# Opportunities to Give of Your Time and Talent to Benefit Others

Checking an area of interest does not obligate you to serve. It will prompt a member of Trinity to contact you when needed to give you an opportunity to serve. Many of these opportunities are on an as needed basis.

## **Sanctuary Worship Preparation**

**Flower Committee -** Ages: adult. Volunteers will order flowers each week to be delivered by Saturday at noon for the altar area and coordinate with the person or people who sign up to donate flowers for the week for pick up either after the 10:45 service or on Tuesday morning.

Thursday Morning Church Cleaning Crew - clean, dust, organize the pews & hymnals for upcoming weekend services.

## **Worship Support**

**Usher** - Ages: high school - adult. Usher teams are generally assigned to 1 service per month. If someone is absent or is serving communion, an usher from another team who is present will fill in. Ushers arrive 20 minutes before the service to greet people, pass out bulletins, assist with seating, and other needs of people during the service. During the service, ushers collect offerings, direct people to communion, and assist with needs that may come up during the service. After the service, they walk through the Sanctuary to straighten up the pews as needed.

Live Streaming, Recording, and Operating Sound during Divine Services - Ages: high school - adult. Training is provided and involves operating the computer and video cameras. A rotating schedule is developed depending on the skills and number of volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the services on Sundays at 8 am, 10:45 am, and on Monday at 6:30 pm.

Count offerings on Sunday Mornings - Ages: adults. Between services, 1 hour per month. The dates can be flexible as needed. Counters record the names and amounts of plate offerings and ensure the envelope amounts are added correctly. Contact person: Finance Coordinator or church office

## **Worship Music**

At Trinity Lutheran Church, our choir and ensembles are more than just groups—they're vibrant communities where voices and instruments come together to celebrate faith, build friendships, and uplift the spirit of our congregation. Whether you're an experienced musician or someone who loves to sing, our kantor warmly invites you to join our musical family. Connect today to discover how your gifts can harmonize with our mission of making known the love of Christ through music.

**Play an Instrument** - Ages: high school - adult. The kantor will contact you to discuss your musical background and dates when additional instrumentalists are needed. You will be provided with music to practice on your own and may also be asked to join special rehearsals.

**Handbell Choir** - Ages: high school - adult. Rehearsals are one hour per week in the evening. The Handbell Choir plays at varying services between September and the beginning of June. There are some additional rehearsals before special services, like the Choral Candlelight Service in December. The ability to read music is a pre-requisite.

**Mixed Choir** - Ages: high school - adult. Rehearsals are from 7 - 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. During Advent and Lent, rehearsals begin after the evening service. The Mixed Choir sings at varying services between September and the beginning of June. There are some additional rehearsals before special services, like the Choral Candlelight Service in December.

**Männerchor** - Ages: high school - adult males. Rehearsals are from 5:45-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. During Advent and Lent, rehearsals end before the evening service. The

Männerchor sings at varying services between September and the beginning of June. There are some additional rehearsals before special services, like the Choral Candlelight Service in December.

**Education Support** Contact person: Director of Family Ministry **Sunday School Teacher** - Ages: Lead - high school - adult; Assistant - middle school - high school. 9:30-10:30 am Sunday mornings in September through the end of May. You can sign up for select Sundays to be the class leader for one of the grade ranges. Class leaders read the lesson and materials ahead of time, and guide the children through the workbook or take-home pages and craft that accompany the lesson for the week. The materials are all organized and provided for you.

**Kiddie Keep** - Ages: high school - adult. Watch children who are too young for Sunday School during Bible Class hours (9:20-10:40 am Sunday mornings). You can sign up for Sundays that work for you. A background check is required.

Vacation Bible School - Ages: high school - adult. Assist - middle school - high school. Summer - There are numerous ways you can help with Vacation Bible School, like helping with crafts, being a group leader, or helping with snacks. A leader will contact you to share the various opportunities and find out which might fit your time and talents.

## **Church Office and Library Support**

**Library Volunteer** - Ages: adult. Volunteers will catalog and shelf new items, check in and shelf returned items, and contact people who have forgotten to return materials for about 1 hour per week.

**Church office mailing projects** - Ages: adult. Volunteers will be contacted by the church office manager or secretary as needed to assemble projects for large mailings and other projects.

<u>Landscaping and Maintenance:</u> Contact: Church Council Properties Chair

Church/School Lawn Maintenance: Cut, trim, edge lawn and remove grass, leaves, etc. from sidewalks. (Frequency: As required/Time Duration: 1 Hour) Fertilize and control weeds (Frequency: 2 times/season. Time Duration: 1 ½ hours). Rake/blow leaves from lawn. (Frequency: Once in the spring (place in container) and as needed in the fall (into street curb)).

