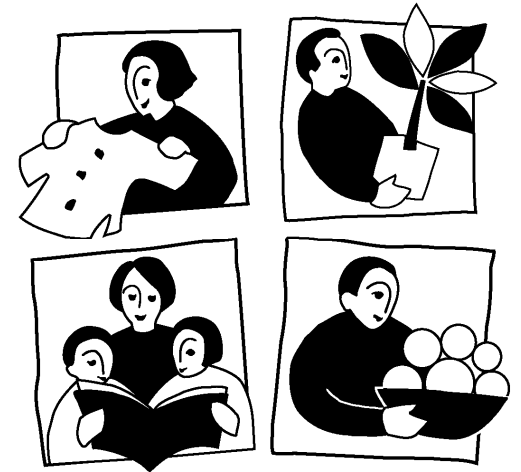


St. James Lutheran Church
Johnston, Iowa



Called to
Serve in
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Name



. . . the Stewardship of
Time and Abilities

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*"Be doers of the word,
and not merely hearers"*

-James 1:22

- [] The Pew Patrol serves a very important role in keeping our worship center neat and tidy. Pew Patrol duty may be done any day following the Sunday for which you are assigned. Duties include removing used bulletins and other material from the pew racks, stocking pencils, arranging hymnals in the racks, replenishing offering envelopes, prayer request cards, and scribble sheets, as necessary. Printed guidelines are available.
- [] Volunteers are needed on a periodic basis to launder and press the Albs worn by the Assisting Ministers, Deacons, and Acolytes. Instructions are provided.
- [] Throughout the year, and especially during the summer months, there are opportunities for members to provide vocal and instrumental music during the worship services.
- [] Serve on Worship and Music Team (*see description on previous page*)

<p><u>Called to Serve in Christ's Name</u></p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Other Programs</h2>

I would be interested in the following programs at St. James, and would like to be contacted about this opportunity!

- [] Other suggestions
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Please contact Linda Queck, Parish Steward,
with questions regarding these
opportunities to serve.
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Worship and Music

Staff: Pastor Davis, 276-0134, pastor@stjamesjohnston.org

*Under the guidance of the Worship and Music Ministry Team, there are many volunteer opportunities to enhance the worship experience at St. James and to participate in the congregation's outstanding music program. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ's Name** include:*

- [] The Altar Guild prepares the altar for worship services each week. Duties include setting out the bread, wine, and communion ware; laundering linens, and straightening up after each service. Training is provided for anyone who wishes to serve on the Altar Guild.
 Sat. 5:00 8:30 11:00
- [] The Assisting Minister has an active role in the worship service; intones parts of the liturgy; and leads the Prayers. Instruction is provided.
 8:30 11:00
- [] The Deacon (Communion Assistant) assists the pastor by preparing the Altar for Holy Communion and serving the wine. Instruction is provided.
 Sat. 5:00 8:30 11:00
- [] Lectors assist in worship services by reading the first and second lessons. Instruction is provided; and copies of the readings are sent to readers in advance.
 8:30 11:00
- [] Greeters perform a very important function in greeting members and visitors before each worship service.
 Sat. 5:00 8:30 11:00
- [] Each Sunday, Nursery care is offered for infants and toddlers by teams of volunteers. Additional volunteers for this ministry are always welcome.
 8:30 11:00
- [] Ushers assist members and visitors by distributing worship folders, receiving the offering, and directing people to Communion. Instruction is provided.
 Sat. 5:00 8:30 11:00

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

—1 Corinthians 12:27

In his first letter to the congregation at Corinth, St. Paul writes:

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”

—1 Corinthians 12:27-31

St. Paul could have written that message to the St. James congregation in Johnston in 2007! None of us can do all things, but each of us can do some things. At St. James, there are countless ways in which we can offer our God-given time and abilities to serve in Christ's name!

Many opportunities to serve are listed in this booklet. As you read through these opportunities, let your prayer be that the Holy Spirit guide you in deciding where your time and talents are best-suited to serve.

After you have made your decisions, please check off those opportunities and return to the Parish Steward's office by Sunday, March 18.

Thank You!

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In joyful affirmation of the covenant into which Christ has called me through Holy Baptism, I will serve joyfully and faithfully in the life and mission of our congregation, and will participate in the tasks and activities I have checked on the following pages.

