



GOOD SHEPHERD

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“DO SOMETHING FOR THE LORD”
Time, Talent, and Treasure Guide
2019

Thank you for your interest in serving the Lord at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We are a family of believers in Jesus who seek ways that we can serve each other and our larger community.

This booklet is your guide to opportunities to support Good Shepherd and others in the Fox Valley through your Time, Talent (skills and abilities) and Treasure (financial gifts). The booklet is divided into two main sections: serving at Good Shepherd, and serving in the Fox Valley community and beyond.

Names of contact people and their phone numbers are provided if you would like more information about any of the opportunities described.

Please prayerfully consider completing the two inserts in the center of this booklet. Return the inserts on or before **Commitment Sunday, October 7, 2018**, but please keep the booklet for future reference. Thank you!

SERVING GOOD SHEPHERD – Outreach

1. Make a follow-up contact with visitor. This may include calling, mailing, e-mailing, or visiting the people who have expressed interest in becoming members of Good Shepherd.
2. Walk through the neighborhood distributing flyers. This includes stopping at houses to hang up or hand out flyers with information about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
3. Sponsor new members by greeting them before or after church services, calling occasionally, and sending a card.
4. Volunteer with Hmong Ministry. This may include making egg rolls for their fundraisers in October and May.
5. Volunteer with the French African Ministry. This may include donating clothing, furniture or other items for the French-speaking African ministry that meets at Good Shepherd.
6. Serve in international missions. Participate in MOST Ministries by working on projects and sharing God’s message in foreign countries.

HELP WITH GOOD SHEPHERD ACTIVITIES:

7. This may include help with Church Picnic in June. Help is needed in set-up, take-down, and help in the kitchen.
8. Help with Cabin Fever (annual fundraiser and social event) – This is held in March. Help is needed in planning, organizing, basket assembly, child care, set-up, take-down, and registering on the day of the event.
9. Be a photographer at church events. This may include photos or regular events, i.e., Sunday school, Bible studies, meetings of council and boards; and/or special events, i.e., VBS, Passion Play, Church Picnic etc. This may include sharing of photos from youth gathering, various conventions, etc.
10. Help with fellowship time on Sunday mornings. This may include preparing, making coffee, serving and clean-up. It is held after the first service. Fellowship sign-up sheet in the Sign-Up Center.
11. Visit or call members. This may include occasional or regularly scheduled visits with homebound members- temporarily or long term, or members we have not seen for a while in church. Help Parish Nurse, as needed.

12. HELPING HANDS FOR FOOD OPPORTUNITIES

- A. COTS – Prepare a meal at home with recipe provided. Bring back to church on assigned date for distribution to COTS. This is done twice a month. Also can donate food for meal preparation. Information and sign-up sheets are in the sign-up center (coat room).
- B. Lenten Meals, Advent Meals, and Special Events – donate food. See sign-up sheets in Sign-Up area.
- C. Funerals – donate bars and/or serve for funeral meals. It includes preparation, serving and clean-up. It is done in 4-hour shifts.
- D. Vacation Bible School – Donate suggested food items for suppers during VBS week. Work in kitchen for preparation, serving and clean-up.
- E. St. Joseph’s Food Pantry – Donate non-perishable food items at any time. Use bin in the coat room.

SERVING GOOD SHEPHERD – Helping Hands

- 13. Help with Scrip Program –This includes selling Scrip (gift cards) after church services, picking up scrip cards and bringing them to church, and helping with inventory.
- 14. Volunteer at Good Shepherd Preschool. This may include office tasks or yearend cleaning of toys.
- 15. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Knitting or crocheting shawls while praying for the recipient. Shawls are donated to church members and community members in need of additional support, care and love. Baptismal blankets are also made.
- 16. Help in the church office. This may include assembling mailings or bulletins (usually down on Thursday morning), serving as a temporary receptionist, or helping with short-term office computer, or networking projects. Church Office (734-9643).
- 17. Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) – This group is open to all women and meets once a month (afternoon and/or evening) for fellowship, service projects, Bible study, and collection of mites for missions.
- 18. Lutheran Men’s Fellowship (LMF) – The group is open to all men. It meets monthly to study God’s Word and organize fundraisers by serving Easter breakfast, Brat Fry, and Coffee Fellowship.
- 19. Prayer Chain – This is a group that receives new prayer requests on a regular bases and prays for each request.

20. Prayer Partner – This group prays for one another throughout the month. Each month people are paired up and pray for each other.
21. Clean up around the church. This may include the annual Spring and Fall Clean-up Days, church decorating, snow removal, planting flower beds and pots, weeding, trimming shrubs, or helping the Trustees with maintenance tasks on Tuesday evenings.

22. SERVING GOOD SHEPHERD – Christian Growth

Leadership/Visioning for the church – Serve others by sharing your thoughts, ideas, and skills, by joining one of the following boards.

