

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time and Talent Activity Explanations 2017-18

EDUCATION

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help with programming and budget decisions relative to Christian Education.

Attend Sunday School -- attend a class for your age level or Adult Forum during Sunday education hour. Classes available for children beginning at age 3.

Teach Sunday School -- Teach class level you choose with resources and guide provided. You may teach for one semester, a year term, or team-teach with another.

Confirmation Teacher -- Teach middle school confirmation class during Sunday education hour. Curriculum and teaching resources provided.

Teach/Assist with Adult Forum -- Assist with Adult Forum during Sunday education hour.

Christmas Program Director/Assistant -- Oversee the Christmas Sunday School program by arranging material/music assignments, practice schedule, and costuming. Resources are available from the staff.

Men's Breakfast Study -- Meet on Friday mornings at the Original Pancake House to study the Bible during breakfast fellowship together. Guidebooks are provided.

Women's Circle Study -- Participate in monthly Bible study for women. Studies are provided in *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine. Copies provided in the church office.

Vacation Bible School Director -- Oversee program, beginning in early spring, by arranging contact with those who have volunteered to teach and setting up schedule and directors for music, crafts, nursery, refreshments and recreation.

Vacation Bible School Worker -- Help as a teacher's assistant, with crafts, music, games, refreshments, registration, transportation or in the nursery.

Vacation Bible School Prepare Materials/Crafts -- Help to prepare crafts and other materials for Vacation Bible School.

Maintain Library Shelves -- Twice a year, straighten library shelves and prepare cards for any new or donated books.

EVANGELISM

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to Evangelism. New ideas welcomed and encouraged!

Help with Little Free Library -- Help maintain stock of books and materials in the Little Free Library box.

Help with Nativity Walk -- Assist with annual Nativity Walk event in early December by setting up nativity sets, providing/coordinating music and refreshments, and publicizing the event.

Help with Pet Blessing -- Assist with annual Pet Blessing by setting up and publicizing the event.

Participate in Trunk or Treat -- Bring your decorated vehicle, or help decorate other vehicles, or assist with treat bags to be handed out to children.

Help with Election Day treats -- Set up table for coffee and treats, refresh throughout the day, or clean up when over.

Help with Jhetti Rhoads Day -- Provide assistance setting up, maintaining area, and publicizing the event.

Take Digital Photos at Events -- Take digital photos to document church events and for possible use in publicity efforts.

Media Promotions -- Help with getting the word out about our ministry by helping with community information, media contact, invitations, or assist with design advertisements such as flyers or postcards. Also work with other online resources to promote the church's mission and events.

FINANCE/BUDGET

Serve on Finance Committee – Work with the church Treasurer and other committee members to develop budget and fiscal policy for the church.

Serve on Audit Committee – Volunteer to be appointed to the Audit Committee, which conducts annual audit of the church's financial records.

Offering Sorter – Work with a partner to sort weekly offering. Training provided.

FELLOWSHIP

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to Fellowship.

Serve Bagels/Doughnuts and coffee on Sunday -- Come to church early to arrange Bagels/doughnuts on a tray for worshippers to have following the service. Bagels/doughnuts are delivered to GSLC. Includes clean up.

Round Table Meals -- Get together for a meal and fellowship. Each person/couple acts as host once and brings food in two times.

Assist with Potlucks/Dinners -- Help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up for fellowship meals.

Assist with "Sixty Something" -- Help organize and/or set up for this fellowship event.

Congregational Picnic -- Assist with bringing supplies to picnic grounds and/or help with activities or games after the potluck meal.

Cook (Special Events) -- Prepare a recipe with several days/weeks notice to serve at a family-style meal for the congregation or for visiting choirs, church officers, Lenten suppers.

Plan a Program -- Develop a presentation, line up a speaker, think of an activity as the core of a fellowship event. Some examples are slide shows of trips abroad, Advent event, musical selections, and talent shows.

Help with New Member Reception – Assist in planning, setup, and cleanup for new member receptions.

Help at Trunk or Treat – Help with snacks, decorate your car in a Halloween theme and distribute candy to children at annual Trunk or Treat event.

Help with Rally Day social – Assist with annual social to kick off Sunday school year in the fall.

Assist at Fellowship Events – provide help as needed at Fellowship events.

PROPERTY

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help plan schedules and recruitment for the works listed below and with budget.

Set up Tables and Chairs -- Set up and take down tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall for special events scheduled through the office when the participants need assistance.

Carpentry Work -- Assist the congregation with your carpentry skills on the church building.

Electrical Work -- Assist the congregation with your electrical skill as needs arise.

Plumbing Work -- Use your plumbing skills as needs arise.

Painting -- Paint trim or walls inside or outside as needs arise.

Help on Clean-up Days -- Work once or twice a year with fellow members to do thorough cleaning, such as windows, waxing furniture, cleaning cabinets, and storage areas.

Clean Main Kitchen Cupboards -- Organize supplies and disinfect where needed once a year.

Clean Large Coffee Pots -- Clean large coffee pots and scour electric coffee makers once a year.

PROPERTY, continued

Help with Gardening -- Assist during the spring and summer months with general gardening work such as trimming, weeding, and pruning.

Help with Mowing -- Work with two others in mowing the church lawn before Sunday services.

Snow clearing -- Assist with snow removal as needs arise.

Organize Clean Up Days – Help to plan and recruit help for cleanup days.

STEWARDSHIP

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to Stewardship.

Assist with Harvest of Thanks – help to sort, package and distribute food for annual Thanksgiving food drive.

Give Temple Talks -- Speak on behalf of Stewardship during worship services.

