



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

WORSHIP

Acolyte – Youth grade 6 through high school provide worship assistance. Scheduled on a rotating basis for the preferred service time.

Acolyte Coordinator – Coordinate scheduling, reminders, and training of acolytes.

Altar Care – Prepares altar and communion for weekly worship and special services. Scheduled in teams for month-long periods at preferred services times.

Altar Flower Coordinator – Handle sign-up of donors and mailings to donors for weekend altar flowers and handles special flower orders for Christmas and Easter. Takes care of publicity for these sign-ups.

Altar Flower Delivery to Lutheran Home – Volunteers work on rotating basis to deliver donated altar flowers to Lutheran Home.

Banner/Parament Design – Help to design banners and paraments used in the worship space for the various festivals of the church.

Bulletin Cover Design – Illustrators and artists needed to design bulletin cover art.

Communion Assistant – Assist pastors in distributing communion at traditional or contemporary worship; scheduled on a rotating basis during the preferred service time.

Drama and Plays – Volunteers periodically enhance worship with skits and dramatic offerings.

Hospitality/Greeter Ministry – Welcome and help people as they to into worship at Our Saviour's. No meetings. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis at their preferred service time.

Festival Decorating – Help decorate the church for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Lay Reader – Read scripture for various worship services during the year.

Parking Lot Attendant – Help with directing traffic in the church parking lot after the 9 am worship service and on days with heavy traffic – Christmas Eve and Easter morning.

Sound Board Operator – Operate sound board during worship services and special events.

Usher – Assist in seating, offering collection, general welcoming and preparation weekly and for special services. Volunteers are scheduled in teams for month-long periods at preferred service time.

WORSHIP (continued)

Wedding Coordinator – Coordinate all the details before the wedding, at the rehearsal and the day of the wedding to ensure that the event proceeds smoothly. Special training required.

Worship Coordination Team – Meets monthly to oversee worship support and practices.

Music

Children's Choirs (Awesome Choir Experience – ACE) – Children and youth, grades K-12 meet for rehearsal, with optional dinner on Wednesday evenings September through April.

Accompanist – Pianist for Children's choirs. Be present at weekly rehearsals and worship services when choir participates.

Cherub (PreK)

Rejoice! (Grades K-2)

King's Carolers (Grades 3-5)

G.O.D. (Giving Our Devotion) (Grades 6-12)

Youth Instrumentalists

Instrumentalist for Youth Orchestra.

Jubilate Ringers – Youth (2nd grade and up) and new ringers rehearse Wednesday evenings and provide special music at worship monthly September through May.

Adult Singing and Choirs

Accompanist (Piano) – Play piano for adult choirs during rehearsals, services and performances.

Adult Choir – Rehearses Wednesdays, September through May, to lead worship at one service weekly.

Cantor – Lead psalmody and liturgical music for worship services.

Vocal Soloist – Provide worship leadership during summer months.

Adult Instrumentalists

Celebration Ringers – Experienced hand bell ringers rehearse Tuesdays and lead worship monthly.

Organist – Experienced church organist, to play organ at traditional worship, funerals and weddings. Also, accompany various choirs.

OSLC Orchestra – Experienced instrumentalists rehearse as needed, lead worship regularly and for special occasions.

Pianist – Experienced accompanist to play piano for worship services, choirs, etc.

WORSHIP (continued)

Contemporary Worship Team

Instrumentalist - Keyboard, guitar, drums, instrumentalists rehearse and lead contemporary outreach worship on a regular basis. Rehearse on Monday evenings.

Vocalist - Singers rehearse and lead contemporary outreach worship on a regular basis. Rehearse on Wednesday evenings.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

Baker/Cook – Volunteers provide baked goods for special events.

Bowling League – A 16-team league bowls at Beverly Lanes on the third Saturday of the month, September through May.

Bridge Group – Meets at church, one Friday a month, September through June.

Coffee Hour Host – Set up and make coffee occasionally on Sunday mornings. Clean up after 10:30 am service.

Emergency Response Team – Willing to undergo training and serve on a team to help manage crisis and disaster situations.

Faith, Family and Sexuality – Support and advocacy group for individuals and families dealing with homosexuality.

Gourmet Group – Meets in members' homes on a rotating basis to share food and fellowship.

