

# St. James Lutheran Church

## Time & Talent

It is important to remember that when we focus exclusively on giving in terms of money alone, we lose sight of the bigger picture. God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent.

When we ground our giving in a biblical context, our generosity becomes an expression of our love for God, for our neighbor and for ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share.

We give cheerfully because God has given us so much.

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. Please check ALL areas you are interested in serving! Your participation is extremely important to the Ministry of St. James Lutheran Church!

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

(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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact Linda Queck, Parish Steward, with questions regarding these opportunities to serve.**  
steward@stjamesjohnston.org or 276-0134

**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!**



## Property

- Carpentry/electrical
- Gardening/landscaping
- Clean SCS classrooms
- Lawn care
- On-call maintenance (1 month/year)
- Snow removal
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Heating & cooling
- Spring/Fall clean-up
- Office equipment/software/computers
- Serve on Property Team



## Hospitality

- Follow-up with visitors to worship service(s)
- Follow-up of inactive members and shut-ins
- Assist lenten soup suppers
- Provide/serve treats for social time
- Assist funeral luncheons
- Prepare/serve meals at homeless shelter
- Assist *Mardi Gras* Talent Show (Feb./March)
- Assist Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (Feb./March)
- Assist congregational birthday party
- Assist summer barbecue (June/July)
- Plan/coordinate a fellowship gathering
- Help with Advent by Candlelight Event
- Assist with decorating & undecorating for Christmas
- Serve on Hospitality Team

## Christian Education

- Mary Women's Group - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 9:00 A.M.
- Martha Women's Group - 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday Morning Text Study, 8:00 A.M.
- Guest speaker for confirmation or adult forum
- Serve as mentor for confirmation student
- Serve on Christian Education Team

### *Sunday Church School (September-May)*

- Accompaniment (piano, guitar, other?)
- Count/record attendance & offerings on Sunday
- Help with SCS music (opening)
- Team teach Sunday Church School (SCS)

### *Special Programs (Christmas, Mid-May)*

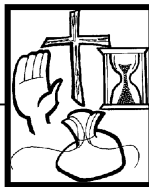
- Direct or co-direct program
- Costumes/props, staging
- Instrumentalist
- Refreshments
- Set-up and/or clean-up

### *Vacation Church School*

*(June 28 - July 1, 5:30 -7:30 P.M. All Ages)*

- Direct, or Co-Direct, VCS
- Small group leader (preschool, elementary, etc.)
- Crafts/decorations/backdrops/skits
- Games/outdoor projects
- Music/opening \_\_\_\_\_ Play guitar
- Help in kitchen
- Nursery attendant
- Provide food, crafts, supplies, etc.

## Finance & Stewardship



- Serve on Audit Committee
- Assist year-round Stewardship
- Assist Fall stewardship campaign
- Help telephone for campaign
- Serve on Finance & Stewardship Team

## ELCA Global Mission

## Global & Social Ministries

### 1. Companion Congregation Program

- Assist with worship space décor for Companion Congregation Worship services (4-5 times/year)
- Assist with hosting Social Hour for Companion Congregation occasions (4-5 times/year)
- Communicate with one or more members of our Companion Congregation in Ivuga, Tanzania, in order to establish individual to individual relationships (likely will involve letter writing, as email is not widely available in Ivuga)
- Willing to host or escort visitors from Ivuga or other ELCA companion congregations who may visit the Des Moines area (may include providing lodging, meals, and/or transportation to events and/or destinations in Des Moines area).

2. Support other ELCA Global Mission efforts such as \_\_\_\_\_.

### Loving Hands/Harold's Hats

- Provide materials/supplies (yarns, fabrics, thread, Ziploc bags) for projects.
- Knit, crochet, sew and/or quilt with the Loving Hands group (meet monthly: first Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and first Thursdays at 10:00 AM, attend one or both - your choice!)

### Emergency Response Team

- Provide food or bottled water, as needed.
- Provide temporary shelter or shower facilities, as needed.
- Add my name & phone number (listed on Page 1) to phone tree, to be contacted in the event physical aid is needed.
- Habitat for Humanity** – volunteer for one or more local construction projects.

### Luther Park Care Center

- Assist with ushering/escorting attendees to worship services (1-2 times per year)
- Assist with setup/serve/clean up for Spring Luncheon (April) and/or Ice Cream Social (August) and/or Fall Soup Luncheon (October) and/or birthday Party (December).
- Provide baked goods or other food for above events

### Serve on Global & Social Ministries Team

- Help plan/implement Earth Day (April) and other environmentally-conscious activities for the congregation.
- Help plan/implement Backpack Buddies (July/August annually)
- Help plan/implement Feed My Sheep month activities (annually in October)
- Des Moines Area Hunger Hike (October) \_\_\_\_\_ Walk OR \_\_\_\_\_ Support a walker
- Help plan/implement Giving Tree (late November/early December annually)
- DMARC Food Pantry (once/month, count/deliver food donated by the congregation)
- Help plan/implement support for military personnel/families in the congregation (e.g., lead a care package effort, adopt a family, letter writing campaign, update In Harm's Way board).
- Optional attendance at meetings - 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00-7:30 PM Ivuga Hall.
- Please e-mail for global and social ministry e-mail alerts or phone me if assistance is needed for any of the above.
- I am familiar with the following outreach organization/effort and would like this considered for future GSM projects: \_\_\_\_\_



### Youth

- Assist Middle School Programs
- Assist High School Programs
- Chaperone a Youth "Field Trip"
- Assist with silent auction
- Coordinate Youth Car Wash
- Host Youth Gathering in Your Home
- Serve on Youth Team

**"Jesus said, Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."**

**Matthew 25:40**



## Worship & Music

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

- The worship & arts committee creates visual enhancements for worship. Volunteers are needed for brainstorming, sewing, and helping decorate the church for the various seasons of the church year.
- The hymn selection committee decides what hymns best fit the lessons of the day. This committee generally meets quarterly to make these decisions.
- 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, 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.
- Provide special music
- Instrumentalists (brass, flute, oboe, violin, guitar, percussion) \_\_\_\_\_
- Lead SCS music for preschool - grade 5
- Serve on Worship and Music Team

**Thank you!**