

Ministry Descriptions
For



Whom will uSERVE?

iSERVE Children & Family Ministry

Teach Sunday School, Club 56 or Wave: Love kids, love Jesus? Prepare and teach a lesson on Sunday or Wednesday; training and materials provided. One hour per week.

Classroom Assistant, Sunday School, Club 56 or WAVE: Love kids, love Jesus? Support a lead teacher on Sunday or Wednesday. No prep.

Substitute Teach Sunday School or WAVE: Fill in for teachers on an occasional basis. Training provided.

Bucket Brigade: Prepare teaching supplies for Sunday School, Club 56 and WAVE teachers. Two hours, bi-monthly, during the week.

Assist with special program events: Various events are scheduled each year that need adult leadership (Fall Fest, Advent, Christmas program, Lent, Easter, service projects, Teacher Appreciation, Family Camp). Training provided, if necessary.

Decorate for VBS: If you can paint, trace, or want to be creative, join us. Decorating begins in February; set up is 2 weeks before VBS.

Volunteer for Summer Ministries (SportsLife & VBS): Lead a small group, serve as a station leader, help in the kitchen, care for kids in the nursery, and more. Five days, AM or PM or job share. Training provided.

Assist in nursery: Partner with our professional nursery staff to care for children; primarily Sundays or special events.

Help in Children's Library: Check books back in, cover books, organize book shelves, and process new arrivals. Training provided.

Be a "special friend" to a special needs child: Because every child should hear about Jesus! Provide one-on-one care at Sunday School, Club 56 or WAVE.

Maintain Worship Bags: Replenish and clean children's worship bags.

Maintain scrapbook for Children's Ministry: Use provided pictures and materials to create memories for ministry events.

For questions: Sharon Stratmoen at sharon@oslcstillwater.org
Terri Green at tgreen3030@aol.com

iSERVE Property Ministry

Occasional inside maintenance: Cleaning hallways, vacuuming classrooms, hauling trash, or if you do windows, please assist us when our maintenance staff is overwhelmed.

Occasional outside maintenance: Mowing the lawn, raking leaves, sealing the parking lot, snow shoveling, windows. You can help.

Chair-movers Team (CLC): Our multi-use space is often in transition and many hands make light work. No heavy lifting.

Spring/Fall Clean-up: Once in the spring and once in the fall, we like to especially spruce up our facility. Usually a Saturday morning, and donuts are provided.

Special craft or trade: If you are a carpenter, plumber, electrician, carpet cleaner, parking lot striper, or roofing specialist, please register your specialty with us.

Gardener: The beds on our property need some occasional tender loving care. If you have a green thumb, make your mark at Our Savior's.

For questions: Greg Schell at 439-5704
Andy Malon at deckswabbers@aol.com

iSERVE Clerical Ministry

Collate bulletins/newsletter: Each month, 700 newsletters are collated. Spirited conversation and coffee are part of the task.

Serve at Welcome Desk: Our first impression for callers and visitors is provided by volunteers at the Welcome Desk. You can offer one (or more) morning or afternoon each month. Answer phones, collate bulletins, welcome and direct visitors, and answer any church questions you can.

Special projects: Whether it's a new pictorial directory, an annual report, special mailing, or building program, our office staff needs a team to accomplish these large tasks; collating, stapling, and stuffing.

Offering counter: Our weekly gifts are counted on Sunday mornings in a visible place, and teams are arranged in pairs. Counting, recording and bringing the locked bag to the bank. Training is provided.

For questions: Kathy Newton at info@oslcstillwater.org
Dawn Kosowski at info@oslcstillwater.org
Susan Fredricksen at finance@oslcstillwater.org

iSERVE Fellowship

Provide Desserts for funerals: One of the catalysts for healing grief is sharing food and drink. At Our Savior's, following a funeral, the entrée is catered, but desserts are provided by members and friends of the congregation. Your gift of food is appreciated.

Serve food at funerals: Setting up the CLC or gathering area, and then serving and cleaning up afterwards is a wonderful act of servant leadership.

