

Serve One Another

"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*

Listed in this booklet are many of the ministry opportunities for people to serve in at Apostles. If interested in serving, we would love to have you on our teams! Direct questions to the pastors or other church or ministry team leaders.

Let's serve the Lord as we serve together!

WORSHIP (Contact John Osborne for all Worship service opportunities other than those associated specifically with Contemporary Worship. Contact Joel Nauman for specific Contemporary Worship service opportunities)

Ambassadors: Coordinator

Organize and/or schedule Ambassadors for Sunday services.

Ambassadors: Host

Greeting visitors and guests in the church entryway before/after a service and connecting them to members and pastors.

Ambassadors: Information Table

Provide guests/members items such as nametags, bulletins, activity lists, directions and information about Apostles.

Ambassadors: Greeter

Greet visitors and members with a friendly "hello" before and after worship service.

Ushers

Assist Usher Team and check usher's checklist for procedures to follow. Greet visitors/members, handout bulletins and give assistance as needed. Training is provided.

Altar Committee

Setup/cleanup of the Altar for communion. Maintenance/setup of Altar cloths and candles. A team of two will handle the activities for the month, on an every 3 months basis.

Flower Committee

Purchase or arrange fresh flower arrangements for weekly church services. Reimbursement of expenditures available. Time commitment-

-approximately once every 6-8 weeks depending on the number of committee members.

Nursery Care

Watch young children in the nursery room during a Sunday worship service or Sunday Bible class. There will be two attendants for each service. Serve on rotation basis, about once every 6 weeks. *

Entryway Decorum Committee

Assist in putting up seasonal decorations in the church entryway.

Coffee Hour Servers

Serve coffee and juice after church services; rotational basis. Requires some work before and after the service.

Cookie Provider

Provide cookies the last Sunday of the month. Sign up for the dates you wish.

Banner Committee

Help hang banners already made in our sanctuary. Schedule varies by seasons of the year. If interested, new ones can also be made.

Sanctuary Decoration Committees

Assist with any of the special decorating opportunities at Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving. No special decorating skills required for many tasks. Flower arrangement training available during Easter preparations. You may indicate how you feel most comfortable helping.

Control Room Operator

Serve on a team to help control the lighting, sound, and video aspects of our worship services. Scheduled on a rotating basis. Training provided.

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WORSHIP (cont'd)

Lighting Committee

Serve with others to change old bulbs in the church. 2-3 times a year.

Sound Board Tech

Operate the sound board which controls the microphones and instruments during the worship services. Training is provided. Serve on a rotation basis.

Power Point Operator/Input

Input slides into the computer for the Contemporary service, and/or operate the slide program during the service. Training provided. Serve on rotation basis.

Traditional Worship Committee

Contribute ideas, and assist when able, to the design of, and scheduling of personnel for, our traditional worship services. The committee meets about 6 times a year.

Contemporary Worship Committee

Contribute ideas, and assist when able, to the design of, and scheduling of personnel for, our contemporary worship services and occasional special concerts. The committee meets about 10 times a year.

Senior Handbell Choir

Play in the Handbell choir. Rehearses weekly, September through May, and plays in church once a month. Musical knowledge preferred.

Senior Choir

Sing in our voice choir. Rehearses weekly, September through May, and sings in church twice a month.

Worship Keyboardist

Accompany congregational singing and provide other music during worship services; organ or piano. Serve on a rotation basis.

Special Music: Vocal or Instrumental

Use your vocal or instrumental talents for worship services; solo, small group, or with choirs. Serving schedule is flexible.

Contemporary Praise Band

Use your vocal or instrumental talents for contemporary worship services with our Praise band. Serving schedule is flexible; mid-week practices.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH (Contact Jaime Vargas for opportunities to serve).

Bible Study Committee

Plan the schedule of topics and leaders for our Sunday (and sometimes mid-week) Bible classes. Monthly meetings.

Small Group Bible Study Committee

Plan the schedule of topics and leaders for our small group, mid-week Bible classes. Quarterly meetings.

Small Group Bible Study Leaders and Hosts

Lead a small group, mid-week Bible study, or host one at your home. Groups determine their meeting schedule, both months and days.