Church/School Flower Bed Maintenance: Weed and "dead head" (remove dead blossoms). (Frequency: As required-once a week/Time Duration: 2 Hours) Trim hedges and pickup clippings along west side of "Fellowship Hall" (Frequency: Once per season when needed/Time Duration: 1 ½ hours. Conduct flower bed spring cleaning and in the fall, cut back all perennials and final clean-up. (Both usually conducted by group).

Ministry Center Lawn Maintenance: Cut, trim, edge lawn and remove grass, leaves, etc. from sidewalks. (Frequency: As required/Time Duration: 2 Hours) Weed control application (Frequency: 2 times/season. Time duration – 2 hours each application) Clean property of debris before mowing (Frequency: when cutting lawn) Rake/blow leaves from lawn. (Frequency: Once in the spring, place in container; as needed in the fall into street curb)

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**Clean Kitchen** - Ages: adult. Volunteers will coordinate with the church office manager to arrange a time twice a year to deep clean the kitchen, sort old dishes and utensils to be sent to Neat

Repeats, and note additional needs for maintenance and upkeep.

#### **Service Organizations**

LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League - adult women. Our Trinity LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) welcomes ladies to our fellowship in the months of January, March, May, September and November. We meet on the second Monday of those months from 1:00 - 2:30pm. We have a Bible study, a speaker in some months, collect mites for missions, and engage in making mission projects. We also have been hosting an event each year for all women in our congregation and community. Serve the Lord with gladness! Contact person: President of LWML

Our mission statement is: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Neat Repeats Volunteer - Ages: high school - adult. Neat Repeats is a second-hand store in Plymouth, Wisconsin, staffed by volunteers, and the profits support Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Volunteers sort and tag items, move out-of-season items, keep the shelves and racks full and well-organized, and assist with purchases. Volunteers will be connected with the manager of Neat Repeats to discuss the frequency you can volunteer and areas that best fit your time and talents.

## Fellowship and Hospitality

Coffee Hour Volunteer - Volunteers will be paired up to set up and host the coffee hour between services on Sunday morning, approximately once per month, depending on the number of volunteers. Arrive at 7:30 am if attending the 8 am service to start coffee and plate treats. Clean the tables and kitchen, and wash the dishes after Bible class begins. Instructions and helpful hints will be provided to support you.

**Provide Coffee Hour Treats** - Sign up to provide baked goods for 100 people for the coffee hour fellowship between the 8 am service and the start of Bible Study and Sunday School. Please drop off treats before 7:30 am in the church kitchen.

Higher Things Youth Gathering Volunteer - One weekend in February, Trinity Lutheran Church hosts a Higher Things Youth Gathering for over 100 youth from Lutheran churches in the Midwest. Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods and other snacks, make and serve meals, and assist in other ways. A member of the planning team will contact you about the needed roles to find the best fit for your time and talent.

Providing Food and Lodging for Visiting Groups - Trinity Lutheran Church periodically hosts choir and musical groups for special concerts who may need meals, lodging, and transportation to and from the church during their visit. Signing up will add your name to the call list when there is a need.

**Writing Notes to Visitors** - sending a postcard or note thanking visitors for coming to church at Trinity

### **Human Care**

At Trinity Lutheran Church, our Trinity Cares ministry embodies our commitment to community outreach in Sheboygan. We strive to share Christ's love through acts of service, support, and compassion, reflecting our faith in action.

**Stephen Ministry Caregiver** - Trained caregivers provide weekly in-person visits for one hour to people going through a challenging time. A caregiver is assigned to a care receiver of the same sex, and the formal caregiving relationship typically lasts from six to twelve months.

**New Baby Welcome -** Provide small gift and card to newly baptized babies at Trinity. Donations of new religious-themed board books are always welcome.

Community Cafe - Trinity members prepare and serve a lunch meal on selected Fridays (meal preparation) and Saturdays (meal service) throughout the year. Meals are prepared at Trinity on the Friday afternoon before and served at St. Luke United Methodist Church on a Saturday (9:30am - 1:30pm for lead volunteer and 10:30am - 1 pm for food server).

**Meals for those going through a Difficult Time** - Trinity members sign up to provide meals for people experiencing situations that make meal preparation difficult.

Visitation of Shut-ins and Members at Nursing Homes -Trinity members will coordinate with the pastors to visit shut-ins and members in nursing homes.

# **School Support**

**Forensics (Coaching and Judging)** - Coach individuals or small groups in preparing speeches or dramatic pieces of poetry or prose and prepare them for competition.

**Scholastic Olympics** - Prepare students to compete in an academic contest that covers subjects like religion, math, science, literature, and history. Help students study, practice, and build teamwork for these competitions.

**PTL** - Collaborate with teachers and school staff to support educational goals and organize events. Help with fundraising, planning school functions, and building community involvement.

#### **Appointed or elected positions at Trinity**

**Congregation Board Member** - These are elected positions. A pastor, the principal, the president, or the vice president would contact you to discuss open positions that might fit your time and talents. The expectations and time vary by position, but there are position descriptions that you can review before you are nominated for a position.

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