

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT GRACE

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10*

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## God calls YOU to ministry at Grace Lutheran Church!

***“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” --Howard Thurman (1899-1981), philosopher, theologian, Civil Rights leader.***

Thurman’s quote rings true for the church, too; what the church needs most is *not* people who can simply fill slots, but rather people who have come alive. And while Grace Lutheran can certainly provide a list of what the church *needs* at the present moment (see below!), we’re always looking toward what the Spirit may be doing in this community based on the passions of the people who make up this particular body of Christ. So before you get to the list, tell us what it is you’re passionate about! What makes you come alive? Write it here:

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At Grace Lutheran Church, we believe that God has gifted each of us with talents and abilities to serve those around us, and we truly believe that God calls each and every member of this community (whether officially a member or not!) into ministry at Grace. To help discern where your gifts might best be used, please check the boxes next to the ministry opportunities below which most appeal to you. Both ongoing and short-term possibilities are included. This information, combined with your response to the question above, will help us to find ministry opportunities where you can be a part of helping this community to come more fully alive in the world!

### Ongoing service:

- The Sheridan Story food distribution to hungry kids at Cedar Park Elementary (approx. 1-2x/quarter)
- The Link (volunteering with homeless youth; quarterly training provided on Feb. 6 (at Grace) or June 4, 9-1pm (location TBD). Register at [jbecker@thelinkmn.org](mailto:jbecker@thelinkmn.org) or 612-767-4479.)
- Grace Prayer Chain member (daily email with prayer requests)
- Meal prep for Grace Diner (Wed. evenings, 1x/month)
- Community Meals cooking and/or serving (rotating basis most Monday evenings)
- Community Meals food donation
- Sunday morning coffee serving (approx. 3x/year)
- Funeral Committee member
  - Make and deliver bars
  - Serve luncheon or desserts
  - Set up and/or clean up
- Worship:
  - Ushering (worship time: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Greeting (worship time: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Communion assistant (worship time: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Lector (worship time: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Assisting liturgist (rotating schedule on Sundays at both services)
  - Offering counter (rotating schedule, typically on Sunday or Monday mornings)
  - Altar Guild (prep communion supplies, rotating schedule)
  - Sound system operator (rotating schedule)
  - Technology support
  - Grace Choir (rehearsals Wed. at 7:30pm in the sanctuary)
  - Grace Bells hand bell choir (rehearsals Wed. at 6:30pm in Rachel/Samuel)
  - Post sermon podcasts online
- Property maintenance (rotating schedule):
  - Vacuuming
  - Glass cleaning
  - Snow blowing/shoveling

- Gardening/lawn mowing
- Pew rack tidying team (rotating schedule, flexible times)
- Craft Fair planning team
- Rummage Sale planning team
- Christian education:
  - Teach Grace Bible School (GBS) at this time (2-4 times/month): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Sundays at 8:45am
    - Sundays at 10:15am
    - Wednesdays at 5:45pm
  - GBS music leader at this time (see above): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Confirmation small group facilitator, Wednesdays at 6:45pm
  - Middle/High School summer trip chaperone
- Faith Formation Team member (plans special events for kids and families)
- Parish Nurse/Health Ministry team
- Front office receptionist (rotating schedule on weekday mornings/afternoons, Sun. mornings, Wed. evenings)
- Leadership teams/Commissions and Committees (planning and brainstorming)
  - Adult Ministries
  - Children, Youth & Families
  - Congregational Life
  - Outreach
  - Property
  - Stewardship
  - Worship
  - Executive Committee
  - Endowment Fund Committee
  - Nominating Committee
  - Memorial Fund Committee
  - Personnel Committee
  - Risk Management Committee
  - Audit Committee

Short-term service:

- Craft Fair helper (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in Nov.)
- Rummage Sale helper (throughout Aug. for setup, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of Aug. for sale)
- Property maintenance (as needed):
  - Carpentry
  - Electrical
  - Painting
  - Plumbing
  - Room setups
- Augustana Villa and/or Regent events helper (bingo, cribbage, fingernail painting, etc. with senior citizen residents)
- Women's social events co-planner (with a team)
- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup helper (as planned)
- Worship:
  - Vocal or instrumental performance (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Blessing of the Animals event help (annually in Sept./Oct.)
  - Advent Vespers event help (annually in Dec.)
  - Blue Christmas event help (annually in Dec.)
- Provide bars/cookies for special events (as planned)
- Set up, serve, or clean up at special events (as planned)

Other ideas I have/ways I can use my gifts: \_\_\_\_\_