

# SERVANTHOOD SUNDAY

SERVING OTHERS BY JOYFULLY SHARING TIME & TALENTS

St. Paul's Des Peres Lutheran Church

November 14, 2021



God's stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God's act of love for them in Christ which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love. As members of the body of Christ we are called to make disciples of all nations. We can support our church by joyfully giving our time and talents to help one (or several) of St. Paul's outreach ministries. Share your time and talents and help share the eternal joy found in God's forgiveness, grace and love.

*We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19*

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

*1 John 3:16-18*

*And he [Christ] died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 2 Corinthians 5:15*

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

## MEMBER MINISTRIES

### MEMBER OUTREACH

- **College Connection** – Join with our connection team to send personal cards and care packages to our college students, offer a prayer ministry, and help students stay connected to their home church.
- **Confirmand Prayer Partners** – Encourage youth by praying regularly for them in personal prayer time and sending cards on special dates, such as birthdays and Baptismal dates.
- **Meal Ministry** – Provides a home-cooked meal to those who are recovering from illness, new mothers or other special needs; serves meals for funeral services and other special events at St. Paul's.
- **Military Ministry** – Provides encouragement and appreciation to the St. Paul's men and women serving in the U.S. Military, through notes of encouragement and special packages.
- **Tabitha "Tabby"** – Tabby is a trained Lutheran Church Charities K-9/Kare 9 Comfort Dog who serves within St. Paul's and to the greater community to show the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. Volunteers needed to make visits with Tabby and handlers, also cookie bakers and coordinators for Tabby's birthday and ministry celebrations.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Guides children in a week of spiritual development through stories, crafts, games, skits, music and snacks.
- **Women's Prayer Group** – The prayer group meets on Thursday evenings in the home of Gayle Truesdell.
- **Youth Ministry** – Provides assistance to the Youth Director for various activities and events.

# COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

## MISSIONS

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- **Afternoon Guild** – Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 12:00pm for fellowship, spiritual growth and service.
- **Mission Supporter** – Leads St. Paul’s in reaching out to the world, both locally and far away, through financial support, mission work and other activities.
- **Quilters** – Sews and assembles quilts for charity. Mondays at 9:00am.
- **Social Ministry** – Collects food, clothing and household items to be distributed to organizations, churches and individuals in need.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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- **DivorceCare** – This group shares valuable information on how to deal with the hurt accompanying separation and/or divorce and rebuild lives, Fridays at 7:00pm. Part of a national program. Utilizes a 13 week video-based curriculum with drop ins welcome any time. Volunteer lay leaders are needed.
- **Marriage Mentors** – This group helps couples prepare for marriage by learning about Biblical marriage, discovering their strength and growth areas, discovering their purpose and setting goals for Marriage. Volunteer couples needed to lead.
- **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** – MOPS International equips, encourages, and develops every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 9:00am. Volunteer mentors are needed.
- **Mothers of K-8th grade children (MOMSnexT)** – MOMSnexT continues the Christ-centered support and growth of MOPS while reaching out to mothers of school aged children. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7-8:30pm. Volunteer mentors are needed.
- **Nursing & Nurturing** – This group provides breastfeeding and mothering support through a private Facebook group. Volunteer lay leaders are needed.
- **Prayer Chain** – Responds to e-mail, connection cards or phone requests for urgent prayer needs by promptly praying for the persons involved. Volunteers needed.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## ADMINISTRATION

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- **Archives** – Assists in collecting and archiving photos, bulletins, CDs, and other materials about St. Paul’s for historical reference.
- **Bulletin Assembly** – Collate and assemble weekend worship bulletins, Fridays at 9:00am.
- **Cemetery Association** – Maintains the St. Paul’s cemetery on Ballas Road.
- **Counting Committee** – Serves on a team to count the weekend church offerings.
- **Office volunteers** – Assists the church office with various tasks, such as bulletin printing, attendance data entry, plant watering, mailings, etc.

## EDUCATION

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- **Life Advocacy Group** – This group witnesses the sanctity of human life through education, based on the Word of God, and meets periodically.
- **Sunday School Team** – Various teams work together to lead the children on Sunday mornings in large group praise and prayer, connect with the hearts of the children in small group, design a creative bible-learning environment, and develop and implement special events throughout the year.
- **Small Group/Bible Study Leaders** – Serve as a leader and host of a small group and/or Bible Study.

