



Jesus is calling you! What a joy to be so honored! The more you realize the ultimate personal gift of His undeserved grace and selfless love in your life, the clearer that call becomes! And with that clear calling comes a clarifying desire to respond by using the gifts you've been given to serve the One who served you first and opened eternity to reality.

Whatever you do, don't let those gifts go to waste!

Let me encourage you to take the time to read through these *Serving Opportunities* to gain a sense of the many ways that God might use you and your unique, God-given talents and abilities to accomplish His mission and vision for His people at St. John Lutheran Church & School. I truly believe there is an area of ministry at St. John that is tailor-made to fit you. It might require taking the risk of getting involved. But I must warn you, as you step forward to change lives through serving...you too just might be changed.

Looking forward to seeing you out there!

In Jesus I am Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Marc". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Pastor" and "Marc" being significantly larger and more prominent.

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

There are many opportunities during the school year where volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Please be aware that volunteer positions within the school may require a background check, particularly those that involve interaction with students. Specific contact names and emails are listed. Where no contact is listed, please email school@stjohnrochester.org.

Athletics (All Gifts) - Scorers, concession workers, clock monitors, coaches and fans are needed at all athletic events. Contact Athletic Director Todd Bauer for information at tbauer@stjohnrochester.org.

Auction (Administration, Giving, Discernment) - Help be a part of this biennial church and school event that includes a dinner and auction, held offsite to raise funds for the school. Volunteer support needed includes securing sponsors, ads and donations; helping with the event day logistics such as vendors, seating and onsite auction setup. For more information, contact the auction committee at auction@stjohnrochester.org.

Book Fair (Service, Giving) - Each November, the school hosts a week-long Scholastic Book Fair to benefit the school Media Center. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, sales, and teardown.

Chromebook Helpers (Encouraging, Teacher, Pastor/Shepherd) - Help students with their computer skills for about 30 minutes per week. Students receive instruction from a St. John teacher; helpers provide additional assistance to students.

Gifts for All God's Children (Administration, Giving, Discernment) - Help coordinate the schoolwide collections of gifts to sponsor children in urban areas for Christmas.

Hospitality Committee (Hospitality, Service, Encouraging) - Help with special events throughout the school year. Positions include purchasing and setting up refreshments, helping greet guests, and helping monitor event logistics – we can find something that works for you! Those interested are invited to contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

Maintenance Assistance (Craftsmanship – Mechanical/Building, Craftsmanship – Carpentry, Service) - If you have expertise and/or a desire to help keep the campus and facility in tip-top shape, we'd appreciate your help. Contact Maintenance Manager Brian Nowakowski at bnowakowski@stjohnrochester.org.

Media Center Help (Administration, Service) - Duties and time can be arranged to suit your schedule. Books and other materials need to be shelved, cards typed, and students assisted finding books. Contact Pat Klein, Media Center Specialist, at pklein@stjohnrochester.org.

Merry Christmas Marketplace (Administration, Service, Mercy) - Help organize and staff a shopping day on the St. John campus for students to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones.

Miscellaneous Office Tasks (Administration, Service, Discernment) - Organized, efficient office helpers are needed from time to time during the school year for various projects on an as needed basis. Let us know your area of interest and we'll find something to fill your time!

Parent Teacher Network (Giving, Hospitality, Evangelism) - The St. John Parent Teacher Network provides a number of fundraising and fellowship activities during the school year. All of these activities are dependent on volunteers to help with event promotion and logistics.

Plaid Exchange (Administration, Giving, Discernment) - Do you have an interest in Merchandise or Retail? Do you enjoy sorting clothing? This is a great opportunity for you! Volunteers in this position help sort gently used, donated school uniform items, and then label and inventory items for resale. Clothing is sold at nominal costs, and proceeds benefit the school's Tuition Assistance Fund, helping make a Christian education affordable for a family who otherwise might not be able to attend the school. Volunteer an hour a week, a morning or two each month, or perhaps just help at special sales events – this volunteer shift is flexible and the help is welcome! A brief training with the Plaid Exchange Volunteer Coordinator is required and volunteers will communicate directly with the coordinator regarding volunteer schedules. For more information, contact Jennifer Knapp, Plaid Exchange Volunteer Coordinator, at jknappjenl@gmail.com.

Rochester Area Hometown Christmas Parade (All Gifts) – Volunteers are needed to help with the St. John participation in this annual event in Rochester. A participant coordinator as well as event day participants are needed. Contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

Other – Do you have a unique job that you'd like to talk about with middle school students? Do you care for a Leader Dog and would like to share information with students about that program? Do you have a talent or career that you'd like to share in some way? Contact Todd Pehlke, Principal, at tpehlke@stjohnrochester.org.