(Each family member should complete a separate form or put the name of the person willing to serve next to the line you have checked)

Member Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail Address _____ (If you are willing to receive church communications via e-mail)
Other Data (Please provide if you have not already done so):
Birth date: _____
Baptismal date: _____
Wedding Anniversary date: _____

Stewardship & Finance

Staff: Linda Queck, 276-0134, steward@stjamesjohnston.org

*The Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team manages the financial resources of the congregation, including preparation of the annual budget, regular monitoring of income and expenses, and communicating our financial status to the Congregation. This team also assists the planning and execution of the year-round stewardship program, including the fall financial stewardship program and the spring Time and Abilities appeal. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ's Name** include:*

- Audit Committee
- Assist in the Church Office
- Assist with year-round Stewardship
- Assist Fall Stewardship Campaign
- Help telephone for campaign(s)
- Serve on Stewardship & Finance Team (meets as needed)

Youth

Staff: Ellen Mortensen, 276-0134, youth@stjamesjohnston.org

*Youth and adult leaders of the Youth Ministry Team seek to provide a variety of opportunities for youth to deepen their spirituality, nurture their understanding and appreciation of Lutheran theology, be challenged to caring and compassionate service in the congregation and community, and realize their unique and valued role as members of our congregation. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ's Name** include:*

- Assist Middle School Programs
- Assist High School Programs
- Chaperone a Youth "Field Trip"
- Coordinate Youth Car Wash
- Host Youth Gathering in Your Home
- Serve on Youth Team (meet once a month)

Property

Staff: Linda Queck, 276-0134, steward@stjamesjohnston.org

*The Property Ministry Team oversees the on-going maintenance of our buildings, proper care of our lawns and gardens, and management of our rental property. On-call volunteers are needed to provide skills noted below. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ's Name** include:*

- Carpentry/Electrical
- Gardening/Landscaping
- Habitat for Humanity
- Help clean SCS classrooms
- Lawn Care
- On-call maintenance (1 month per year)
- Sidewalk snow removal
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Spring/Fall clean-up day
- Serve on Property Team (meets at least quarterly)

“What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God.” --Danish Proverb

Christian Education

Staff: Denise Friesth, 276-9696, denisefriesth@mchsi.com

*The Christian Education Ministry Team oversees Christian education policy, curriculum, intergenerational and family programs. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ's Name** include:*

- Attend a Bible Study
 - ___Mary Women's Group meets 3rd Thursday of month, 9:00 A.M
 - ___Martha Women's Group meets 3rd Monday of month, 7:00 P.M
 - ___Tuesday Morning Text Study, 8:00 A.M.
- Guest speaker for confirmation class or adult forum
- Serve as mentor for confirmation student
- Serve on Christian Education Team (meets at least quarterly)

Sunday Church School (September-May)

- Accompaniment (piano, guitar, other instrument)
- Count/record attendance and offering (Sunday mornings)
- Help with SCS music (opening)
- Team teach Sunday Church School (SCS)
- Update bulletin boards

Special Programs (Christmas, Mid-May)

- Direct or co-direct program
- Costumes/props, staging
- Instrumentalist
- Refreshments
- Set-up and/or clean-up

Vacation Church School (evenings June 18-21, 2007)

- Direct, or Co-Direct, VCS
- Crafts
- Decorations/backdrops
- Games
- Music/opening _____Play guitar
- Help in kitchen
- Nursery attendant
- Provide food, crafts, supplies, etc.
- Host Lutheran Lakeside day camp counselors in your home (5 nights - June 17-21)

Global & Social Ministries

Staff: Ellen Mortensen, 276-0134, youth@stjamesjohnston.org

*“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Mark 16:15. We encourage members to be active in the global partnerships of the ELCA and our congregation. We invite you to experience a greater personal involvement in Global & Social Ministries. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ’s Name***

- ELCA Global Mission efforts
- Companion Congregation Program
- Luther Park Care Center
 - _____ Assist with ushering (1-2 times per year)
 - _____ Assist with birthday party (1 time per year)
 - _____ Provide food for above events
- Provide food for “members in need” meals
- Des Moines Area Hunger Hike (October)
 - _____ Walk
 - _____ Support a walker
- Deliver food to Des Moines Area Food Pantry (once a month)
- Take clothing to clothes closet (as needed)
- Serve on Global & Social Ministries Team

“As each one has received a Gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Hospitality

Staff: Denise Friesth, 276-9696, denisefriesth@mchsi.com

*The Hospitality Team seeks to invite newcomers to our community and encourage people who have no church home to join our fellowship of believers, with a special emphasis on providing an hospitable welcome to visitors, inviting them to become members of St. James. This team also provides a variety of fellowship opportunities, including Social Time on Sundays at 9:30 A.M., the Mardi Gras Talent Show and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and also makes arrangements for funeral luncheons. Opportunities to **Serve in Christ’s Name** include:*

- Follow-up with visitors to worship service(s)
- Periodic follow-up of inactive members, and shut-ins
- Assist with lenten soup suppers
- Assist with funeral luncheons
- Assist with *Mardi Gras* Talent Show (Feb./March)
- Assist with Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (Feb./March)
- Assist with congregational birthday party
- Assist with summer barbecue (June/July)
- Assist with Johnston homecoming parade
- Assist with tailgating at Johnston homecoming football game
- Plan/coordinate a fellowship gathering
- Provide/serve treats for social time (~ every six weeks)
- Assist with decorating for Christmas (December)
- Assist with taking down Christmas decorations (January)
- Serve on Hospitality Team (meets once a month)