



PLC SERVING PRINCIPLES

Prairie Lutheran Church embraces the Five Holy Habits as guiding principles for its ministry. One of these Holy Habits is **Serving**. The following are guiding principles which inform our programming, staffing and budgeting.

The triune nature of God reveals the servant character of God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit exist to serve each other. Out of this attitude, God created the heavens and the earth to share their character with all living things. (Genesis 1:27, John 17:21)

Jesus was the ultimate servant. His ministry, death and resurrection proclaimed the core character of servant-hood of God as revealed by Jesus. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Jesus calls his disciples to be servants. All who follow Jesus are called to follow His example of a servant leader. (Matthew 20:26-28)

Jesus equips us to witness to His grace through acts of service. Everyone is gifted to serve. (Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:11-13)

Our service creates opportunities to speak about faith. We don't expect others to 'fill in the blank' for why we act the way we do. We are ready to bear witness to our servant-hearted actions. (I Peter 3:15)

There is no greater wisdom than kindness. People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. (Micah 6:8)

We will participate in ministries that put us on the front lines of serving others. As part of our calendars, programs and budgets, we will commit to serving others. We will serve others by through annual mission trips, service weekends and support of our partner ministries.