



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,

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

### **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

(Background check and possibly an interview required to serve with children and youth)

**Nursery Caregivers on Sundays (Mercy, Pastor/Shepherd, Prayer/Intercessor, Encouraging) -**

Volunteers are needed to staff the church nursery during service times. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Nursery Caregivers on Weekdays (Mercy, Pastor/Shepherd, Prayer/Intercessor, Encouraging) -**

Help care for children in the nursery for Bible studies, MOPS meetings, congregation meetings and The ONE Class. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Children's Bags (Service, Giving) -** Help supply and maintain the activity bags used by children during worship services. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Special Needs Buddy (Mercy, Pastor/Shepherding, Encouraging) -** Help with the special needs students on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 AM hour and offering a safe environment for kids to hear about Jesus. Training is provided. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Sunday School teacher (Teaching, Pastor/Shepherd, Encouraging)** - We are looking for adults to help share Jesus with children of younger ages. Sunday School meets in the school wing from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Sundays during the school year. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Vacation Bible School (Administration, Pastor/Shepherd, Teaching, Service)** - Be part of a team to plan, prepare, lead a small group or serve so children grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus. Vacation Bible School is offered to children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for one week in the summer. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Lighthouse Helpers for Middle School Youth (Encouraging, Pastor/Shepherd, Leadership, Service)** - Most Sunday nights, we host middle school students in grades 6-8 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We are looking for adults 18+ who are willing to invest in middle school students and share with them the love of Jesus in a welcoming environment. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## SERVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)

**Acolyte (All Gifts)** - Serve as a processional participant for festival services. Carry either cross or candles to the altar. Training is mandatory. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Music (Music – Instrumental, Music – Voice)** - Use your gifts and talents in music during worship services. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Nursery Helper (Mercy, Pastor/Shepherd, Prayer/Intercessor, Encouraging)** - Help in the nursery, watching children during the Sunday worship services and occasional congregation meetings. Training is mandatory. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Set Up/Take Down (All Gifts)** - Help with chairs and tables for events such as worship services in the gym and other events as scheduled. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Special Projects (All Gifts)** - Help with any special events or special projects. For example: cleaning day at the church or school, shovel a sidewalk for an elderly neighbor, help clean out the nursery, etc. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Ushering (Hospitality, Encouraging, Pastor/Shepherd)** - Serve on an ushering team at church. On-the-job training available. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Encouraging, Pastor/Shepherd, Leadership)** - Be a small group leader, serve in one of the learning centers, or help on set-up night. Training is required for small group leaders. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## CHRISTIAN GROWTH FOR ADULTS

**Men of St. John Ministry Breakfast Food Preparation Team (Serving, Hospitality, Encouraging)** - With heart toward reaching out to equip men to rediscover their unique calling in Christ, our men meet three Saturdays a year for a Men's Breakfast. Be a part of the food preparation team. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) Food Preparation and Clean-Up Team (Wisdom, Service, Administration)** - Older Wiser Lutherans in Service is a fellowship program and luncheon designed for the over 50 age group, held at St. John on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month. Serve opportunities include meal preparation and clean-up. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Please consider joining one or more of these groups as an excellent opportunity for fun, fellowship, and service. Attendance at rehearsals and worship services will be flexible with any personal commitments or obligations.

**Instrumentalists (Music - Instrumental)** - Do you play an instrument? Please let us know. Your gifts could glorify God through worship. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Jubilate Bells (Music - Instrumental)** - The Jubilate Bell Choir is a 6-octave bell choir that welcomes ringers that are high school age and older. Some prior experience is encouraged. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Men's Chorus (Music - Voice)** - The Men's Chorus is a 3-4 part choir that welcomes male singers high school age and older. No experience needed. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Modern Praise Team (Music - Instrumental, Music - Voice)** - Become part of the praise band that provides the contemporary music for our Modern Praise worship services. Vocal and instrumental tryouts occur throughout the year. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Mixed Choir (Music - Voice)** - The Mixed Choir is a mixed voice ensemble, welcoming singers high school age and older. No experience needed. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**St. John Brass (Music - Instrumental)** - The St. John Brass is always looking for new brass players or those who might be willing to substitute. High school level music reading and playing skills are highly encouraged. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**St. John Festival Orchestra (Music - Instrumental)** - The St. John Orchestra is a group that is formed to provide special music at festival worship services. Strings, winds, and percussionists are always welcome. Solo or other small group opportunities may also arise. High school level music reading and playing skills are highly encouraged. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Festival Chorus (Music - Voice)** - The Festival Chorus is a 4-part ensemble that welcomes singers high school age and older. The group performs twice a year. No experience needed. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## WORSHIP

**Greeters Ministry (Hospitality, Evangelism, Encouraging)** - Help welcome people as they arrive for worship. If God has blessed you with a great smile, what a great way to serve! Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Ushers (Hospitality, Encouraging, Pastor/Shepherd)** - Make people feel comfortable at all of our services. Schedule rotates on a monthly basis. This is a great way for whole families to serve together. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Altar Team (Service)** Prepare and clean the altar for all worship services. Training is available. Usual time commitment is four times per year. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Communion Assistants (Service, Pastor/Shepherd)** Help the Pastors distribute the Lord's Supper to the congregation. Rotating schedule, training provided. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Readers (All Gifts)** - Read Scripture lessons during worship services on a rotating schedule. You are welcome to choose the service time you normally attend. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Modern Praise Weekly Worship Set Up/Take Down (All Gifts)** – Help set up and take down the school gym for worship on a weekly basis, including chairs, altar, sound, etc. Many hands make for a quick job. Come when you can or sign up to serve on a regular basis. Set-up occurs on Saturday afternoons and take down occurs Sundays immediately following the 10:45 AM worship celebration. A great way for families to serve together. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Audio/Visual Technology Ministry (Communication – Social Media, Music – Instrumental, Service)** - Operates and maintains sophisticated audio, visual and computer technology for Traditional and Modern Praise services. Commitment consists of attending training sessions and a rotating schedule. Adults and mature young adults. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Worship CD/DVD Duplication (Service, Administration)** - Reproduce Sunday worship CD/DVDs. Maintain the materials needed. Some computer skills are necessary. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## PRAYER AND SUPPORT

