

Discovering Your Place to Serve

God has uniquely gifted each person with talents and abilities to serve others and strengthen the body of Christ. After completing the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, use this guide to explore ministry opportunities at St. Paul Lutheran Church that may align with your results.

Each spiritual gift below includes the ministry areas listed on the church's ministry opportunity form. Under each ministry area, you will find specific opportunities available within that ministry.

If you are interested in serving, contact the person listed with that ministry area. Contact information is at the end of this document.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” — 1 Corinthians 12:4

Administration

People with the gift of Administration often enjoy organizing, coordinating, planning, scheduling, and helping ministries run smoothly.

Stewardship

Contact: Byron Marburger

- Being a member of the Church Council

Christian Learning Academy

Contact: Ed Thraen

- Board Member
 - Chapel Assistant
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Apostleship

People with the gift of Apostleship often enjoy reaching new people, building ministry, and helping expand the church's mission.

Evangelism

Contact: Andy Jones

- Evangelism Planning Team Member
 - Greeter Ministry at Welcome Center
 - Prepare Guest Welcome Bags for adults and children
 - Deliver In Home and/or Nursing Home Communion / Eucharistic Ministers
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 - Help with Evangelism Publicity, including news articles, website, and Facebook
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Craftsmanship

People with the gift of Craftsmanship often enjoy building, repairing, creating, decorating, sewing, gardening, and working with their hands.

Property

Contact: Brent Leftwich

- Property Team Member
 - Worker on Work Days
 - Minor Repairs and Building Maintenance
 - Flowerbed Maintenance
 - Lawn Care, Mowing, etc.
 - Trim Trees
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Vehicle Inspection
 - Asset Inventory
 - Open/Close and Inspect Building for building use by congregation member or someone from the community
 - Oversee Custodial Work as Liaison
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Discernment

People with the gift of Discernment often help others make wise decisions, understand spiritual truth, and provide thoughtful guidance.

Parish Education & Youth

Contact: Lane Lanford

- Education & Youth Planning Team Member
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Exhortation

People with the gift of Exhortation encourage, motivate, support, and strengthen others in their faith.

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Faith

People with the gift of Faith trust God deeply and often encourage others through prayer, confidence, and spiritual support.

Outreach/Community Service

Contact: Wade Johnson

- Visitor to Care Facilities and Shut-Ins / Neighbor to Neighbor Ministries
- Prayer Team
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- Work with the Food Pantry on 3rd Thursday & Friday Quarterly
- Represent St. Paul Congregation on Columbus Food Pantry Board
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- Stephen Ministry
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- Meals that Heal
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- Blood Drive
- Parish Nurse Program

- Connected to Christ
 - Share Your Christmas
 - Hope Delivered
 - Operation Prom Dress
 - Feed My Sheep
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Giving

People with the gift of Giving joyfully support ministry through generosity, resources, and helping meet needs.

Stewardship

Contact: Byron Marburger

- Stewardship Team Member
 - Financial Records Review Team Member
 - Being a Voting Delegate to the Annual Synod Assembly Representing the Congregation
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Healing

People with the gift of Healing care deeply for people experiencing physical, emotional, or spiritual hardship.

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Helps

People with the gift of Helps enjoy assisting others, filling practical needs, and supporting ministry efforts behind the scenes.

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Future Needs Assessment

Contact: Sandye Roensch

- Staffing
- Facility Needs
- Programs
- Mission & Vision Statements

Office Helpers

Contact: Elena Holub

- Register Attendance Sheets
 - Offering Counters
 - Bulletin/Newsletter Folding
 - Secretary Substitute
 - Bookkeeping
 - Bulletin Board Across from Office
 - Office Wall Calendar Update
 - Input Data for Church Website
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Hospitality

People with the gift of Hospitality enjoy welcoming people, creating inviting environments, and helping others feel connected and cared for.

Fellowship

Contact: Stevi Blount

- Fellowship Team Member
- Plan/Decorate for Congregation Meals

- Assist with Set-Up/Clean-Up of Church Activities
 - God's Gals
 - Watch Party
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Intercession

People with the gift of Intercession are called to pray faithfully and consistently for others.

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Word of Knowledge

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Leadership

People with the gift of Leadership help guide, organize, encourage, and direct ministries and people.

Future Needs Assessment

Contact: Sandye Roensch

- Staffing
- Facility Needs
- Programs
- Mission & Vision Statements

Stewardship

Contact: Byron Marburger

- Being a Member of the Church Council

Christian Learning Academy

Contact: Ed Thraen

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Mercy

People with the gift of Mercy are compassionate toward people who are hurting, lonely, struggling, or in need.

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Miracles

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Pastor/Shepherd

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Prophecy

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Service

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Teaching

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Christian Learning Academy

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Tongues (and Interpretation)

People with the gift of Tongues and Interpretation often feel called to expressive worship, prayer, and spiritual encouragement.

Worship & Music

Contact: Kay Wesson

- Worship Planning Team Member
 - Lay Reader at Worship Services
 - Assist with Multi-Media
 - Communion Bread Baker
 - Communion Assistant
 - Acolyte
 - Usher at Worship Services
 - Usher at Funerals
 - Decorate Church Seasonally
 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up / Altar Guild
 - Organist, Pianist, or Other Musician
 - Soloist — Vocal or Instrumental
 - Radio Ministry
 - Praise Band for 11:05 AM Contemporary Service
 - Assemble Children's Church Worship Activity Bags
 - Sound Board Operator
 - Live Stream Camera Operator
 - Power Point
 - Pew Care
 - Participate in Dramas
 - Laundering Shawls/Lap Robes/Blankets After Use in Worship
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Word of Wisdom

People with the gift of Word of Wisdom often provide spiritual insight, wise counsel, and thoughtful leadership.

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Not Sure Where You Fit?

That's okay! Spiritual gifts are meant to grow as we serve. If you are unsure where to begin, contact the church office or Pastor Alan and they can help connect you with the right ministry liaison.

Every gift matters. Every person matters. There is a place for you at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Contact Information

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