Green Team – Meets monthly to plan and do advocacy for God's Creation, including Earth Day Celebration, recycling, special events, Memo and newspaper articles, etc.

Military Support Ministry – Meets monthly to support, care spiritually, and keep in touch with those who are veterans or who currently serve our country.

Mission Trips - A couple times each year we put together a group for week-long trips to Mexico, Guatemala, Africa, etc. to build homes; do other work on behalf of the church.

New Member Class Host – Help to host and welcome prospective members at a series of four new member orientation sessions. Provide refreshments and work with New Member Coordinator during the session.

Reception Coordinator – Organized individuals or couples willing to be in charge of occasional receptions for funerals & special events.

Reception Helper – Assist reception leaders to set up, serve, and clean up for funeral and other receptions.

Small Group Leader – Be willing to work with staff to organize and set up small groups for fellowship, service, discussion and/or study.

Small Group Participant – Be a member of a small group of fellow members to gather regularly for fellowship, service, discussion and/or service.

BUILDING COMMUNITY (continued)

Special Events Planner – Organized, motivated individuals willing to work with staff to plan and coordinate major events and activities (like retreats, banquets, picnics, dinner/dancees, community gatherings) for the whole congregation.

Thrivent Team - A small group that meets 4 or 5 times a year to manage our fraternal funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

HEALTH MINISTRY

CPR Training - Adult/child Heartsaver/AED training is offered yearly, free of charge.

Blood Pressure Screening - Volunteer to provide blood pressure checks on Sundays once a month.

Health Events/Screening - Annual Health Fair in the fall. Volunteer to assist at events; provide resources; join Wellness Ministry to meet monthly for planning.

Wellness Ministry/Parish Nurse Support – Meets as needed to oversee duties of Parish Nurse, Older Adult Ministry, Wellness and ministries listed below.

Food Prep, Caring Cooks – Provide special home assistance for the ill or disabled. Deliver meals prepared by Caring Chefs. Caring Chefs make the meals. Meals are frozen and may be kept at church.

Prayer Team/Healing Touch/Spiritual Ministry – Develop and share resources to encourage prayer in our congregation. Participate in Healing Touch training and individual Healing Touch appointments, monthly Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry "clinic" open to congregation and community, and prayer.

Stephen Minister – Designed for those willing to serve in a ministry of outreach to persons in times of loss or transition. Training involves 50 hours of classroom education (class offered once a year).

Wellness Walkers – Group meets at church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for exercise, walking and fellowship.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Bereavement Support – Volunteers provide follow-up contacts with compassion, prayer and care for families/individuals following a death..

Home Communion Minister– Lay ministers bring care and communion to people who cannot leave their homes.

Older Adult Ministries Program Planning Committee – Join a group of older adults in planning events, programs of interest to members.

Volunteer Drivers – Drive and otherwise assist persons who are unable to drive themselves to worship or special church activities, or for shopping and doctor appointments.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Materials are provided for members to knit or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes while praying over them. Prayer shawls go to members and Non-members in need.

BUILDING COMMUNITY (continued)

Support Team Volunteer – A team of volunteers working under a leader to provide member in crisis or in a recovery situation with a variety of needs to assist them in their home. Volunteers provide only what assistance they are able to physically and emotionally

Hospital/Nursing Home Visitor - As part of a team, volunteers are briefly trained and will visit congregation members at local hospitals and nursing homes (once a week) extending the care of the congregation, reporting back to Pastor Heidtke.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Women of the ELCA Circles meet monthly for Bible study, spiritual growth, advocacy, Christian service projects and fellowship.

Christian Service Circle – Women meet once a month to create needed health & school kits for local and global outreach.

Quilting Group – Women meet twice monthly to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers need to be able to sew a straight line and use scissors.

OUTREACH

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Bethel New Life – Builds self-help community institutions that improve the lives of individuals in the East Garfield Park neighborhood on Chicago's West Side. OSLC supports Bethel with service projects such as our Christmas food and gift program to poor families. We help support the Bethel Gospel Choir by inviting them to one of our Nov . Saturday services and giving them a free-will offering.

Chicago Uptown Ministry – Serves the culturally diverse but economically desperate in Chicago's Uptown area.