Provide Lenten Soup: A tradition of longstanding at Our Savior's: Lenten Soup and Bread suppers. The array of soup is amazing, as is the fellowship around the tables at our morning and evening gatherings. Wednesdays during the Season of Lent, for six weeks.

Soup Supper Team: It takes a team to provide a meal for hundreds! Be part of the group that arranges the meals, the preparation and clean-up of the space, and the beverage service.

Event host/hostess: Sometimes, it's just nice to have a "go to" person whenever there is a larger event. You can help by agreeing to coordinate an event, and you will be surrounded by people who can help make it happen.

New Member Dinner: When visitors attend New Member class on a Sunday afternoon, we always offer a meal and a time of fellowship. Those who "host" this event can select the menu, and are gracious to prepare it. All food costs are reimbursed. New Member class is offered three times each year.

Women's athletics/Men's athletics: Currently we have a women's softball team, but if there is interest in softball, basketball, golf or horseshoes among either gender, please let us know.

PEP (Senior's Fellowship): These Senior Saints just enjoy being together, whether it's dining out, talking about current issues, traveling to Door County, or working at "Feed My Starving Children," they find their joy and their purpose together.

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iSERVE Care Ministry

Provide meals for person in need: They might be delivered to a family at home, or prepared and placed in the church freezer for later use.

Phone a member who is homebound: A simple phone call can be a day brightener for a patient recovering from surgery, or someone needing to stay close to home.

Visit Nursing Home residents: At the request of our pastors or parish nurse, to stop and informally visit with a church member who resides at a local nursing home.

Provide rides to church: Some members and friends of our church cannot or do not drive. Your gift would be transportation to and from church, and perhaps sit at worship with them.

Help caregivers with short-term respite care: If you can stand in for a caregiver for a couple of hours so that they can get a break from the responsibility, it would be deeply welcomed...and you might make a new friend!

Send notes/cards to members: A note of encouragement, sympathy, or joy from one's church can mean so much!

Embroider baptismal towels: Each child baptized at OSLC receives a baptismal towel with their name and baptism date embroidered. Here you can share your gift of needlework.

Expertise in Health or Wellness: If you're a dietitian, cardiac nurse, trainer for First Aid, physical fitness trainer, or some other wellness professional, we'd like to know.

For questions: Shelly Rock at rock55082@msn.com

iSERVE Prayer Ministry

Phone prayer chain: When a member or friend of the congregation is in need of prayer, you will be notified, and asked to pass on the request to the next name on the chain.

Email prayer chain: You will be notified via email of a prayer concern, and asked to include this concern in your daily prayer and devotions.

Prayer Heroes: Formerly called “Prayer Warriors,” these “heroes” commit to praying for a random list of church members. The list changes quarterly, and a one year commitment is requested.

Prayer Shawl ministry: If you can pray while you knit, you can do this! You probably won’t know the person who will receive your shawl, but God knows...and the receiver will be blessed.

For questions: Shelly Rock at rock55082@msn.com

iSERVE Worship Ministry

Choir(s) member: There are several choirs and ensembles to use your vocal gifts. Rehearsals are held weekly, and choirs sing throughout the school year.

Liturgical Dance: Using this visual art to enhance the gospel, you may be asked to dance during special music on a Sunday morning.

Communion Assistant: Work with pastors in distributing the sacrament at worship. Instruction provided.

Instrumentalist: Your instrumental gift can be employed at worship, and especially at Advent, Christmas and Easter.

Bell Choir: Participate in our bell choir as they share in worship leadership. Rehearsal is weekly on Tuesday evenings.

Soloist: Some worship services are enhanced, not by choirs, but by individual vocalists. During the summer months, soloists and duets are especially welcomed.

Reader: Read the prescribed lessons for worship. Readers receive the lessons a week in advance in order to prepare.

Greeter: Welcome worshipers to morning worship. Receive or send worshipers between the services at east and west doors. This is a wonderful service opportunity for families.

Usher: Assist people arriving for worship; hand out bulletins, provide direction for seating, receiving the offering, and guide communicants forward.

For questions: Jane Gay at jeg013@comcast.net

iSERVE Adult Learning

Participate in adult classes: Bible study, topical classes and discussion groups are offered on Sunday morning and during the week. An open mind and a willingness to speak and listen are important.

