



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

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

Children's Bags (Service, Giving) - Help supply and maintain the activity bags used by children during worship services. Email 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

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

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 5th grade for one week in the summer. Email 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

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

Music (Music – Instrumental, Music – Voice) - Use your gifts and talents in music during worship services. Email 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

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

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

Ushering (Hospitality, Encouraging, Pastor/Shepherd) - Serve on an ushering team at church. On-the-job training available. Email 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

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

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 2nd Fridays of the month. Serve opportunities include meal preparation and clean-up. Email 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Assistants (Service, Pastor/Shepherd) Help the Pastors distribute the Lord's Supper to the congregation. Rotating schedule, training provided. Email 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

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

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

Worship CD/DVD Duplication (Service, Administration) - Reproduce Sunday worship CD/DVDs. Maintain the materials needed. Some computer skills are necessary. Email 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

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

HOSPITALITY/FOOD

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

Hospitality Crew (Hospitality, Administration, Service) - Help plan, purchase, organize, and serve at celebration events for the church. Email 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

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

Archives Ministry (Service, Administration) – Assist the Archives Team in organizing, filing and preserving the history of St. John Church & School. Email 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

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

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

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

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

Men's Serve Opportunities Contact List – Whether you are skilled or a novice in carpentry, landscaping, home repairs, etc., you can be on an email list to receive occasional invitations to help those in need in our local community. These opportunities are vetted by our Mission Mobilization Director Pastor Trinklein and typically require 3-4 helpers serving 3-6 hours. Email 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

Garden (Craftsmanship – Horticulture) - Plant and maintain the perennials and annuals on the grounds of the school and church. Email 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

Decorations (Craftsmanship, Service) Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas decoration set-up and take down. Email 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 church@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 church@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 church@stjohnrochester.org.