Feeding the Hungry Program

Contribute Groceries – Volunteers fill Love-in-Action bags with non-perishable grocery items (they may also include cleaning supplies and paper items). The bags are returned one week after distribution.

Deliver Groceries – Volunteers needed to deliver bags of groceries to local and inner city food pantries.

Distribution of Love-in-Action bags to the congregation as they leave church four times each year.

Habitat for Humanity – A nationwide program that provides housing to underprivileged families. Volunteers assist with the building of affordable homes, or provide lunches for the workers.

Meals on Wheels – Delivers daily meals for area elderly or disabled residents of Wheeling Township. Our Saviour's is responsible for providing Meals on Wheels one month during the year, usually in January.

SOCIAL MINISTRY (continued)

Public Action to Deliver Shelter – A program offered by Our Saviour's and 20 other Northwest Suburban churches that provide dinner, a place to sleep, breakfast and a sack lunch for the area's homeless. OSLC hosts PADS every Saturday night, October through April, beginning at 7 pm and ending at 7 am on Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed to prepare dinner, serve dinner, prepare lunches, prepare and serve breakfast, pick up food donations, work the three scheduled shifts, and do clean-up.

LSSI Prison and Family Ministry – Enables children of incarcerated mothers to visit at the Dwight Women's Penitentiary. Volunteers drive the children downstate to spend a day at the prison with their mothers. Toiletries are gathered in small Love-in-Action bags and distributed to women in prison. Children's books are needed for the project. Steps to Life – Volunteers are needed to mentor at-risk adolescents.

Social Ministry Team – Meets monthly to Make Christ Known by sharing his love and compassion through service to others in need, by challenging people to live lives of Christian service and by advocating for peace and justice.

United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ) – A community organization composed of a coalition of religious, civic, and labor organizations who address the needs of all citizens to advance the common good. Meetings are held at various sites in the NW suburbs and welcome congregation participation.

Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) – A program to assist women to become independent. Volunteers are needed at the Resale Store, at the Safe House and mentoring women (instruction required).

GLOBAL MISSION

Global Mission Team – Global Mission plans education advocacy activities supportive of the ELCA's mission around the world.

Global Movie Night - Volunteers suggest and show films, lead discussions highlighting global issues. Share popcorn, too.

Global Village Participant – Annual weekend global experience. Volunteers with international background or experience share their knowledge with Sunday School children and other members of the congregation.

World Hunger Contact – Provide and distribute resources to encourage awareness and support of World Hunger issues.

Fair Trade Holiday Market - Help needed with publicity, set-up, clean-up and hospitality at this special Holiday Market held in November.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

Family Retreat – Annual retreat to a camp or resort area, for families of any size and age.

Library/Resource Center – Provides Christian literature and multimedia information to all members of the congregation, our teachers, leaders and chairpersons.

Page Turners Book Club – This group meets once a month to discuss various books. The titles are given ahead of time.

Sunday Conservations/Adult Forum – offer a variety of topics related to the Bible and Christian living on Sundays at 9 and 10:30 am. The conversations are held at church and are led by members of Our Saviour's and guest presenters.

Teacher/Leader for Adult Forum – Be a facilitator for adult education classes or Bible Study.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Home Groups/"Making Faith Connections" Groups – A group typically comprised of 8-10 people who meet regularly (weekly, monthly, etc.) in a variety of places or in the homes of participants.

Men's Bible Study – Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:30 am for pastor-led Bible Study.

Men's Bible Fellowship - A practical approach to the Bible with time for fellowship. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:30 am.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Meets weekly at 9 am. A pastor leads discussion of upcoming Sunday text.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Splash Coordinator – Coordinate regular mailings to parents with infants and young children.

First Communion – Help coordinate the training and hospitality events that culminate in first communion for 3rd graders. This commitment is during the spring.

Jr. S.A.L.T. - Help by planning or chaperoning a service project event.

Kitchen Helper/Shopper for Awesome Choir Experience - Prepare a meal and assist with cleanup following dinner. Shop for groceries to prepare meals each week.

Table Adult – Sit with a group of children at dinner, facilitate brief activity or discussion with the children.

Nursery Committee – Members of this committee oversee Our Saviour's recruitment and supervision of nursery volunteers, discuss procedures, and do general cleaning periodically.

