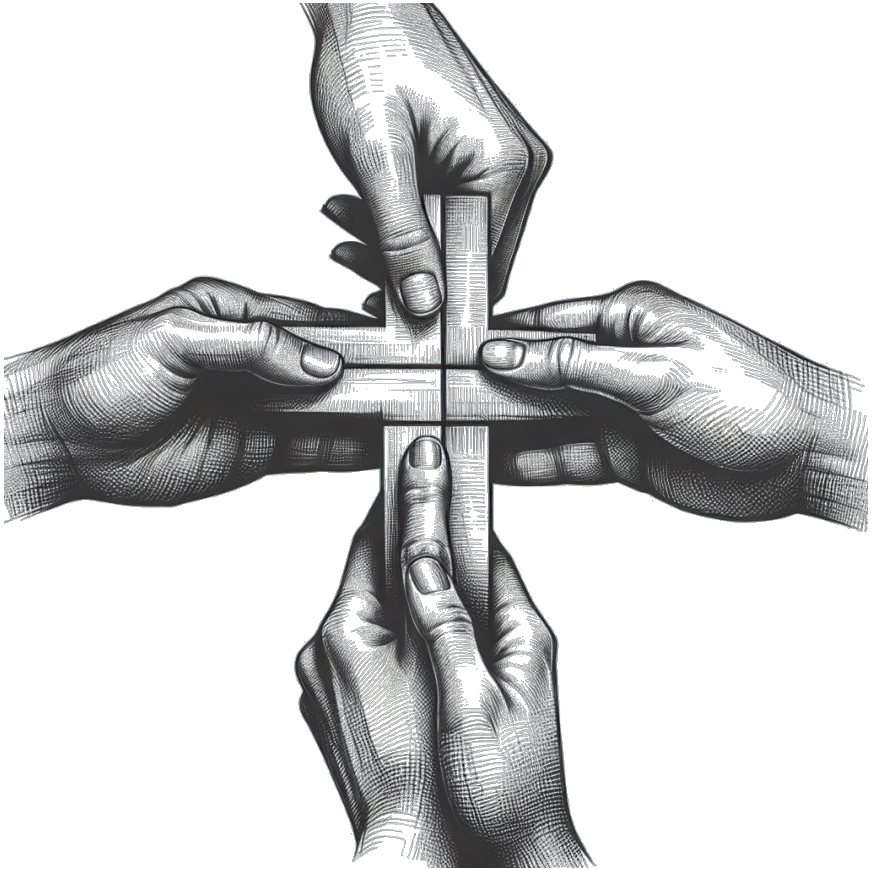


GETTING INVOLVED AT ST. JOHN



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WELCOME

Thank you for taking the time to look through our “Getting Involved” booklet! On the cover is a picture of four people connected by the cross of Jesus; it’s his loving, sacrificial death that should inspire us to get involved and reach out in love to connect with our neighbors at St. John, in Berlin, and around the world.

In the Bible, God consistently teaches us that, inspired by his love and service to us, we’re to love and serve others in his church and in our community. For instance, *“We love because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:19) and *“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith”* (Galatians 6:10). This booklet was developed to help you do just that. Contained within are the various opportunities we offer as a church to get involved with your faith by getting involved in serving in the church and the wider community.

Before you dive in, take a moment right now to stop reading and pray; ask God to put on your heart where he would like you to get involved and serve.

Now, as you go through the pages of this booklet, consider the passions and talents that God has given you; when you notice an opportunity that connects with you, circle or highlight it. After going through the whole book, contact the church so that we can get you in touch with the leaders of the ministries you feel called to join – then you can start serving our Lord!

One more thing...this is a growing book. In the back are some suggestions of future ministries to get you thinking. If there are needs you see that aren’t being met or if you have passions that go beyond the pages of this book, please set up a meeting with the pastor so together we can talk about what we can do to start a new ministry at our church and/or school.

May God bless you as you consider “Getting Involved”!

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

USHER:

Present before, during, and after our worship services to pass out bulletins, greet, collect the offering, guide people to communion, and pick up the pews.

Time Commitment: About an hour and a half for each service you're ushering at; ushers usually rotate each month.

MEDIA TEAM:

Help with one or more media tasks during the service such as advancing the slide, operating the video camera, and/or uploading the service to the internet following the Sunday morning service.

Time Commitment: About an hour and half for each service you're serving at.