Help Prepare Mailings -- Assist with developing a letter to the congregation or help prepare materials for mailing

Prepare Electronic Media – Assist with audiovisual and computer equipment for presentations.

Assist with Stewardship Campaign – help to coordinate annual stewardship drive.

SERVICE

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to areas of service within and outside the congregation.

Assist Empty Tomb with Home Maintenance Projects -- Work, with direction, on a needy home site completing repairs or remodeling usually on Saturday mornings.

Help with Canteen Run – Distribute food and other supplies to the needy in Champaign-Urbana.

LSSI Storybook Project – Assist incarcerated parents stay in touch with their children by recording them reading books.

Emergency Child Care -- Provide care for children of the congregation whose family has an unusual, short-term need arise.

Help with Clerical Work -- Help GSLC staff with various tasks, such as assembling the annual report or producing large mailings.

Archive Records and Files – Help to preserve and organize church records, photos, etc.

Help with Food Deliveries -- Deliver food, with a partner, after gathering items from GSLC pantry, developing a grocery list, and charging remaining needs at County Market. You will be matched with an experienced worker and deliver to a screened recipient.

Meals on Wheels -- Deliver a hot noon meal, with a partner, for one week during the year, providing nourishment to a shut-in person.

Deliver Food to Ill Members – Deliver a meal to members who are ill.

Participate in GSLC Prayer Chain -- Pray for a need as requested by members and channeled by phone to you.

Nursery Team -- Provide care for children under three years as parents worship on Sundays, attend Sunday School, or attend Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas Eve services.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to Worship and Music.

Worship Leader/Assistant – Assist in leading worship as requested by Pastor.

Communion Set-up and Altar Care -- Work with others to set out the bread and wine with Communion ware and linens. New workers are matched with experienced ones.

Communion Assistant: Distribute Communion elements at worship services.

Greeter -- Serve as a greeter for twenty-minutes before the service to welcome those coming to worship on Sunday mornings.

Lay Reader – Read Old and New Testament lessons and The Prayers during worship.

Usher -- Serve with four other members to distribute bulletins and offering plates, assist with seating, and physical arrangements to enhance worship. Usher for holiday or evening (Lenten or Christmas Eve) services.

Sing in Senior Choir -- Share your talent by singing at services each month. Either on-going or seasonal participation is welcomed. Rehearsals are held Wednesday evening.

Substitute Organist -- Use your skill to fill in when the regular organist is away.

Vocal Work (Solo/Duet) -- Prepare a presentation for summer worship or special services of your choice or with advance notice.

Musical Accompaniment (other than piano) -- Play your favorite instrument to enhance worship.

Piano Accompaniment -- Play piano for one of the choirs or other vocalists during worship, Wednesday rehearsals, or for Sunday School openings.

Deliver Altar Flowers -- Deliver altar flowers on Sunday or Monday to members or friends who are shut-in or hospitalized, designated by the office staff.

WELCA

Serve on Executive Committee – Attend regular meetings to help make programming and budget decisions for WELCA.

Prepare/Serve Funeral Meals -- Prepare and serve food after funerals.

Assist with Lutheran World Relief Projects -- Help with publicizing, assembling, and packing items needed for distribution to impoverished areas.

Festival Crafts/Baking -- Make crafts at scheduled workshops or in your own home. Donate baked goods to be served or sold at Fall Festival.

Serve on Festival Committee – Help to plan the annual Fall Festival, held in October.

Work at Fall Festival -- Assist Fall Festival chairperson with setting up, working at, or cleaning up the weekend of the event.

Serve on Christmas Brunch Committee – Help to plan and carry out the annual Christmas Brunch.

Plan Confirmation Reception – help to plan and carry out a breakfast reception for Confirmands and their families/guests.

Plan High School Graduation Reception – help to plan and carry out a reception for high school graduates and their families/guests.

Serve on Retreat Committee – help to plan and carry out the annual WELCA retreat.

Help with Service Projects – Help with WELCA service projects as needed.

Help with Women's Events -- Help plan or work with events such as the Mother-Daughter-Friend luncheon, Christmas brunch, or other programs of the Women of the ELCA.

WELLNESS/PARISH NURSE

Serve on Wellness Committee -- Attend regular meetings to help make programming and budget decisions relative to the Wellness Committee.

Visit Sick or Shut-Ins -- See members who are confined at home, a care center, or hospital at the recommendation of the pastor or parish nurse.

Help as Nurse or Other Health Professional -- Assist the Wellness Committee or parish nurse by extending your professional experience in a church setting or as a representative of the congregation.

Speak on Health-Related Topics -- Share your area of interest at a pre-scheduled gathering of the congregation.

Errand Helper -- Assist members of the congregation with errands.

Care Giver Support -- Provide relief for a fellow member, who is personally caring for a family member with a long-term medical condition, as a sitter in their home.

Prepare Frozen Casseroles at the request of a Parish Nurse for shut-ins, ill, and new mothers.

Health/Wellness Bulletins Boards -- Prepare and display with materials provided for hallway bulletin board.

Help Take Blood Pressure -- Take blood pressures of members after worship services on select Sundays.

YOUTH

Serve on Committee -- Attend monthly meetings to help support Youth Minister with program and make budget decisions relative to youth.

Assist with Youth Program -- Can be Short-Term or On-Going; assist with activities for youth in the following age groups:

- High School
- Middle School (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Grades 3, 4, 5
- Grades K, 1, 2

Help with Fund Raisers -- Assist youth in raising funds for service projects, trips, and other purposes.

Help with Transportation -- Assist in transporting youth to events and trips.

Help Plan Events -- Assist in planning events for youth.

Chaperone on Trips -- Serve as an adult chaperone for youth trips or activities.

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