

Offering of Time and Talents



As a congregation and as individuals *we are blessed!* We are blessed with opportunities for worship, for fellowship, for learning, for service. On this page you'll find *some* of these opportunities.

You are invited and encouraged to choose *at least one opportunity for nurturing your faith;* and then to find *at least one opportunity for serving.* Many times, we receive nurture as we serve. You will be enriched; and our congregation will be enriched by your participation!

Thank you for your part in the life of St. John's. *This year, especially, we are conscious of the need to grow our faith and to grow our congregation.* Check areas you are currently serving in, would like to serve in, or would just like more information about. We are blessed! Let us be a blessing!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURTURE

I am interested in being a part of:

- Regular worship & Holy Communion
- Youth Group (grades 9-12)
- Young Adult Events (ages 18-28)
- Adult Inquirers' Class (learn about Lutherans)
- Ruth Circle for Women (2nd Tuesday evening)
- Naomi Circle for Women (3rd Monday afternoon)
- Jackson Men's Breakfast (2nd Sat, monthly)
- Church Retreat-weekend at camp?
- Be a Prayer Partner-receive prayer requests
- Prayer Team (1st Thursday 9:00am monthly)
- Fellowship Events -for entire church 'family'!
- Bible Study or Discussion on _____

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH

I could help:

- Be on "Visitor Teams" who make brief contact with newcomers (once every 2-3 months)
- New Member 'Mentor' - be 'assigned' a new member/family and help them get acquainted with St. John's!
- Serve at All People's Church in Milwaukee (Wed. suppers about 4 times a year)
- Make quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- Pack Lutheran World Relief items for shipping (usually the 2nd/3rd week of October)
- Deliver food to West Bend Food Pantry as needed
- Work on Parade Float for Action in Jackson Parade in June
- Work on publicizing what St. John's has to offer the community
- Be a part of the annual CROP WALK in October (walker, sponsor or coordinator)
- Visit shut-ins at home or in nursing homes
- Correspond with our sister parish in Tanzania
- Help keep congregation informed on important social issues
- Motorhead Ministries-work on donated cars (need administrator, interested helpers-teens to adults, mechanical skills not required)
- Provide someone with a ride to a doctor's appointment or to the grocery store.
- Good Samaritan Team
 - meal help
 - emergency child care
 - home maintenance help
 - assisting the needy
- I'd like information on "Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County". I know someone who could use help I'd like to volunteer
- I'd like information on Washington County's "Habitat for Humanity" group. I could volunteer or organize volunteers.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

(No experience necessary! Training provided)

- Sing in choir _____ Adult (7:00pm Wednesdays)
- Kids (9:20-9:50 Sundays)
- Play in Bell Choir (Thursdays)
 - Beginners 6:15
 - Experienced (7:00)
- Serve as an usher prefer month of _____
 - Saturday 8:00 Sunday 9:45 Sunday
- Provide special instrumental music
 - Instrument _____
- Provide special voice music
 - solo duet small group
- Contemporary Worship Team
 - plan play music create PowerPoint
- Serve on the Altar Guild (prepare for communion, change altar colors for seasons)
- Serve as a Reader in Worship services
 - Saturday 8:00 Sunday 9:45 Sunday
- Be a Communion Assistant
 - Saturday 8:00 Sunday 9:45 Sunday
- Set-up Communion at the altar before services
 - Saturday 8:00 Sunday 9:45 Sunday
- Banner Makers to create, sew new banners
- Worship Arts Team
- Coffee Hour (between services on Sundays)
 - help organize provide refreshments

MINISTRY IN/AROUND GOD'S HOUSE

- Serve on Property Committee (coordinates maintainance around building- meets monthly)
- Call me for Fall or Spring Clean-up Days
- Snow Shoveling/Blowing
- Gardening/trimming/weeding
- Help assemble newsletters, reports, etc.
- Church historian, gather photos, create archive
- Church photographer-take photos of various events
- Tech Team/computer/internet/web page skills
- I can do basic painting/staining
 - plumbing electrical
- other: _____

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MINISTRY OF LEADERSHIP

- ___ Volunteer Coordinator - organize, contact and thank volunteers
- ___ Be nominated to serve on Church Council (3 year terms, meet 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm monthly)
- ___ Endowment Fund Committee (coordinates Endowment Fund; educates congregation about Fund)
- ___ Audit Committee (audits church books each January)
- ___ Nominating Committee (seeks nominees for various committees & council for Annual Meeting each Jan.)
- ___ Education Committee (coordinates all aspects of religious education: Sunday School, Adult Studies, Confirmation, etc.)
- ___ Worship Committee (coordinates all aspects of worship: music, special services, etc.)
- ___ Cemetery Committee (coordinates cemetery procedures, keeps records, etc.)
- ___ Be part of our THRIVENT Congregational Service Team

MINISTRY WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

- ___ Youth Group Advisors/chaperones
- ___ Confirmation Class "Guide" (Wednesday night, leads small group)
- ___ Childcare during programs for adults
- ___ Driver for youth events, camp, etc.
- ___ "Play Group" on a weekday for tots and parents

OTHER WAYS I'D BE WILLING TO SERVE:

MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE

We know that Church is just one arena for service. Many of you serve in the community in other ways. We'd like to know what that might be! Maybe someone else would like to participate, too! Maybe you could be a blessing to someone else here (for example, if you volunteer at Friends of Abused Families or for Meals on Wheels, you'd be a potential resource to someone who needed those services or was looking for a service opportunity.)

Other ways I volunteer/serve/offer my time and talents in daily life!

Personal Experience/Networking - ways you could offer your personal experiences as a resource to others in similar situations. Job searching skills? Dealt with a financial or family crisis? (If it's very personal, such as a being a recovering alcoholic or a sexual assault survivor, consider sharing that information privately with Pastor.)

Keep up the good work! May God empower your serving!

Name: _____
Phone: _____ (if it's ok to call you at work, put your work phone too): _____
Best time to reach me: _____
E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY OF TEACHING/LEARNING

- ___ Consider teaching Sunday School
 - ___ 1/2 year ___ full year ___ team-teach
- ___ Substitute teach
- ___ Teach/Assist with Vacation Bible School
- ___ Help with the Christmas Program
- ___ Participate in an Adult Bible Study
- ___ Help plan or lead a Small Group Study/Discussion
- ___ Assist with New Member Orientation/welcome
- ___ Help keep the library organized

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ___ Dartball Team (Monday nights, Sept-March)
- ___ Volleyball (Summers - just for fun!)
- ___ Call me for Church Dinners/large Coffeehours to:
 - ___ set-up ___ serve ___ clean-up ___ bring food
- ___ Call me for funeral luncheons/wedding receptions:
 - ___ serve ___ bring food
- ___ Help plan activities for the entire church family (Church Fun Nite?)
- ___ Church picnic in August
- ___ Family Camp weekend - I'd like to know more!
- ___ I'd be interested in helping to start a new small group opportunity such as _____

THE WIDER CHURCH

- ___ Serve on our Cluster Board or a Synod Task Force
- ___ Serve on Crossways Camps Board or Task Forces
- ___ Be a delegate to the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly (held each year in June)