## HELPING HANDS

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- **Bus Drivers** – Drives members to various locations throughout the year.
- **Caregivers for MOPS** – Provides safe, loving care for children while their moms attend MOPS meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings.
- **Caregivers for Youth** – Supervise children during various church events (e.g., Voters' meetings, What We Believe Class).
- **Costumes/Prop Design** – Provides costumes and props needed for Sunday School, Breakfast in Bethlehem and other special events.
- **Facilities Maintenance** – Assist in various maintenance tasks around the church and campus, such as repairs, painting, handiwork, set-up/tear-down of rooms, etc.
- **Funeral Coordinators** – Periodically assists with the details of a funeral, such as recording the service, coordinating a luncheon or other tasks a family might need assistance.
- **Gardeners (North Campus)** – North Campus has multiple flower garden beds with annuals and perennials. Helping hands are needed for scheduled spring annual planting, spring-fall twice weekly watering/weeding/deadheading of annuals, and fall weekly leaf removal.
- **Gardeners (South Campus)** – South Campus has a vegetable garden, several flower beds, and decorative pots. The Early Childhood Center Ministry serves a full campus of children and parents all year round. Helping hands are needed throughout the school year and summer to periodically plant, weed, and maintain these beautiful gardens.
- **Hospitality** – Periodically assists with the planning and preparation of receptions, meals and other special events.
- **Nursery Workers** – Provide safe, loving care for children while their parents attend worship and/or Bible class.
- **Photographers** – Takes photographs of various happenings around St. Paul's for publicity and promotion.
- **Special Events** – Provides assistance for events held periodically throughout the year, such as Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast in Bethlehem, Christmas Tree Set-up and more
- **Wedding Coordinators** – Periodically assists couples with the details of their wedding service.

## MUSIC

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- **Adult Choir** – A prayerful and supportive community that sings the Word and the praises of God for Sunday worship and other special musical events on a regular basis.
- **Handbell Choirs** – Provides musical talent for Sunday morning worship and other special musical events on a periodic basis through ensemble handbell ringing.
- **Instrumentalists** – Provides instrumental music for Sunday morning worship and other special musical events on a periodic basis through solo and/or ensemble playing.

## MUSIC (CONTINUED)

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- **Living Stone Worship Team** – Provides instrumental music (guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, percussion) and vocals for the Sunday morning worship service in the school gym.
- **Men's and Women's Choirs** – Provides choral leadership for Sunday morning worship on a periodic basis.

## VISITOR MINISTRY

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- **Bread Ministry** – Serves on a team to welcome guests, provide them with a loaf of bread and informative materials about our church, and encourage the guests to return.
- **New Member Ministry** – Welcomes new members and helps them become acquainted with the programs and other members of the congregation.

## WORSHIP

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- **Acolytes** – Light candles and assist with communion during worship, Grades 6 to 8.
- **Altar Guild** – Prepares communion, changes paraments, cleans and maintains the altar area for worship.
- **Childcare for Nursery** – Provide safe, loving care for children while their parents attend worship and/or Bible Class.
- **Children's Clipboards** – Refresh clipboards with new children's bulletins, crayons and scrap paper for weekly worship services.
- **Fellowship Breakfast Team** – Sets-up, serves food, cleans-up and greets members during Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday mornings.
- **H.I.S. Puppeteers (Hands In Service)** – Witnesses through the H.I.S. Puppeteer ministry to a wide variety of groups (high school youth and adult leaders).
- **Sound Board/Video Camera Operators** – Operate the in-house sound board and video cameras during worship services and other special events.
- **Ushers** – Greet and seat people, distribute worship folders and collect offerings.
- **Worship Greeters** – Provide a friendly, welcoming environment for members and guests as they enter the building to worship.

## ANNUAL VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- **Easter Egg Hunt** (Saturday before Easter) – Bake cookies, hide Easter eggs, or clean up.
- **Vacation Bible School** (1st full week of June) – In need of teachers, class guides, craft prep, craft instruction, decorators, music leaders. Volunteer for full week, specific days, or advance prep work.
- **Rummage Sale** (2nd full week of June) – This event supports our Youth Ministry. Sort donations, set up tables and rooms, price items. Volunteers needed for donation days as well as shopping days.
- **Breakfast in Bethlehem** (1st Saturday in December) – Costumed characters, hosts for specialty-themed rooms, set up and cleanup needed for this morning of Christmas celebration for families.
- **Gabriel's Gift Shop** (1st Saturday in December) – Set up gift room for children to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents and loved ones during Breakfast in Bethlehem. Gift wrappers and angel helpers are also needed.
- **Prepare for Jesus** (1st Sunday in December) – Women's Advent Candlelight celebration which includes room set up with table decorations, staging of the refreshment tables and clean up.