

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

Prince of Peace has entered into a relationship with Samaritan Counseling Center (see covenant below). This action comes after the initiation of a dialog by the Counseling Center and the subsequent approval by the Prince of Peace church council. One of the major benefits of this relationship is that Prince of Peace members seeking Christian counseling for various reasons (grief, loss, family crises, or other issues) will receive preferential treatment at the Counseling Center. Another benefit will be that, as Prince of Peace goes through its staff transitions in the next few years, an outside agency will be on hand to provide Christian counseling.

<http://www.samaritancounselingcenter.org>

COVENANT BETWEEN SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER AND PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 2005

Responsibilities of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

The church will support the Samaritan Counseling Center as an extension of its ministry to the needs of the parishioners. The support of the church will be shown in the following ways:

1. Financially supporting the Center. The church will make an annual contribution to the Care Fund of the Samaritan Counseling Center, recognizing that part of this covenant is to provide pastoral counseling to people from varied social-economic backgrounds and to people who at times have either very limited or no insurance. This Care Fund will be used only to provide scholarship aid to clients who cannot meet a minimum fee.
2. Prayerfully supporting the Center. Encouraging prayers for the Center will keep the covenant alive in our hearts and minds.
3. Publicizing the Center, as part of the church's ministry. Encourage the staff at Prince of Peace to make appropriate referrals.
4. Providing a member to serve on the board of directors of the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Responsibilities of the Samaritan Counseling Center

The Center will support Prince of Peace Lutheran church as an important focus of its ministry. The support of the center will be shown in the following ways:

1. Accepting referrals from Prince of Peace members, getting preferential treatment of those clients, and insuring that there is Care Fund money to support such clients when possible.
2. Providing annual feedback to Prince of Peace as to the number of clients served, as well as general feedback about the center and its programs.
3. Being available for two one-hour programs during the year to provide a useful program to the church as part of this continual resource.
4. Being available to attend part of the annual Prince of Peace Church Council retreat as needed, to discuss transitions.
5. The staff of the center being available for pulpit supply, by invitation.