to at least 3 hours/week to this ministry.
- Attend monthly meetings with all CVT Staff. (Pastors, CVT Coordinator, Care Administrator)
- Completion of CVT training in full.

Role of the CVT:

- Provide compassionate loving care to a member of the church family during an illness or hospitalization and assist with any immediate needs.
- Provide visits to those hospitalized as assigned by the Care Visitation Team Coordinator.
- Provide weekly visits to those in rehab as assigned by Care Visitation Team Coordinator.
- Provide monthly visits to those in nursing home facilities and/or home visits as assigned by Care Visitation Team Coordinator.
- Connect with St. Lukers to give relief, hope, and compassion during their time of illness/recovery.
- Pray with congregational members.
- Assess and initiate any additional support for person (meals, transportation, Stephen Ministry, etc.).
- Notify specific cluster groups/support groups of needs or additional support.
- Leave business card to note team's presence and any other supplies as needed. (prayer shawl, comfort cross, Upper Room booklets, etc.)
- Make follow-up phone calls as necessary for additional support.
- Assist Care Administrator with any additional phone calls if needed.

- Provide dependable support and complete assigned visits as deemed necessary during the week/month. A minimum of 3-4 hours per week may be needed.
- Update records using church's online database after each visit/phone contact for accuracy. Training provided on database.
- Meet with Minister of Care, Care Visitation Team Coordinator, Care Administrator and other CVT's monthly for feedback, problem solving, and to discuss any concerns or issues that may arise.