

Help SPM by ----

1. Finding out about opportunities to volunteer in your own church community, i.e. forming a mental health ministry, making a display for mental health month (May or World Suicide Prevention Day/weekend—September 10-12, 2015), suggesting a prayer be offered for the mentally ill and suicidal.
2. Sharing with your congregation Interfaith Social Messages on Suicide Prevention and Mental Illness. (Messages are available at www.suicidepreventionministry.org)
3. Creating a Task Force on Mental Illness and Suicide Prevention in your Congregation.
4. Consider being a Board Member or a Consultant/Advisor to SPM.
5. Contribute to the Suicide Prevention Endowment Fund. (Contact us on our website or Facebook)



Suicide Prevention Ministry

www.suicidepreventionministry.org

The Mission of the Suicide Prevention Ministry is to reduce the number of people who die by suicide---- through awareness, education, collaboration and advocacy.

The Ministry acts on the goals from social messages on Suicide Prevention from interfaith denominations.

LSPM initiatives

Renewing Hope/Inspiring Action

“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians: 6:2

Suicide Prevention Ministry (SPM) is:

- A ‘grassroots’ organization;
- Powered by people impacted by mental illness and suicide;
- Staffed **TOTALLY** by volunteers;
- A 501-c-3 tax deductible corporation funded by voluntary gifts;
- A collaborative and cooperative entity, building relationships to foster synergy action and renew hope to those who have lost it;
- A proponent of personal testimony and witness to lift stigma;
- An *Independent Lutheran Organization* working collaboratively to implement suicide prevention policies approved by the ELCA Lutherans and other interfaith denominations.

Awareness



Education



Collaboration



Advocacy



Fact: Over 41,000 Americans die by suicide every year compared to 17,000 by homicide. Over twenty veterans/military persons die each day by suicide. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth 15-24 year olds.

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