**Weekly Email Prayer Updates (Prayer/Intercession, Discernment, Faith)** Receive the weekly email prayer updates to pray for those who submitted prayers requests at St. John. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Stephen Ministry (Mercy, Pastor/Shepherd, Prayer/Intercession, Encouraging)** - Terminally ill, shut-ins, loss of a loved one or difficult times, hospital visits and more...the Stephen Ministers are specially trained to give aid and comfort on an ongoing basis. Training as a Stephen Minister is required. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## HOSPITALITY/FOOD

**Sunday Fellowship Food (Service, Administration)** – Purchase food for Sunday morning refreshments served in Luther Hall. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Hospitality Crew (Hospitality, Administration, Service)** - Help plan, purchase, organize, and serve at celebration events for the church. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

**Count Team (Administration, Giving)** Be part of a group of individuals who serves by counting the offerings received in worship. Once a month schedule and weekday opportunities available. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Data Entry (Service, Administration)** Enter church attendance electronically from the welcome sheets filled out by members and guests. Approximate time is 2-3 hours one Monday a month. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Archives Ministry (Service, Administration)** – Assist the Archives Team in organizing, filing and preserving the history of St. John Church & School. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Library Resources (Administration, Knowledge, Discernment)** - Help research materials for our church library, keep inventory, file and maintain materials. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

**Family Praise and Picnic in the Park (Administration, Apostleship, Evangelism)** - Help plan the yearly St. John family picnic in August at Rochester Municipal Park. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Global Mission Trips - Domestic/Worldwide (Prayer/Intercession, Evangelism, Pastor/Shepherd, All Gifts)** - Become a team member on one of our domestic or worldwide mission trips. Contact our Director of Mission Mobilization to find out how you can go on a mission trip or be part of the team here at home through your prayer support. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Local Mission Opportunities (Prayer/Intercession, Evangelism, Pastor/Shepherd, All Gifts)** - For a list of local mission ministries and how you can serve, contact our Director of Mission Mobilization. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Food Collections (Administration, Service, Giving, Mercy)** - Help organize food collections at the church. Coordinate the storage and delivery of food items. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## CRAFTSMANSHIP/ARTS MINISTRIES

**Properties Ministry (Craftsmanship – Mechanical/Building, Craftsmanship – Carpentry, Service)** Help with a variety of painting, repairs, and building projects to maintain and enhance our church and school. NEEDED: Painters, roofers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, decorators, woodworkers, HVAC, large appliance and small appliance repairs, concrete finisher, exterminator, hardware, landscaper, architect, locksmith, engineer, etc. - you get the idea! Use your skills to bless your church. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Garden (Craftsmanship – Horticulture)** - Plant and maintain the perennials and annuals on the grounds of the school and church. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Gleaners Quilting (Service, Mercy)** – Join a group of women who gather every other week on Thursday mornings to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Decorations (Craftsmanship, Service)** Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas decoration set-up and take down. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

## **Elected/Appointed Leadership**

If God has blessed you with a gift of leadership or strategic thinking or a shepherd's heart, consider the possibilities of serving on one of our leadership teams.

**Vestry (Leadership, Apostleship, Faith, Administration)** - The Vestry is comprised of men and women who serve as our St. John Lutheran Church & School governing board. As prayerful, servant-hearted leaders, their duties include working with our Senior Pastor to establish vision and strategic direction for the ministry as a whole. They also work with and provide accountability to our Senior Pastor through established policies. In essence, the Vestry is concerned with continuing to seek the Lord for the "what" of our ministry together, enabling our Senior Pastor and his staff to engage in the "how" of ministry in equipping God's people to carry out the vision. The time commitment is generally a 2-3 hour strategic progress meeting each month, and an additional 2-3 hours per month in outside preparation or involvement. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Elders (Pastor/Shepherd, Leader, Wisdom, Encouraging)** - The Elders humbly serve as support and counsel to our pastors by assisting in caring for the spiritual needs of the entire St. John family. As men of prayer, they are deeply involved in the worship life and overall spiritual health of our congregation. In addition, they also provide caring support for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the pastors, staff and their families. The time commitment is generally a two hour meeting each month that includes Bible study, prayer and discussion, and an additional 2-4 hours per month serving as Elder on duty at 1-2 worship services per month. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)

**Foundation Governors (Giving, Faith, Administration)** - The men and women who serve on the St. John Lutheran Church & School Foundation Board of Governors have the responsibility to raise awareness and prudently invest endowment funds in order to provide a source of ongoing and future financial support for our church and school ministry and outreach. Beyond the ongoing evaluation of investments, a key role for the Foundation Governors is to prayerfully consider grant applications toward disbursement of funds on a yearly basis. The time commitment is generally a two hour meeting each month, and possible extra projects. Email [jeller@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jeller@stjohnrochester.org)