Evening Child Care

Provide child care at church while parents attend the Bible Information Class. Class sessions are held on a mid-week evening, September through April. Serve on a rotation basis. *

Book Store/Library Committee

Supervise our bookstore/library after Sunday church services, helping people buy or borrow books, etc. Serve on a rotation basis. May also involve contacting people for overdue books.

TwoGether Couples Ministry Committee

Plan and coordinate events for our married couples, four times a year. Events often include meals, special decorations/set up, and a presentation on marriage helps. The committee meets several times a year to plan the events.

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Stewardship Committee (Contact Mike Klebig for opportunities to serve)

Prepare and present information in a variety of ways on how members can support our church's ministries with their time, talents, and treasures. Monthly meetings.

Men's Retreat Committee

Plan the details of the annual Men's Retreat, held on a weekend in March at a camp in the local mountains. Several meetings during the year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Contact Mike Bitcon for opportunities to serve)

Sunday School Teacher

Teach our children about Jesus on Sunday morning. Serve on a rotation basis. One teacher meeting per month. *

Sunday School Teacher Aid

Help Sunday School teacher with controlling the class, pass out materials, and take roll. One hour every Sunday and attend a monthly meeting. Training available. *

Children's Church Helper

Assist the leader by serving refreshments, or doing puppets, or other tasks. During the Sunday sermon. *

Kids' Club

Help with Bible lessons and activities at a local public school. One afternoon a week, September-May.

Assist with Junior VBS

Help with registration, teach lessons, or help with crafts or lead children to stations. Third week in June; mornings. *

Assist with VBS

Help with registration or refreshments, assist teachers, or help with crafts or lead children to stations. Serve one or two weeks in July; mornings. *

Assist with Christmas for Kids

Help with registration or refreshments, teach lessons, or help with crafts or lead children to stations. Held the first Saturday morning of December. *

Assist with Easter for Kids

Help with registration or refreshments, teach lessons, or help with crafts or lead children to stations. Held the Saturday morning a week before Easter. *

Bible Camp (Tree of Life) Staff

Various ways to help children at Bible Camp in the Sierra Mountains. Examples: Activities or crafts leader, teach Bible lessons. One week in July. *

Pioneers (Contact Dave Dorr for opportunities to serve)

Serve as leaders and helpers in teaching certain skills to children, grades 1-6, helping them do projects, and chaperoning events. Meets 2nd and 4th Monday evenings, September-May, with an additional monthly leader meeting. *

SonShine Station (Contact Roger Grossenbacher for opportunities to serve)

This program meets the first Saturday morning of almost every month, reaching out to young children with a VBS style program. Help is needed for set up/take down, teachers, puppeteers, helpers, snacks. *

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YOUTH MINISTRY (Contact Dave Dorr for opportunities to serve)

"The Way" Junior High Youth Group: Leaders and Chaperones

Serve on the planning committee or help chaperone at specific events on and off campus, held once or twice a month, September-May. *

"The Truth" High School Youth Group: Leaders and Chaperones

Serve on the planning committee or help chaperone at specific events on and off campus, held once or twice a month; the group is active all year. *

"The Life" College-Age Group Planning Committee

Serve on the planning committee to hold fellowship events and Bible studies for this age group. Flexible schedule for serving.

Bible Study Leaders for High School Group

Lead Bible studies for our youth on Sunday mornings. Training and courses provided. Serve on a rotation basis. *

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FAMILY and ADULT FELLOWSHIP (Contact Dave Dorr for opportunities to serve)

Fellowship Committee

Plan, communicate, and coordinate a variety of social fellowship activities for our church members and families throughout the year. Events include: movie and game days/nights, potlucks, and the annual church picnic. Planning meetings are held monthly; about six events a year.

Fellowship Event Helper

Help with set up/clean up and operating a fellowship event.

Church Picnic Assistance

Help with set up/clean up of the annual church picnic (June), and/or conduct games.

"Forever Young" Senior Ministry

Plan, communicate, and coordinate monthly activities, on and off campus, for our seniors, 55 years old and up.

FACILITIES and PROPERTY Contact Jeff Medal for opportunities to serve)

Property Committee

Evaluate the various conditions and needs of our buildings (church, school, and homes) and properties, including cleaning, maintenance, repairs and improvements. Budget this work, plan, and enlist volunteers or hire professionals. Monthly meetings; various projects throughout the year.

