



"The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ." – *from the LCC Comfort Dog website*

Mary has been a part of the ministry here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School for 7 months already. Our ministry team of 9 handlers and 6 helpers, as well as many of you, have grown extremely fond of her. But more importantly, we have seen her in many situations make connections with people that otherwise might not happen. We would like to share some of the places Mary has visited already in the few months she has been with us.

- ❖ St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Reedsburg, prior to and during the flooding
- ❖ VBS and church services at Messiah Lutheran Church in Beloit
- ❖ Many activities at our own school and on a regular basis the school library where students read to her
- ❖ Parker HS and Beloit Memorial HS, spending time with students
- ❖ Franklin MS in Janesville after a student suicide
- ❖ Numerous senior living and care facilities in our and surrounding communities

- ❖ A Lutheran camp in Dixon, IL to spend time with families who had lost loved ones
- ❖ Several funeral visitations in surrounding communities
- ❖ GIFTS Men's Shelter
- ❖ Janesville Hedberg Library on a weekly basis

We are working on becoming involved with:

- ❖ The Rock Co. Sheriff's Office
- ❖ Rock Co. 911 center
- ❖ The Rock Co. judicial system
- ❖ Two different hospice facilities

If you would like information on becoming involved with this ministry talk to any of Marys' handlers or you can email comfortdog@stpaulsjanesville.com. You can also call Cheryl Skelly, 608-322-1536.

Also, if you know of someone or somewhere that would like to have a visit from Mary email or call us.

You can always follow Mary on Facebook (Mary Comfort Dog) to see what she has been up to.

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:37