Presenter at adult classes: Do you have an area of expertise that might be of interest to groups in our church? Topics that connect faith and life are always interesting and informative.

Participate in small group: There are dozens of groups studying various topics. A complete list will be available at the welcome desk and also on line at www.oslestillwater.org

Lead a small group: Has God gifted you with the ability to lead; to ask good questions and guide discussions. Training is provided.

Attend adult learning retreat: The topic might be marriage, or one of the books of the Bible, or a contemporary social issue. If you think you might like to get away for a week-end, let us know.

Lead or present at learning retreat: Perhaps you can guide a small group over a couple of days of retreat.

For questions: Linda VanEaton at ljvaneaton@comcast.net

iSERVE Youth Ministry

Lead a small group: FirstLight is our confirmation ministry, and these young people benefit greatly from adults who volunteer to lead them. Training is provided.

Teach Sunday AM or Wednesday PM: Junior High and High School students who gather to study scripture and connect faith and life. Training available.

Drive for youth events: When we take students to local fellowship or service opportunities. Occasionally drivers are needed for distant trips.

Provide food for youth events: Youth and food go together. Can you be on a list that would be called when there is a need for a hotdish, or some snacks for an event?

“Parents Night Out” helper: It’s a fundraising activity offered several times each year. Children are dropped off at church, where older kids play with them and help feed them, and parents make a donation to Youth Ministry. Adults needed for supervision, as well as to assist in food and program preparations.

Assist with service projects/special events: Whether its “Rake a Difference Day,” serving at a local mission, cooking waffles for our graduating seniors, assisting with the Jamaica Banquet, or our Barn Bash, we need a number of adults to help drive and serve alongside our kids.

Summer Stretch Program Leaders: It’s a junior high program that meets for 5 Wednesdays throughout the summer. People are needed to attend planning meetings in winter and spring, and help organized this event.

Maintain Youth bulletin board & pictures: Just as youth are constantly changing, so is the information they need, and the events that they attend. Update bulletin boards and create picture boards for the youth’s changing events!

Organize/Maintain Youth Room: Help us keep the Youth Room clean, organized, and re-stocked with supplies.

For questions: Missy Seekel at youth@oslcstillwater.org

iSERVE Missions

Mlalu Companion Congregation ministry: We are one of more than 100 St. Paul ELCA congregations who have a sister church in Tanzania. You may want to sponsor a child in school, or help provide fresh water.

Mission Jamaica: Travel to Jamaica to play with orphans and work on their orphanage. Here you may also sponsor a child in school.

Guatemala Companion Congregation ministry: Our synod has begun a companion program similar to the one we share in Tanzania. If you are interested in Central America, you can be on the ground level of this vital ministry.

Valley Outreach (food shelf): It's more than a food shelf; it's a ministry to those in need in our community. Help serve clients, promote food collection at OSLC, assist in gathering school supplies and clothing.

Christmas Giving Tree: Several people-serving ministries are part of this Tree, placing tags on our Gathering Area Tree. You can help by picking up a tag, but you can also assist in set up and delivery of gifts.

Relay for Life: A 24-hour event raising awareness and thousands of dollars annually for cancer research. Our Savior's has a team, and other members in our church participate in other ways, or on other teams.

Various Hands-on Missions: Whether it's pounding nails for Habitat for Humanity, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, or providing and serving a meal at the Young Life House, this item is your blank check. If you want to be called for these various local mission opportunities, please check this item.

For questions: Steve Molin at stevemolin@hotmail.com

iSERVE Women's Ministry

Circle Bible Study: Join other women who gather monthly to study the Bible and other publications that affect Christian women.

Advent Tea/Spring Salad Supper: Both of these seasonal events involve delicious food and drink and an entertaining program. Can you help with the food or the implementation of the event?

Quilters (Afternoon or Evening): This amazing ministry has provided more than a thousand quilts over these years. Some of them are given to newly baptized babies or high school graduates. But many are sent to people we don't even know, providing warmth and hope.