Property Team with Special Skills

Use your specific skills to help maintain and fix church owned facilities. Examples include: painting, repairs, plumbing, AC/heating, carpentry, landscape, etc.

Work Day Helpers

Help clean and maintain our buildings and grounds on group work days held throughout the year.

"TETRUS"

This group helps keep our storage areas organized and assists with storage and disposal of items. Meets a couple of times a month.

MEMBER CARE

Heart to Heart: Home and Hospital Visitation (Contact Roger Grossenbacher for opportunities to serve)

Make visits and minister to those who are in the hospital or shut in and read devotions and share God's word and encouragement. These visits are requested periodically when needed. Depends on your schedule, may be monthly.

Prayer Chain Member (Contact Roger Grossenbacher for opportunities to serve)

In your private prayers, pray the requests which will be sent you via email.

Special Education Ministries (Contact Mike Bitcon for opportunities to serve)

Teach Bible stories and Biblical truths to children who have learning disabilities. As need arises and based on agreed upon schedules. *

Willing Hands and Wheels Helpers (Contact Mark Birsching for opportunities to serve)

Prepare and bring a meal or provide a service to family or an individual who requests it, or provide transportation for members to doctor visits or to worship.

Helping Hearts (Contact Mark Birsching for opportunities to serve)

Offer your talents to help people with their needs. Examples: lawn care, painting, computer troubles, light repairs, etc. Serve when available and as needs become known.

Kitchen Care (Contact Mark Birsching for opportunities to serve)

Serve for a month at a time checking on the condition of the kitchen and noting any supplies that need to be purchased.

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MEMBER CARE (cont'd) (Contact Mark Birsching for opportunities to serve)

Soup Suppers: Coordinator

Plan, promote, and organize helpers and food for the Soup Suppers held on Wednesday evenings during the Lent season.

Soup Suppers: Setup/Cleanup

Help set up, serve, or clean up for Soup Suppers.

Easter Brunch: Coordinator

Plan, promote, and organize helpers and food for the Easter Brunch.

Easter Brunch: Setup/Cleanup

Help set up, serve, or clean up for Easter Brunch.

OUTREACH (Contact Roger Grossenbacher for opportunities to serve)

Evangelism Committee

Help plan, promote, and carry out various outreach events. Organize annual training classes.

Visitor Callers

Make a friendly visit to people who just visited our worship services to say "hi" and give a gift bag. Flexible weekly work; 2-3 visits per week. Visits can be split up with other callers.

Harvest Celebration Workers

Help in the various activities to complete a successful Harvest Festival in October, such as: Ambassador/Safety Patrol, Candy & Prizes, Decorating, Food, Games, Music, Parking, Publicity, Puppet Show, Set Up/Clean Up, Snow Cone/Popcorn/Cotton Candy and Ticket Booth. Time required: Approx 2 hours but could vary depending on the job.

Live Nativity

Assist with planning, preparing, promoting, and/or performing our at our Live Nativity, held 2-3 nights in December. Some work begins in September.

Prospect Mailer Volunteers

Address and mail monthly postcards to people on our prospect list. Once a month, flexible time schedule; work wherever you please.

World Mission Promotion (Contact Bruce Keeney for opportunities to serve)

Assist in promoting awareness of our Synod's Mission programs. Flexible schedule; programs held occasionally through the year.

PROMOTION (Contact Bruce Keeney for opportunities to serve)

Video Streaming Team

Record, edit, and post on web or DVD's our church services and other promotional/informational videos. Opportunities include worship services, Bible classes, special video recording sessions, and editing sessions; Sundays and flexible weekday schedules. Training provided.

Web Site Team

Help design and maintain our church and school website. Knowledge of web design and operations needed.

Newsletter Distribution Committee

Help with labeling our bi-monthly newsletter; possible delivery to post office.

Photographer

Take pictures of new members, youth confirmands, and church events for posting and publication purposes.

SUPPORT (Contact Bruce Keeney for opportunities to serve)

Tech Team

Maintain and expand our computer network and other tech needs on campus. Some tech knowledge needed; specific tasks. The team works once a week.

You are a valued member of the Apostles Lutheran Church community. If you are interested in serving on any of these ministries or if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to one of the associated contacts shown above or call the church office at 408-225-0107 or email Pastor Bork at gbork@apostlesSJ.org