

The South Shore Trinity

# Connection

# Guide

Your comprehensive guide for  
getting involved in ministry.





## **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

**Welcome to the South Shore Trinity Connection Guide**, where you will (hopefully) find ministry opportunities that fits your needs, fills you up, and allows you to serve God by serving others, both inside and outside of the church.

Think of it as giving and receiving. We want you to find a ministry opportunity where you are **receiving** encouragement, knowledge, up-building, and being equipped for your life of faith. We also want you to find a ministry opportunity that fits best with how you are **giving** of your time, using your talents, giving of your treasure, and utilizing your technology.

Achieving that goal can feel overwhelming, so we've organized this guide into different categories, based off of what it says in **Romans 12:6-8** *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; if **service**, in our serving; the one who **teaches**, in his teaching; the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does **acts of mercy**, with cheerfulness.”*



See the next page for a sample Ministry Opportunity, and how to understand it's layout.

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Listed in each category, you'll something like this:

Area of ministry

Specific Ministry Opportunity

**BANNER COMMITTEE**  
*Adorn Sanctuary & Church (seasonal), and Making Banners*

Open to all Disciples of Jesus at SST. The purpose of this group is to enhance worship through the purchase, designing, assembling, hanging, refiling, and repairing of banners and Christian Art throughout the church, inside and outside. Banners are changed based on church year and special occasions. Group meets around every 4 weeks as needed for an hour, normally Monday mornings.

Detailed description of the ministry opportunity

## WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,  
let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith...”*

*Romans 12:6*

Coming from “Prophecy” (*προφητεία prophēteia*) meaning “a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden” – So the ministry opportunities in this category all pertain to supporting the Office of Pastoral Ministry, fulfilling Word and Sacrament ministry.



### **ANNA ALTAR GUILD**

#### ***Maintaining the Altar, Paraments, Communion, Candles***

The Anna Altar Guild encourages Christian growth and fellowship through the care of the altar. This includes care of the paraments, vestments, preparation for communion, altar linens and candles. We take care of altar arrangements for Holy days, celebration services, baptisms, Easter Garden of Victory, and the flowers for weekly worship services. Altar Guild members serve on a monthly rotation. We welcome new members during any time of the year.

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## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### ***Chancel Choir***

An ensemble of men and women's voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass), made up of high school students and adults, who enhance the worship experience by singing prepared pieces and anthems. Typically, they sing at the 8:00am worship service. And the meet on Wednesday evening for rehearsal. Ability to read music is encouraged but not required.

### ***Music Coordinator***

This person is responsible for scheduling choirs, organists, pianists, and other musicians to ensure all aspects of music are covered for the worship services.

### ***Play an instrument during worship services***

Instrumentalist are always welcome and needed at various Sunday, midweek, and special services. Please contact the music coordinator to offer to share your talent(s) in this way.

### ***Praise Team***

All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to join this team to help lead the Contemporary Worship Services.

### ***Sing a Solo during Worship Services***

Soloists are always welcome and needed at various Sunday, midweek, and special services (including especially funerals). Please contact the music coordinator to offer to share your talent(s) in this way.

### ***Vesper Bell Choir***

The Vesper Bell Choir is an ensemble of bell ringers who enhance the worship experience with glorifying God with song, playing prepared pieces. Open to any confirmed adult/youth. Ability to read music highly encouraged but not required. Meets once a week on Thursdays from 6-7pm. Plays during the worship service on the third weekend of the month (including some Saturday evenings).

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER**

### ***Acolyte***

Open to any youth confirmed or attending confirmation. Your duties would be lighting the candles prior to service, collecting the Prayer Cards during offering, lighting the altar communion candles and assisting during the distribution, and extinguishing the candles at the conclusion of the service.

### ***Assist with the Live-Streaming of the Worship Service***

Open to all Disciple of Jesus at SST. Your duties include; setting up of equipment, operation of the system during the live streaming, uploading and cross-publishing the service and DVD creation. This opportunity is also eligible for compensation.

### ***Communion Assistant***

Open to any confirmed male adult. You would serve about once per month, by assisting the Pastors with distribution of the wine.

### ***Lakeside Worship equipment setup and take-down***

Open to any Disciple / Family in assisting the Elder moving equipment from the church to Bellaire Beach, assist in set-up, tear-down, and returning the equipment to the church after the service.

***Scripture Reader (Lector)***

Open to any confirmed Disciple. During the worship service, you would be reading the selected Old Testament and the Epistle readings from the pulpit.

***Serving in the Sound Booth and Running the PowerPoint***

Open to any Disciple. You would be running the PowerPoint presentations that follows the Worship bulletin. As needed, adjust microphone volumes. Serving normally is about once per month.

***Usher***

Open to any adult/youth. You would serve about once per month. Your duties would include passing out Bulletins, helping pass the plate during offering, and ensuring Communion proceeds in an efficient manner.

## SERVING

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,  
let us use them: ...if service, in our **servi**ng...”*

*Romans 12:6-7*

Coming from “Serving” (*διακονία diakonia*) meaning “service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others” and “the ministration of those who render to others the offices of Christian affection esp. those who help meet need” – So the ministry opportunities in this category all pertain the different ways to give of the spiritual gifts of your time and talents, in serving and supporting the internal workings of the church.



### **CHURCH OFFICE**

#### ***Bulletin Boards***

Decorating and maintaining the Bulletin Boards around church.

