

GLENDIVE MEDICAL CENTER CHAPEL



**Funds were kindly donated
by Glendive Medical Center's
Auxiliary to establish the
Chapel in August 1999.**

**The Chapel is a place where
patients, families, residents & staff
may go for quiet
reflection and prayer.**

HISTORY: Spiritual Care has always been an element in the care of patients at Glendive Medical Center. To have a Spiritual Care Department within the facility was a long time dream of the leadership team. In 2004, the position of Hospital Chaplain created.

PROCESS:

Upon admittance as a patient to the hospital, extended care, assisted living or the veterans home, spiritual needs are considered of high importance in the support and healing of each individual.

Family or individuals will be asked their religious or denominational preference for spiritual support. If there is no affiliation, those involved have the option of requesting a visit by the Chaplain.

If these questions have been inadvertently omitted in the admitting process the family and individuals are encouraged to ask for Spiritual Care. However, because of privacy regulations, residents, patients and families must remember to give permission to allow clergy to visit. In order to protect the privacy of all concerned, hospital staff members are not allowed to give out names to anyone.

PURPOSE:

Due to the nature of rural living, it is important the entire community feel a part of the ministry to those who are residents or patients. The sense of community means that people in distress are neighbors, family and friends; everyone is part of the support and healing system.

Local minister's provide spiritual care for their members as well as others in the community who may not be officially a part of their congregations, but still feel the ties engendered through community.

The Spiritual Care Department attempts to facilitate those connections in whatever way possible within the parameters of individual, federal, and state privacy legal regulations.

Worship Opportunities:

Extended Care

*Sunday Services, Weekly Services,
Communion Services, Quarterly Services,
Memorial Services, Rosary & Mass, Bible Study*

Eastern Montana Veterans' Home

*Quarterly Memorial Service, Bible Study,
Rosary, Mass & Communion*

The Heritage

*Video Taped Service, Communion Service,
Bible Study*

Congregations involved in the above activities include:

- *Church of Christ*
- *Zion Lutheran*
- *Assembly of God*
- *Community Bible*
- *Seventh Day Adventists*
- *Christian Missionary Alliance*
- *Our Savior Lutheran*
- *First Baptist*
- *Methodist*
- *Sacred Heart Church*
- *Evangelical Church of N.A.*

† *There are many other seasonal activities, music groups, and visitation done by various congregations throughout the year.*

Other areas where spiritual care becomes a concern and where the Chaplain is involved.....

The **Ethics Committee** which is made up of community members, medical providers and GMC staff work with the patient, resident, their families, and nursing staff in dealing with Critical Care and End-Of-Life issues. Advanced Medical Directives, Living Wills and other documents are available to you as you make decisions concerning the type of care you desire.

The **Hospice Program** at GMC creates a partnership with local congregations and pastors sharing the journey to life's end with patient and family.

A **Holiday Grief Support Group** is held at the Carney Conference Center.

A variety of support groups are available through Glendive Medical Center. Feel free to discuss your needs with the Social Worker 345-3338 or the Chaplain by calling 939-1610.

Spiritual Care Ministry

Patient
Resident
Family
Staff

Mission Statement
Committed to caring
healing, and a healthier
community.

Vision
Quality rural health
services through a
holistic approach to
customer centered care.