ALTAR GUILD:

Set up for communion and prepare the altar area for worship on Sundays.

Time Commitment: About an hour each Thursday and Sunday for one month of the year.

ADULT CHOIR:

Attend weekly choir practice to prepare to enhance our Sunday worship through choral music.

Time Commitment: A night a week during the school year; some Sundays and holidays.

PROVIDING FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Bring snacks or drinks to be shared in fellowship after the worship service each Sunday.

Time Commitment: Flexible

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

GROUNDS' KEEPING:

Help around the church & school with landscaping or large outdoor projects.

Time Commitment: A few hours occasionally, as needed.

FUNERAL MEALS:

Led and coordinated by the Ladies Aid, make a side dish and/or serve at lunch after a funeral.

Time Commitment: Varies.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

Organize, shelve, and monitor books in the library; advocate for the use of the library in the congregation.

Time Commitment: Varies.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Receive and pass along a call or text as they come up for people who need prayer; pray regularly for those people.

Time Commitment: As prayers come in.

ST. JOHN VOLUNTEER TEAM:

Sharing Christ's love through practical acts of kindness. Volunteers help fellow members and sometimes people in the community with rides, snow removal, small household tasks, and other needs, offering support, encouragement, and a caring connection within our church family.

Time Commitment: Varies, always volunteer.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

T.E.A.M. JESUS (TEACH EVERYONE ABOUT MY JESUS)

T.E.A.M. Jesus is the name of our children and youth ministry. A group of volunteers oversee the specific ministries to keep them cohesive and in line with your mission statement: We're dedicated to connecting with children and their families across our church, school, and community, warmly welcoming them into the vibrant life of our congregation and fostering lifelong discipleship through high-quality, biblically grounded, and engaging programs. We want to inspire children to develop a deep love for Jesus, prioritize God in their daily lives, and actively live out their faith by intentionally nurturing spiritual growth from early childhood through young adulthood and equipping parents to be strong Christian leaders at home.

Below are the specific ministries that are a part of T.E.A.M. Jesus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Teach or supervise a class each Sunday after church to tell our children about the Bible and build their faith. Lead the students in practicing songs and singing in church. Substitute teachers are also welcome.

Time Commitment: An hour on Sundays after the worship service during the school year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):

Help to plan, set up, and/or run Vacation Bible School in the summer and/or around Christmas time. This could involve decorating, leading music, teaching, playing games, setting up food, etc.

Time Commitment: A few hours on a few days a year.

YOUTH GROUP:

There are various opportunities to get involved. Could be offering to lead or chaperone a particular activity, cook a meal for the group, lead a Bible study, help to supervise regularly during events, etc.

Time Commitment: Varies.

GROUP MINISTRIES

CONNECTION GROUPS:

Our church has a variety of Connection Groups for different ages and life situations. Groups gather regularly to study the Bible, fellowship, and pray. They are a great way to deepen your walk with the Lord, grow as a Christian, and develop Christian friendships.

Available Groups and Time Commitments:

-Amy & Eric Vetrone (Ages 35-55)

1st Monday | 6:00 p.m. | N452 25th Avenue Neshkoro

-Candy Schram (Women Only, Any Age)

Every Other Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | St. John Lutheran Church

-Dave & Brenda Faucett (Any Age)

Every Other Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | St. John Lutheran Church

-Lori Piechowski (Any Age)

2nd & 4th Monday | 6:00 p.m. | St. John Lutheran Church

-Pastor & Carol Busse (Ages 60+)

1st & 3rd Monday | 9:30 a.m. | St. John Lutheran Church

-Rob & Paige Schrader (Under 40)

2nd & 4th Monday | 5:30 p.m. | St. John Lutheran School

WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW):

A faith-based group focused on uniting women through a shared lifestyle of praise, spiritual growth, and community service.

Time Commitment: One Saturday a month.

MEN'S MINISTRY:

An opportunity for men to get together to learn about being a godly man and spend time together in fellowship

Time Commitment: A monthly gathering.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE:

Visit shut-ins and the hospitalized, deliver bulletins and devotions, transportation to appointments, send greeting cards, and attend meetings to consider the needs of those inside and outside the congregation and provide spiritual and physical help.

Time Commitment: A meeting every two months; occasional items as able.

LADIES' AID:

An organization for church women that meets for devotion, fellowship, and discussion about events they support including making Thanksgiving breads, putting together bags for shut-ins, the Cookie Walk, the Berlin Bloodmobile, funeral lunches, and more. They also support three congregational potlucks and lead Bingo at nursing homes.

