

Ways to Serve at St Paul's

Education & Discipleship Ministries

Confirmation Small Group Leader:

Confirmation Small Group Leaders help lead the ½ hour small group portion of Saturday morning confirmation classes from September to April. In order to be a small group leader, you must be a sophomore or older in high school or an adult. If you are interested in becoming a small group leader you can contact Eric Larson or Pastor Troester.

Sunday School Teacher

Sunday school teacher's teach Sunday school classes from preschool age to high school age on Sunday mornings from 9:40 am-10:30 pm. Their teaching year is from the First Sunday after Country Fair to the end of May. We also sometimes have Sunday school in June with a different format where teachers take turns teaching classes of combined grades. If you are interested in being a Sunday School Teacher talk with Eric Larson or Sylvia Schmaedeke.

Adult Bible Study Leader

Adult Bible study leader help lead and facilitate Bible studies at St. Paul using a discussion and small group format. St. Paul's currently has adult Bible Studies on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are interested in being an adult Bible study leader or would like some training in being an adult Bible study leader talk with Eric Larson or Pastor Troester.

Preschool Committee

The Preschool Committee meets once a month with our preschool director once a month to work on policy and future direction for our preschool. If you are interested in serving on this committee you contact Eric Larson or Kristy Doody.

Christmas & Easter Bible School Helper

Christmas & Easter Bible School both take place on one of the Saturdays before Easter & Christmas. Easter & Christmas Bible School both last from 10:15 AM -2:30 PM. If you are interested in being a helper for either of these events contact Eric Larson or Sylvia Schmaedeke.

Vacation Bible School Teacher & Helper

Vacation Bible School lasts for eight days (2 weeks: Monday- Thursday) in the middle of July. We usually start getting commitments from teachers and help at the beginning of May. If you are interested in being a Vacation Bible School Teacher & Helper contact Eric Larson or Sylvia Schmaedeke.

Sr. High Youth Volunteer

Sr. High Youth Volunteers are friends and mentors to youth and are a crucial part of our church being able to provide support for our youth at an important time in their faith

development. If you are interested in being a volunteer sr. high volunteer contact Eric Larson.

Jamaica VBS Mission Team

The Jamaica VBS Mission Team will spend one week teaching and administering a VBS around the city of Kingston. During the year they meet to prepare for their trip and to fundraise. If you are interested in participating in this ministry contact Eric Larson.

Care Ministries

Stephen's Ministers

Stephen ministry is a programmed design to help train laypeople in the congregation to provide care to members of the congregation. Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training and make a weekly commitment to be a Stephen's Minister. If you are interested in being a Stephen's Minister contact Darlene Tabla, Howard Tatgenhorst, or Mary Farrell.

Inactive Ministry Team

The inactive ministry team works at keeping in contact with members of the church who have not been regularly attending worship so that we can continue to have a relationship with them and not lose contact with them. If you are interested in working on the inactive ministry team contact Pastor Troester at the church office.

Caregivers

Caregivers are a group in the congregation that send cards to people on our prayer list. If you are interested in being a caregiver talk with Pastor Troester.

Christian Carolers

Christian Carolers visit those who are hospitalized or shut-in and sing carols to them during all seasons of the year. If you are interested in joining them or know someone who would enjoy some caroling you can contact Kay Schulz or Peggy Smutny

Prayer Chain

The list of prayers is sent out every week to everyone who wants it and includes the list of prayers given to Pastor Troester at our worship services. If you are interested in receiving the list of prayers you can contact Barb Jennings.

Church Events

Pancake Supper

Pancake Supper is held every year on the second Saturday of March. On the day of pancake supper we need people to help cook, wash dishes, wait on tables, and help

prepare food. If you are interested in helping with this event contact Gary Spader or a Men's Club member.

Country Fair

Country Fair is held every year the weekend after Labor Day. It serves as rummage sale, baked goods sale, and auction. Money raised from Country goes to pay down our building fund debt. If you are interested in being a helper for Country Fair you can contact Marvin Stege or Don Blume. You can help in the weeks leading up to the fair by pricing bargain table items, working with the canning group, folding clothes, and loading and unloading items into the Fellowship Hall. There are also numerous ways you can help on the day of the fair. If you would like to help with Country Fair contact Marvin Stege or Don Blume.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or treat is a family friendly trick or treating event we hold for the community on Halloween night. We need people who are willing to pass out candy in our church parking lot to the trick or treaters who come to this event. If your are interested in participating in this event contact Eric Larson.

Boards & Committees

Church Council

Church Council positions are voted on at the fall. If you are interested in serving on church council talk with the Chairman of the Congregation, Rich Treichel, or Pastor Troester.

Chairman of the Congregation

Presides over the Church Council monthly meetings, and the quarterly Voters Meetings. Works with Pastor Troester on creating and maintaining a theme and direction for each year, introduced at the yearly Leadership Seminar in February.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for writing checks for the church and depositing the church's money in our bank account and for keeping financial records of our income and expenses.

Secretary

Records the minutes of the monthly Church Council Meetings, and the quarterly Voters Meetings. Keeps a record of the minutes, and sees that they are distributed to the congregation on a regular basis.

Fellowship

Promoting gathering opportunities at various times of the year, especially during Advent and Lent, Easter Breakfast, gatherings for new member gatherings, church picnic, or any other special gatherings of the congregation.

Communication & Outreach

Promoting the ministries of St. Paul's to the community through media, the internet, newspapers, our District Newspaper (The Northern Lites) and our church newsletter. Evaluating and implementing evangelism efforts to reach our community, especially those new move ins to our area.

