

Grace Lutheran Church

Committee and Ministry

Service Opportunities

2019

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'...
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*

Use your
GOD-GIVEN GIFTS
to serve others.
1 PETER 4:10

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever GIFT
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10



A Few Ways to Share Your Gifts at Grace

Committees

Stewardship Committee

Contact: Brigitte Storey (730-0286) berlin_51@comcast.net

This group is reforming with a new approach to Stewardship at Grace! We aim to help everyone identify the gifts they have to offer our community as well as the resources they can share to make ministry possible in this place. We also oversee the annual pledge campaign.

Evangelism Committee

Contact: Deacon Molly (737-0439) deaconmolly.gelc@gmail.com

A newly formed working group under the guidance of Deacon Molly, this committee will care for our relationship with the community outside of Grace as well as touching base with members inside our own walls. This group is charged with welcoming visitors and new members as well as promoting Grace's happenings in the community and on the web. You may see us walking the neighborhoods even! Join us!

Youth Fundraising Committee

Contact: Jesse Woodrow, (737-0439) gracechurchyg@gmail.com

Every year the Youth Ministry Team runs 4-7 fundraisers to help raise funds to send the youth on mission trips, synod faith-building events and other very worthwhile ministry opportunities. Some of the fundraisers are large community events, such as the Coffee House, while others are simpler and just require typical selling of items.

Social Ministry Committee

Contact: Diane Brokenshire, (774-1713) email: dianecb12@yahoo.com

The responsibility of the Social Ministry Committee is to oversee the following programs and events: Good Samaritan program, (shoe boxes), Prayer Shawls, The Bread Sale, The Giving Tree, and Souper Bowl event. The Food Bank & Quilting also come under the Social Ministry umbrella.

Children Youth and Family Committee

Contact: Vicci Madden (975-1630) vasmadden@yahoo.com

The Children, Youth and Family Committee supports all forms of Christian education and faith formation within our congregation. They oversee Sunday school, help with the planning of intergenerational learning/worship events, VBS coordination and supporting the Study Buddy program in any way they can. Their largest events of the year are the Advent Event and the Lent Event.

Fellowship & Arts Committee

Contact: Hope Pankake (448-0739) hopeswenson@gmail.com

This committee plans events, celebrations, and outings for the community of Grace. Some of our regular events include the Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, Game Night, The Easter Egg Hunt/Potluck, and Movie Night. This is a hands-on working group and we welcome your energy and ideas! Join us.

Endowment Committee

Contact: Linda Lippert (796-7767) lindalippert@yahoo.com

The Endowment Committee is charged with the administration and management of nine endowment funds. The Committee has the authority to disburse funds from four of the nine funds. Spending authority for the remaining five funds are held by other individuals/organizations within the Church. The principal may not be spent. However, the annual interest on that principal is dispersed generally on a semi-annual basis to organizations within our community. The Committee meets in March and November to review the financial statements and distribute income.

Worship and Music Committee

Contact: Beth Jury (712-5317) drjury11@gmail.com

The Worship and Music Committee meets quarterly and coordinates, leads, and advises the Council, Pastors, and Music Director on the worship and music ministry of the congregation. The committee gives support to the acolytes, Altar Guild, choirs, lectors, liturgists, sound crew, and ushers. We give particular attention to planning and coordination of special worship services and musical presentations, as well as exploring and using the artistic resources of the congregation in creative ways.

Personnel Committee

Contact: Nevin Shenck, (938-4730) nshenck48@gmail.com

The Committee is responsible for developing and recommending to Council personnel policy changes for improvement and/or clarity. The Committee interprets the Personnel Policy Guidelines, has an active role in employee dispute resolution, investigates complaints alleging discrimination and/or sexual harassment, provides input and updates employee job descriptions and monitors the employee performance evaluation process.

Property Committee

Contact: Connie Angus (265-6162) prizebull@comcast.net

The property board attempts to meet monthly to discuss ongoing maintenance issues and reviews and analyzes short and long term projects; they report findings and recommendations to the Church Council. The group obtains bids for work authorized by the Council. PB also schedules several clean-up and work days at both Kentland and the Church.