- A. Board of Human Care – we encourage members to care for all others by seeking and promoting opportunities to serve individuals and service organizations in our community.
- B. Board of Trustees – acts as the legal representative of the congregation and custodian of all its property. Also, it cares for all the odds and ends that need repair.
- C. Board of Finance – is responsible for all facets of finance including receiving, counting, depositing, and recording contributions; disbursing funds, monthly financial reports and reporting the financial status to the congregation.
- D. Board of Outreach –strives to stay in touch with visitors who have worshipped at Good Shepherd, assist pastors in welcoming new members, visit absent members and bring the message salvation to all.
- E. Board of Stewardship – seeks to inspire the members to the generous and wise use of our time, talents and financial resources for the benefit of all God’s people.
- F. Board of Family Education – provides many Christian educational opportunities, including Sunday School, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders, and the Stepping Stones program.
- G. Endowment Board – supports and educates good Christian stewardship principles, i.e., faithful management of all God’s gifts to His people, such as time, talent and treasures, not only for today but also for the future. Board manages the Enduring Spirit Endowment Fund.

H. Board of Elders – assists the pastors in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They are primarily concerned with making worship services conducive for worship and assuring that each service is adequately staffed.

GOOD SHEPHERD OFFICES: if you are interested in serving in this position for the future please contact the church office (734-9643).

- I. President – legal representative of congregation; sets an agenda and presides over council and voters’ meetings; cast the deciding vote in a tie vote.
 - J. Vice President – in absence of president, shall perform the duties of the office of president.
 - K. Secretary – legal representative of congregation; keeps attendance of voting members; keeps accurate minutes; publishes minutes; and notifies members of voters’ meetings.
 - L. Treasurer – manages the financial affairs of congregation; prepares annual budget.
 - M. Financial Secretaries – receive, count, and deposit all monies received; keep accurate records of contributions; issue semi-annual statement of contributions.
23. Join a Bible study – There are Sunday morning Bible studies; a women’s study on Wednesday morning; a Wednesday evening study; men’s study on Saturday mornings at Perkins; and small group studies in homes. Leadership opportunities are available for those interested.
 24. Help with Sunday School – Teachers, team leaders, classroom helpers, substitute teachers, and superintendent are needed.
 25. Help with Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Held in early June; needed are teachers, helpers, meal servers and a coordinator.
 26. Help with Youth Opportunities – includes being a youth counselor/chaperone for various trips; being a prayer pal for a confirmation student; being a coordinator for a special event, e.g. Spaghetti Dinner.
 27. Serve on the Altar Guild – prepare communion cups and wafers, check pew holders, and clean-up after communion.
 28. Help with music – includes adult choir, bell choir, choir accompanist; instrumentalists, organists, TAPS, and children’s choirs.

29. Greet others before and after worship services. Church Office (734-9643).
30. Help with the Nursery –during worship services and/or the Sunday School Education Hour. Nursery available for children ages 3 and under. Church Office (734-9643)
31. Read a lesson at a worship service. Church Office (734-9643).
32. Be an usher–Collect the offering during the service; set aside specific prayer request slips; usher people through communion and out of the sanctuary. Ushers can include families with children as “helpers”. This invites younger children to participate in worship and trains future leaders. Church Office (734-9643).
33. Be a worship assistant – help the pastors and elders serve communion. Church Office (734-9643).
34. Help count and record offerings – usually done on Monday afternoons or evenings.
35. Help with Children’s Messages on Sunday mornings. Materials are provided by the church staff well in advance.
36. Be an acolyte – light candles before service and extinguish candles after service.

SERVING IN THE FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

37. Help those who are housebound with light housework (dusting, vacuuming); deliver a meal; light yard work (raking or occasionally mowing the lawn); occasional snow shoveling.
38. Donate items for the less fortunate in our community. This may include such projects as providing hygiene items for the community homeless shelters, or small items for the Christmas Giving Tree.
39. Habitat for Humanity – this involves construction and/or repair of houses; and preparing a meal for the workers at a work site.
40. Join in the CROP Walk in October. This walk raises funds for food programs for the less fortunate. It may be done as an individual, a family or as a group.
41. Work at Paperfest in July. This event is held in Kimberly. Three or four-hour shifts are available, and a percentage of profits return to the organizations that the workers represent.

- 42. Provide transportation to/from church for someone who lives near you. This could be occasionally or regularly, depending upon your availability.
- 43. Volunteer at Celebration Lutheran School in Appleton. Needed are: tutors, librarians, aides, marketing, and school board members that will help support LCMS/Lutheran Education in Appleton.
- 44. Orphan Grain Train: is a network that share personal and material resources with the needy in America and around the world. Donations may include clothing, medical supplies, non-perishable food, Christian literature and other aid to meet real needs.

SERVING GOOD SHEPHERD – Share YOUR Expertise

- 44. Share your own special job skills and talents! Our church members want to support fellow church members. What is your area of expertise:

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are looking for experts in every field to connect with our members whenever they need help: real estate, construction, education, medical, dental, child care, computers, financial, artists, photographers, video photographers, car repair, plumber, electricians, etc. We will contact you to find out more about your area of expertise, and how Good Shepherd members can support your business when they need specific services.

- 45. Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? _____ Yes, Thrivent members have access to Choice Dollars and Action Team Funds for special projects at Good Shepherd. Call 1-800-Thrivent (847-4836) and respond “Action Team”.