Card Recycling: You could donate greeting cards, or you could help in the recycling of them. They are trimmed and re-applied to card stock, providing nice cards at reasonable prices, and a tidy profit for our Women's Ministry.

Women@theEDGE: Join this virtual community. We meet once a month for a face to face connecting and learning time, and then sustain our relationships virtually.

For questions: Linda VanEaton at ljvaneaton@comcast.net

iSERVE Men's Ministry

Friday Guys: For ten years, this group has met at local restaurants, sharing faith and life and jokes and concerns. We eat, we laugh, we pray at 6:30 AM each Friday (Joseph's) and we're on our way by 7:30 AM

Thursday AM Bible study: We gather in the narthex at church at 6:00 AM. Yes, it's early...but yes, it's worth it. Bring your Bible and join us!

Men's retreat: A return of a former church men's ministry program. If you are interested in this possibility, please indicate, and we will work to create a gathering in the spring.

For questions: Steve Molin at stevemolin@hotmail.com

iSERVE Task Forces

A Task Force is a group gathered short-term for a specific purpose.

Stewardship TF: Each fall, our emphasis is on the gifts God has given each of us and how we share them. This concept of stewardship is broadcast by a task force, culminating on "Pledge Sunday."

Nominating TF: Each year, a ballot is prepared for the congregational meeting for selection of leadership for the coming year (President, Vice-president, Synod Assembly Voting Members, Mission & Outreach Committee, etc). The Nominating Committee prepares this ballot after securing willing members of the congregation to serve. Meets 3 times in late fall.

Emergency Preparedness TF: This group is already in motion, trying to prepare our congregation for every type of emergency. If you think you have something to offer, please do.

Synod Assembly Voting Member: OSLC is part of the St. Paul Area Synod, which gathers annually in June to consider the business of the larger Church. Typically, it meets for two days (Friday, Saturday).

Call Committee TF: When a congregation calls a new pastor, a Call Committee is assembled to search, pray, interview candidates, and present a recommendation to the congregation.

Building TF: In the near future we will hope to launch a building project. If you have expertise and interest in being part of this task, you are certainly welcome.

Advent or Lent Worship TF: It is always helpful to have a group of people contribute to the planning of a liturgical season. You don't have to be a worship expert; you must have enthusiasm and time to help make these seasons meaningful.

Christmas Decorations TF: Joy! We get to decorate our entire church for the coming of the Savior! It takes a Saturday morning in early December to decorate, a Saturday morning in early January to undo.

Hymn Sing TF: Now it's our "annual hymn sing!" Each August, we gather for singing hymns from our past and our present. After the music comes the pie. Can you help plan...sing...serve?

At-Large Task Forces: Events and issues come up all the time. Are you one who is willing to jump in and help make good decisions, implement meaningful programs, and assist in making our church better? If so, please check "At-Large Task Force" and we will know we can call you.

For questions: Steve Molin at stevemolin@hotmail.com

iSERVE Ministry Teams

A Ministry Team is a group gathered around a specific ministry for a year.

Intern Support Team: An emerging pastor is blessed when thoughtful people gather around him or her for feedback, prayer, encouragement and enjoyable fellowship. Your investment here will affect the Church for years to come. stevemolin@hotmail.com

Care Ministry Team: An umbrella gathering of people who guide and support all of the Care Ministry and Prayer Ministry programs. Confidentiality is a vital necessity here. rock55082@msn.com

Altar Team: Formerly the Altar Guild, it is responsible for preparations of Holy Communion, baptisms, flowers, worship paraments, and festival occasions. stevemolin@hotmail.com

iSERVE Administration

Is God calling you to serve in a Board leadership position?

Congregational Officer: These are persons who are elected to the Board for their wisdom, leadership and spiritual maturity. Positions include President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. 3 year commitment.

Board Member: A generalist on the Board with a variety of tasks and responsibilities. Position may change over the course of a 3 year term.

Mission & Outreach Committee: A gathering of those charged with selecting organizations and ministries worthy of the financial as well as hands-on mission support of our congregation. Meets quarterly, 3 year commitment to serve.

For questions: Current congregational president, or Steve Molin at stevemolin@hotmail.com

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