Ministry Opportunities

Altar Guild

Contact: Beth Jury (712-5317) drjury11@gmail.com

The Altar Guild is responsible for the presentation of the altar for each regular service, Connect services and special services such as a funeral. This involves setting the proper color paraments and placing flowers and communion linens and ware, as well as the elements. In addition to clearing the altar after services, the Altar Guild makes sure that the linens and communion ware are clean and ready for the next service.

Stephen Ministry

Contact: Pastor Evan (737-0439) pastorevan47@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry is one-on-one, confidential Christian care provided to people going through tough times. Stephen Ministers are laypeople who are specially trained by Stephen Leaders to provide high-quality Christian care. A Stephen Minister provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. A series of training sessions are required.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact: Denise Ozimok (580-9603) dozimok@gmail.com

Crocheted or knitted prayer shawls are created for delivery to people going through a difficult time in their lives or celebrating a special event such as the birth or adoption of a child.

Meeting date/time/place- We meet the first Mon of every month Oct- June, Sept varies due to holiday, 7-8 pm, in the Library, meeting dates posted on bulletin board located in hallway to parking lot.

Quilting Ministry

Contact: Linda Tschopp (412-7150) tschopp@comcast.net or Betty Erickson (737-0141)

Grace is blessed to have a dedicated group of folks who gather to quilt together each week. All are welcome to join in Tuesday mornings at 9:00AM and/or Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. Our quilters are always in need of sheets and used blankets to be used as filler when making quilts. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed on the table in the quilting room downstairs near the elevator.

Music Ministry

Bells of Grace, Chancel Choir

Contact: Carolyn Houck (737-0439) adagiopianist@gmail.com

Bells of Grace (meets Thursdays at 6:30pm) Regular ringers or substitute ringers needed. Some musical note reading is preferred.

Chancel Choir (meets Thursdays at 7:30pm) Singers needed in all voices, especially tenor and bass parts.

Children's Choir, Chime Choir

Contacts: Carolyn Houck & Pastor Cover, pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

Children's Choir meets Sundays at 11:15am in the chapel for a half hour. We sing the songs of the faith and also lead songs in our worship services. Children's choir is for 3-year olds through 2nd graders.

Chime Choir meets Sundays at 11:15am in the Nave. Led by our director of music, this helps teach basic bell ringing skills. Chime choir is for 3rd grade and up.

Abundant Grace Band

Contact: Kelly Smith, kasmith1512@gmail.com; and Bob Crist, bobatone@aol.com

Provides music weekly for the #Connect Worship experience. Provides music for special occasions and celebrations in the Nave and in the Social Hall.

Service Ministries

Winter Overnight (Homeless) Shelter

Contact: Brigitte Storey (730-0286) berlin_51@comcast.net

The shelter provides sanctuary to homeless men during the months of December through March. It is run and organized by CCU. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight; we provide volunteers for one week each winter.

Family Promise Volunteer

Contact: Terry Snyder (972-8701) tmsnyder100@gmail.com

Family Promise provides services to homeless families - specifically to keep family units together. Grace Volunteers provide overnight housing, dinner, weekend breakfast and other support one week four times a year at St Michael Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. In addition, there are also opportunities to help at the Day Center throughout the week (located in Lemoyne).

Community Meal Ministry

Contacts: Audrey Egley (731-9739), aegley5226@verizon.net;

Chris McInnes (737-6572), camci57@yahoo.com

The Wednesday Meal is a neighborhood outreach to all in need of a nutritious meal or for an opportunity to socialize and share a meal. We serve 150-175 meals per week. This is a great blessing to all who participate, preparers as well as guests. We need help prepping during the day, serving in the evening, and cleaning up after dinner. In addition, lead cooks are trained to shop and coordinate the meal for a particular Wednesday.

Market Square Friends Volunteer

Contact: GarriAnn Hearn (856-2760) jakesmommy98@comcast.net

MSF is a non-profit organization that partners with Grace Church to support the homeless in our communities. Volunteers are needed to sort donations, and help with the Community Meal Pantry, among other ways to serve.