Time Commitment: A monthly meeting at 1:00 Sept. – May and other occasional commitments.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML):

Meet for Bible study and to discuss missions; oversees the congregations missions spending. Collects money and supplies to support various ministries in the area and around the world.

Time Commitment: A monthly meeting and other occasional tasks.

MEN'S REC LEAGUE:

The league is open to men and young men ages 13+ who want to stay active and build friendships within our church and community. We currently play pickup basketball, with hopes of adding other activities in the future. All skill levels are welcome.

Time Commitment: Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

SOUL FOOD:

Prepare and serve lunch to Berlin High School students and clean up afterwards. This ministry also provides us with an opportunity to share a devotion with them.

Time Commitment: 10:30-1:30 on a Thursday each month during the school year.

FOOD PANTRY:

Help to set up for or work during the food pantry. This could include stocking shelves, registering customers, passing out food, praying with customers, etc.

Time Commitment: Very flexible. The food pantry is open on Thursday afternoons and two Thursday evenings a month; would not need to work each Thursday.

CHOP SUEY SUPPER:

Prepare, set up, serve, and/or clean up at this annual church fundraiser.

Time Commitment: Once a year in the spring.

SECOND TIME-AROUND RESALE SHOP:

All their profits go to support Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin. You can support them by volunteering to organize and price inventory, take donations, cashier, and much more.

Time Commitment: Generally, once a week

SCHOOL MINISTRIES

CLASSROOM PREP:

Assist our teachers with various prep work items for the classroom.

Time Commitment: Flexible.

RECESS AID:

Watch the students during recess time so that the teachers have more time to get their work done.

Time Commitment: Flexible.

SPORTS AID:

Coach a team, represent St. John as an assistant athletic director, referee athletic contests, or organize and run a concession stand, etc.

Time Commitment: Flexible.

LIBRARY AID:

Organize and reshelve books; help students to check out books.

Time Commitment: Flexible.

PTL:

Organize events that support our teachers and our school such as the Father-Daughter dance, Mother-Son event, and the Christmas parade. Serve at the events. Important fund raisers include: a fruit sale, cookie walk and hanging basket sale.

Time Commitment: Varies.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Help to watch students from the school who stay for after school care.

Time Commitment: There is after school care each day; your time commitment could vary.

BOARDS & COUNCIL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Attend monthly meetings to discuss the state of St. John's property. Oversee the grounds and buildings owned by St. John. When work is needed, repair or hire to address the issue.

Time Commitment: Monthly meeting; various tasks throughout the year.

EVANGELISM TEAM:

Lead our church in being on mission and reaching out to the community with the love of Jesus. Our goal is to equip and educate, motivate and inspire, and provide opportunities for our congregation to share their faith so that others will be led to faith in God and the eternal life he offers.

Time Commitment: A monthly meeting and other occasional tasks.

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Provide oversight of the pastor. Set up for church on Thursdays, Sundays, and holidays. Assist with distribution of Holy Communion. Meet to discuss membership and leadership of the church.

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings, helping before and during services when signed up.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (SCHOOL BOARD):

Meet to support and oversee St. John Lutheran School.

Time Commitment: A monthly meeting and other occasional tasks.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL:

Meet to discuss the matters of the church. Positions on the council include: the President who leads voters' meetings, appoints temporary committees, and leads and supports the church in a wide variety of ways; the Vice President who leads our council meetings and fills in for the President in the case that they are incapacitated; the Financial Secretary who receives, records, and deposits all of the funds of the church; the Treasurer who disperses the funds of the congregation and keeps an account of the finances; and the Secretary who takes the minutes of council and voters' meetings and performs other tasks as needed.

Time Commitment: A monthly meeting and various other duties depending on position.

WHAT ELSE?

Thank you for taking the time to pray about, read through, and consider “Getting Involved”. But we have one more thing to ask of you: What else can we do? Do you see needs in our church or community that aren’t being addressed? Do you have talents or passions that don’t fit what we have available? Is there something else that God has put on your heart? We would love to hear about it! Please talk with the pastor about your thoughts and ideas. He would love to work with you to find another way to share God’s love in our church, community, and world. Here are a few possibilities to get you thinking: a more robust after school care, a community meal, a home repair ministry, a shut-in visitation ministry, jail ministry, a special needs program...the possibilities are endless!

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
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