Trustees

Trustees see to the care and upkeep of the property and grounds of the congregation.

Stewardship

Informing the congregation about giving opportunities for various missions supported by the church. Encouraging good stewardship of God's people through education and information. Challenging the congregation in times of building and expansion of our ministry.

Education-

Work together with the Sunday School Superintendent, the DCE, and Pastor in overseeing the Sunday School, and Adult Bible Class programs. Encourage and training teachers, starting new classes, and reviewing the Sunday School Programs of the church.

Board of Elders

Responsible for the Spiritual Care of the Congregation, working in conjunction with Pastor Troester. Responsibilities include serving in the Sunday Worship services, and can include helping with Communion distribution. A liaison commitment to various caring groups in the congregation. Monthly meetings the first Thursday of each month. Region of 15 - 20 families with whom the Elder keeps in contact with and supports.

Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Fund encourages God's people to consider St. Paul's in the donation of significant gifts to the ministries of their choice. The funds donated are managed by the committee who advise the treasurer on distribution and investment strategies. If you are interested in being involved on the endowment fund contact Butch Reinke.

Technology Committee

Technology works at maintaining and upgrading the computer network and website of St. Paul. If you are interested in being a member of the Technology Committee you can contact Bill Miller.

Organizations

Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid meets once a month for fun, fellowship, and mission and outreach. They help serve meals after funerals, sell bake and canned goods during Country Fair and Pancake Supper that they make themselves, and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They also

hold special luncheons during holidays. If you're interested in joining Ladies Aid talk with Donna Ringkvist.

Men's Club

Men's Club helps run Pancake Supper. If you are interested in joining Men's Club contact Gary Spader.

OK Club (Old Kids Klub)

Ok club is a club for older adults that meets 3-4 times a years for luncheons and other events after the 10:45 service. If you would like to join them contact Arnie Karen Klemm.

Worship

Melody Ringers

Melody Ringers is a handbell group for any member of the congregation who is high school aged or older. They practice on Wednesday nights from 7-8 PM and perform the pieces they practice during Sunday morning services. If you are interested in joining Melody Ringers contact Pam Reinke.

Rejoicing Ringers

Rejoicing Ringers is the handbell group for 5-8th graders. They practice on Saturday morning at 9:45 am and play pieces for Sunday morning services. Playing in handbells counts as a Confirmation service project. If you are interested in being a Rejoicing Ringer you can contact Carol Schoeling.

Sr. Choir

Senior choir is the church choir for anyone high school aged or older. They practice on Wednesday nights at 8 pm and sing special music during Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in being in Sr. Choir contact Pam Reinke.

Kids Khoir

Kids Khoir is for anyone Grades 2 and up who would like to sing in a choir. The Kids Khoir practices during the school year from 9:00-9:40 am on Saturday mornings. Kids Khoir sings a variety of songs (easy, challenging, old favorites, new creations). We sing at least once a month in worship services and at some festival services. The mission of Kids Khoir is to enjoy singing to the Lord. If you are interested in singing in Kids Khoir contact Carol Schoeling.

Praise Team

There are two praise teams to be involved with at St. Paul's. Pam Reinke is in charge of the Saturday night service praise and Carol Schoeling is in charge of the Sunday morning praise team. The praise teams include drummers & percussionists, flutist, guitar & bass players, piano players, and singers. Saturday night praise team practice on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning praise team practices on Saturday mornings. The

songleaders also have an additional practice on Tuesday. If you are interested in joining the Saturday night praise team contact Pam Reinke. If you are interested in joining Sunday morning praise team contact Carol Schoeling.

Other Musicians

There are opportunities for other musicians who are not in the praise team to play music during worship services. If you are interested in playing during a service talk with Carol Schoeling.

Ushers

Ushers pass out bulletins, collect offering, usher people to communion during service, and help people find seats. If you are interested in being an usher talk with Tim Regan or Lyla Tatgenhorst at the church office.

Readers

Members of the congregation can serve as readers to help read the Scripture lessons during any of our worship services. If you are interested in being a reader sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Pastor Troester.

Drama Participants

We often have dramas in our services that take place before pastor sermons. If you would be interesting in acting in any of these dramas contact Pastor Troester.

Hosts & Hostesses

Host and hostesses help make sure that visitors and new members here at St. Paul feel welcome when they worship with us, and then send them information about St. Paul's. If you are interested in being a host or hostess talk with Yvonne Blume.

Acolytes

Being an acolyte is a service project for Confirmation that involves lighting and extinguishing candles, receiving the offering to be put on the altar, assisting with communion, along with other items that Pastor may need help with. Confirmation students fill the acolyte positions as part of their service project for Confirmation.

Sound Mixer Operator

Sound mixer operator's mix sound for the praise team, choirs and bells, and dramas. In order to be a sound mixer operator you must receive some training to become knowledgeable and skilled in operating our sound equipment. If you are interested in being a sound mixer operator contact Butch Reinke or Wayne Rhode.

Projector Operator

Projector operators prepare and run power point slides for Sunday 8:00 am worship. In order to be projector operator you must have some knowledge of power point and learn how to run our projector. If you are interested in being a projector operator you can contact Pastor Troester or Carol Schoeling.

Altar Care

Altar care work at setting up and maintaining the altar and banners for worship services. If you are interested in helping with altar care contact Karen Klemm.

Counters

Counters count and secure our offerings that have been collected during our worship services.