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteer – Help babysit children in the nursery at either 9 or 10:30 am.

Friends of Faith – Help with a craft or activity for this monthly fellowship event.

Mom's Club of OSLC – Participate in fellowship events with other parents and young children.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY (continued)

Mom and Tot Music Time - Participate in a bi-monthly gather of parents and children (age 6 mos-2 years), Involves interactive music and story time.

Quiet Bags – Coordinate and update weekly the material that is provided in the bags used by children during worship.

Special Event Helper (Carnival, Advent, Lent, etc.) – Participate and/or coordinate a children's event over a short time frame. Many different kinds of skills are needed.

Rotational Sunday School - Teach or shepherd children. Teachers volunteers for a 3-week unit and choose an area they would like to lead – **Art, Science, Drama, Movie, Bible games or Living out the Lesson.** All materials are provided. Shepherds walk with children from class to class twice a month for the school year, providing a consistent connection with the students.

Sunday School Music Leader teach children songs, simple hymns and prayers in a fun setting at each Sunday School session. Some classes gather to begin with music for a period of 20 minutes at 9 or 10:30 am.

Supply Coordinator – Help by organizing all the supplies that teachers need.

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers to be Teachers, Craft Leaders, Music Leaders, Nursery Helpers, Recreation Leaders, Snack Center Leaders.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Middle School

Confirmation Small Group Leader – Adults reinforce catechismal materials and facilitate weekly confirmation sessions.

Confirmation Superintendent – Adults handle administrative details for small group leaders.

Middle School Retreat Chaperone – Assist in planning and attending off-site retreats and church lock-ins in order for youth to develop a deeper faith.

Senior High

Chaperone – Chaperone occasional retreats, lock-ins, mission trips.

Occasional Volunteer – Make phone calls, organize events as needed.

Senior High Leaders - Volunteers to assist with the implementation of a variety of high School programming. Time commitments vary.

College Ministry

Planning Team Member – Adults help the Youth and Family staff in planning and implementation of college-age ministry.

OPERATIONS (continued)

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Audio Visual – Individuals with a love for technology and equipment needed to purchase, set up, clean, and maintain the church's A/V equipment.

Communications Committee – Meets regularly to oversee the overall strategy for communicating the congregation's vision and programs, both internally and externally, and developing the communication tools to achieve that strategy.

Finance Committee – Meets monthly to oversee budget, income and expenditures and to advise Council on all matters relating to finances and property.

Financial Auditor – Serve on a team to conduct annual inspection of church financial records.

Mission Endowment Committee – Coordinates and administers the Endowment Fund, the Endowment Society, and the reception of all bequests.

Offering Counter – Work in pairs (monthly) to count offerings for regular and/or special services on a rotating basis.

Mission Resource Committee – Meets monthly to oversee year round stewardship efforts encouraging members to give or time, talents, and treasures.

Friendship Caller – Group of friendly phone callers who meet quarterly and make 10-20 phone calls a year to keep in touch with less active members.

Personnel Committee - Members needed that have a background in personnel and/or human resources. Meet quarterly to give input and advice on personnel policies, insurance, etc. for church staff.

Property Committee – Meets monthly to oversee the care, maintenance, and long range development of physical plant, including custodial service, grounds management, and all aspects of property management.

Property Volunteer - Volunteers share their special skills as needed. (Audio Visual, Carpentry, Electrical, Gardening, Heating, Painting, Plumbing, Roofing, General Willing Hands.)

Carpentry, Electrical, Gardening, Heating, Painting, Plumbing, Decorating.

Church Office Volunteer – Volunteers are needed to help out with such tasks as: collating, duplicating, telephone caller, proofreader, typist and general office assistance (during office staff vacations).

Answering Phones, Collating, Duplicating, General Office Assistance, Help with congregational mailings, Proofreader, Telephone Caller, Typist (on computer).

OPERATIONS (continued)

Computer - Help needed on regular or occasional basis in the following areas of expertise:

Data Entry, Graphic Design, Unix Server Administration, Power Point Presentations, Software Specialist, Video-Movie Making.

Web Site Management – Work with the church's webmaster to maintain the church's website: www.oursaviours.org. (