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Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Way of the Lord:

I am very thankful to serve you as the new lead of Way of the Lord's Health Ministry. God has been preparing me to be an extension of His heart as we walk through life in Christ to come alongside any who desire more support around health issues.

I am a Registered Nurse, having completed my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1982 from Gustavus Adolphus College. I have continually held Licensure from the State of MN since my passing my State Board Exam in 1982. I have in-patient experience in Adult –Medical Surgical areas, including Oncology/Hematology, Bone Marrow Transplantation, Endocrine, Neurology, Gynecology, Eating Disorders with my most extensive experience in the Perinatal area of Obstetrics, Newborn Nursery, High Risk Prenatal and Labor and Delivery. I have always prayed for patients in my care and looked to the Holy Spirit for His help as I went about the duties entrusted to me in these areas.

My story of God's grace in my life began as a girl growing up in a Lutheran church, whose parents helped me have a Sunday School Perfect Attendance Award for 6 years in 6th grade. I was exposed to a living Christian witness at Lutheran Church camp as an 11 year old and recognized that if they would "have given an altar call", I would have gone forward and given my heart to Christ in a public setting. But that was not how things happened around me.

While my parents faithfully took me to Lutheran Church and Sunday School, I saw very little evidence that my parents read the Bible or prayed, other than the standard "Lutheran Table Prayer" before and after meals and early on only with a standard "bedtime prayer."

When I was in 6th grade, I experienced a traumatic event in a public setting that my parents (and all the adults present) witnessed. No one responded as if something negative had occurred. I believe this was an attack against my identity and call and purpose in Christ. My parents acted as if nothing amiss had occurred and I was left on my own to process the hellish messages that came at me.

Jesus did not ignore me. Sometime in 7th or 8th grade, I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in my bedroom. This would be from the fall of 1972 – 1974. My mind did not understand that "the baby talk" coming out of my mouth was my prayer language. There was no euphoria to help my mind understand it was connected to the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

Looking back, I did experience a growing hunger for the Word of God. In junior high school, I could "see" that the statements "Believe and be baptized" and "Repent and be baptized" phrases from Scripture were not recognized as Scriptural directives for calling people to repentance and when water baptism should occur in a believer and the life of the Church. These were recited every Sunday, but there appeared to be no action/evidence around Jesus changing the inner man.

As a senior high student, I was led, in my small community of Grand Rapids, to an independent charismatic fellowship where I could participate in worship in spirit and truth. Here I observed the anointed manifestation of the gifts of prophecy, tongues and interpretation, and gifted preaching and teaching. There was no “youth group” for my age. So I got what I could for fellowship with those my age from the Lutheran church. Jesus has been faithful to lead me, heal my inner man, and equip me for my life’s goals of knowing Him and serving Him with my whole heart. To my knowledge, my Lutheran congregation was not touched by the charismatic renewal. In Spring of 1976 I had a breakthrough and started using my prayer language. The Holy Spirit revealed to me when I was in my 20’s that “the forgotten incident” with “babytalk” was when the Holy Spirit came to indwell me as in Acts 2.

I have found great fellowship in other areas of the Body of Christ. I testify to God’s faithful provision across 50 years of following Him – since age 11. My husband Bill and I were married in 1987.

I home educated our two sons, K-12 over a 15 year period. That ended in 2014. I sought the Lord for His direction after that, and was led to not return to a “normal RN job”. I do have a 30 plus year history of reaching out to women who I’ve met in the Church who were interested in spiritual support, encouragement as a result of follow up after “Prayer Ministry”. Some of these women had “fallen through the cracks of our culture” across racial and socio-economic lines.

ABOUT HEALTH MINISTRY at WOTL – of great concern to me is:

- Listening to the stories of those who have encountered challenges in the area of physical and mental health.
- Addressing isolation and loneliness for seniors or others
- First Aid Readiness and Responsiveness
- Being a resource of support and advocacy in areas of physical and mental health, integrating FAITH into this.
- Looking to Jesus to continue to mobilize people into call and action in the area of HIS HEALTH in the community.

I am greatly encouraged to BE part of the WOTL family and I invite any of you to contact me as WE the Body of Christ at WOTL continue to journey on, keeping our eyes on Jesus and obediently follow Holy Spirit’s lead.

Note the new email address for the HEALTH Ministry at the heading. (WOTLHealth@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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