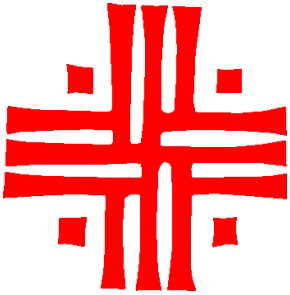


Opportunities for Growth, Activity and Service



*We are a community of God's people
Celebrating and Inviting, Growing and Serving,
in the love of Jesus Christ for us.*

WELCOME! This document serves to answer the question,

"How can I get involved in St. Paul's mission and ministry?"

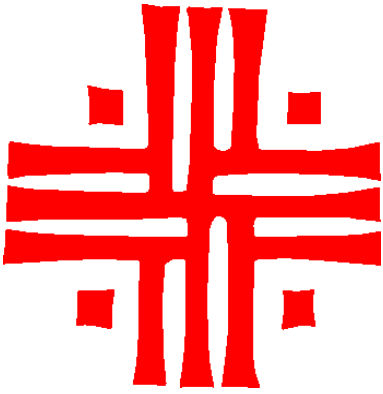
In the pages that follow, you will discover opportunities for

Growth— in your walk with God as you become aware of the gifts that God has given to you,

Activity— that you can do as you join with others in the common ministry of our congregation, and

Service — which is the sharing of God's love with others, the purpose and mission of the church.

Each of the opportunities is annotated with a brief description. For further information, please contact the church office, a church council member or the pastor. We want to help you discover what it is God is calling you to be and to do. Welcome to the ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



CELEBRATING

Worship

Acolyte -

Assist with worship by lighting candle and helping with the offering and communion.

Altar Bread Baker –

Bake bread for communion (recipe provided)

Altar Care –

Assist with keeping the chancel and sanctuary neat.
Change altar adornments for seasons.

Assisting Minister –

Assist with leading Sunday worship by reading scripture and prayers, and helping with communion.

Communion Set-Up -

Set-up and clean up communion-ware for Sunday morning.

Easter Sunrise Worship Set-up -

Be a part of the crew that helps to set-up and take down for the early service of worship.

Reader –

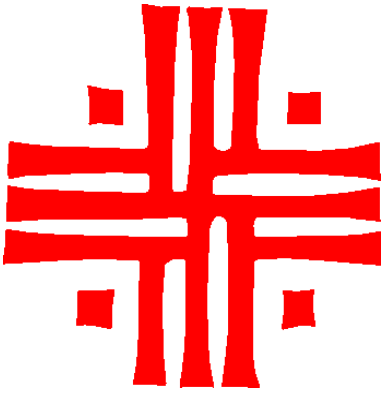
Read scripture from lectern for Sunday morning worship

Media Ministry -

Assist with making CD's of worship, operating the sound and video equipment. Assist with taking the tapes to the homebound.

Transportation (driver) -

Provide regular and/or occasional transportation to worship



Usher -

Assist with leading worship by distributing worship folders, greeting worshippers, gathering offerings, directing communion movements, and being present to respond to people's needs.

Music

Chancel Choir -

Sing with the chancel choir

Instrument -

Offer your talent of playing your instrument or singing



INVITING

Evangelism

Greeter at Worship -

Stand at the doors of the church to greet worshippers

Visitor Bread Baker -

Bake your favorite bread or goodies recipe to share with those who are our guests at worship

Web Site Partner -

Assist with managing the church's website



Fellowship

Coffee Hour Host –

Provide treats and set-up coffee for after worship fellowship time

Coordinate Soup and Bread Suppers –

Organize volunteers to provide soup and bread for suppers, and for set-up and clean-up work for the Advent and Lenten midweek meals and worship

Easter Breakfast -

Help to organize and gather food for between services.

Funeral Receptions –

Be available to prepare food and serve at funeral meals



GROWING

Education

SPARK Children's Ministry -

Be a part of a planning group that coordinates this Ministry for children

Midweek Bible Study Group –

Day or night, it is good to read and study the Bible together.

Are you interested?

Spiritual Growth



Bible Reading –

Committing to a discipline of reading the Bible.
Assisting materials can be provided from the pastor.

Personal and/or Family Devotions -

Making time for reading from devotional materials. Seasonal or annual publications are available from the church office.

Stewardship

Serve with Stewardship Team -

Be a part of the group that plans and provides the stewardship emphasis presentations



SERVING

Caring

Communion Minister -

Be trained to visit homebound and others in special circumstances, bringing them the sacrament of holy communion

Prayer Shawl Ministry -

Knit or crochet a shawl for a person as you pray for them while making your gift

Telephone Ministry -

Be a part of an outreach to others in the congregation

Visit Homebound –

Be available to visit with others in the congregation



Missions

Assist with LWR Projects -

Provide clothing, and other goods for the Lutheran World Relief In-gathering, usually in the Fall.

Bring goods for F.I.S.H. –

Give food, clothing or other gifts to “Friends In Service to Humanity,” the local food and clothing distribution center operating in our church building to our community

Service Project -

Be a part of a group service event or project sponsored by our congregation

SHARE House Meal -

Help prepare and serve a meal at SHARE House once a month

Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) Volunteer -

Provide supervision in our church building as we open up a room for overflow residence during the winter when there is severe weather conditions

Circles

Participate in one or more of the women’s groups:

Dorcas

Outreach

Ruth



ADMINISTRATION

Audit Committee -

Help with the annual auditing of the financial records

Church Council -

Serve as a leader in the mission and ministry of the congregation

Day Care Board of Directors -

Participate in directing the St. Paul Christian Day Care provided in the upper floor of our Outreach Center

Office Volunteer -

Provide assistance in the church office with the newsletter, worship folders, answering phones, clerical work, etc.

Outreach Endowment Committee -

Participate in managing and overseeing benevolent activity

Scholarship Committee -

Participate in managing and overseeing benevolent activity.

Assist with Caring for the property and buildings -

Help with small and large projects, come for clean-up days, and assist in other ways with caring for and maintaining the church building and grounds.

Internship Support Task Force -

Be appointed to a group of people assisting in the care, growth and supervision of the intern.

OTHER WAYS OF SERVING

Do you have other ideas of service to and through the congregation?

Do you have other suggestions or gifts to share? Your gift or need is an interest to those who are planning for the ministry of the St. Paul congregation. Please let us know how we can serve you or how you would like to offer your time, talent or treasure.

Thank you.