#### ***Creating Slideshows on PowerPoint***

Serving as a backup when needed, for helping to put together the PowerPoint presentations for worship services and other events.

#### ***Graphic Designing posters, fliers, and brochures, Web Content***

Creating eye-catching posters and fliers to advertise events for Disciples of Jesus at SST and members of the community. Also creating brochures as needed for different ministries at SST.

***Make baptismal banners and calligraphy baptismal certificates***

Once a baptism has been scheduled, the banner and certificate need to be completed. Baptismal books are provided (which have the certificate inside). The volunteer(s) will be reimbursed for materials purchased to make the banners. This job can be done by one or two people.

***Planning Center Groups Coordinator***

Organize and Administer the Planning Center Groups page, helping to support the different groups using this tool.

***Volunteer Office Assistance***

Volunteer in the church office when there is a need (i.e., large mailings, data entry, copy work, etc.)

***Website Maintenance***

Maintaining the church website and keeping the information up-to-date.

**CONFIRMATION**

***Making Confirmation Stoles***

Once the confirmands select their verses, the stoles need to be embroidered and sewn together prior to the confirmands' adornment of the stoles.

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

***Carpentry***

Help with new construction and various remodel projects that may need help from time to time. All skill levels welcomed. Can include framing, sheet rocking, taping and mudding, sanding, trimming, and repairing and maintaining furniture as needed.

### ***Church Bus Maintenance (not Diesel)***

Can include checking fluids, bringing bus to be serviced, tire rotation, and other general maintenance.

### ***Computer Networking***

Volunteer would help maintain the wifi network, diagnose problems, recommend equipment, install and configure hardware and software. Would be available on an “as needed” basis.

### ***Electrical***

Certified electricians are preferred, but all skill level welcome to help with electrical projects around the church.

### ***Gardening***

Help the Garden Committee with planting in the spring, weeding, trimming bushes, watering (perhaps committing to regular rotation over the summer), deadheading, spring and fall cleanup, flower shopping trip, and more. May help with specific desired activities.

### ***General Handyman***

Can always use people willing to get their hands dirty. All skill levels welcome, from wanting to try something new to professional.

### ***HVAC***

Opportunities to help with furnace filter maintenance, various furnace repair/maintenance, A/C coil cleaning, boiler water pressure checks, and more. All skill levels welcome.

### ***Interior Design***

Working with the Board of Fellowship, you'd help pick out the painted wall colors, furnishings, wall hangings, and overall look of the interior of the church building.

### ***Landscaping***

You can help out with grass cutting, tree trimming, lawn maintenance, playground edging, and/or using the backpack leaf blower to remove debris from the parking lot.

### ***Other trade (please specify)***

Includes helping with carpeting and/or flooring, locks, sidewalk snow shoveling and salting in the winter, vacuum cleaner maintenance, and other various projects.

### ***Paint***

Includes interior and exterior painting and staining, and parking lot line maintenance.

### ***Plumbing***

Certified plumber preferred, but all skill levels welcome to help with faucet repair, toilet maintenance (pull chains, flappers, and other tank part maintenance), and other plumbing projects as needed.

## **GARAGE SALE**

### ***Volunteer to help at SST's Garage Sale***

Volunteers would help arrange and organize donated items to be sold at the SST Garage Sale. Volunteers would also greet people at the door, run the concessions (if applicable), receive money from shoppers, clean up, and help pack up and deliver the remaining items that will be donated to Family Pathways.

## **KIDS' MINISTRY & YOUTH MINISTRY**

### ***Wednesday Activity Leader***

Our mid-week Wednesday night programming begins with family game time. A game leader will plan and facilitate games/service projects/crafts, etc. for 30 minutes that can be either indoor or outdoor.

### ***Wednesday Meal Crew***

Each week on Wednesday nights, we offer a meal to kids, youth and their families prior to faith education programming. This role includes preparation/ordering of food as well as serving the meal. Money would be provided for purchasing the meal/supplies.

## **MOPS & MOMSnext**

### ***Help provide a meal for the MOPS meeting***

The moms of MOPS and MOMSnext meet twice a month. On occasionally, there is need for a meal or light refreshments. Individuals in this role would select food to prepare or order, purchase (money provided/reimbursement available) and then prepare and serve the food.

### ***Help provide childcare***

The moms of MOPS and MOMSnext meet twice a month. And at every meeting, childcare is needed while the moms are spending time in Christian growth and fellowship. Depending on role, this opportunity is also eligible for compensation.

## **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

### ***Funeral Lunches***

The Ladies of the Trinity Guild (LWML) organize putting on funeral lunches, held at the church, following a funeral service. There are three ways to serve: Food preparation and serving, clean up, and donating salads, cake or bars as needed.

### ***Trinity Guild (LWML) Archivist & Photographer***

Take Guild photos, arrange, and compile memorabilia for the historical records of the Trinity Guild.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

### ***Church Archivist***

Maintaining the church records and important information. Also accessing information as requested.

### ***Cleaning around the church***

Projects above and beyond the normal cleaning of the church, including a deep clean of the kitchen once a year.

### ***Cleaning out our sponsored Adopt-A-Drain storm drain***

Volunteer a few minutes, twice a month (or after rains and when the snow melts), to check and or clean our sponsored drain of leaves, trash, and other debris, so that our lake remains clean.

### ***Cleaning outdoors with SST's Adopt-A-Road***

Currently being managed by the Boy Scout Troop that SST sponsors, volunteers would help clean White Bear Avenue, from Co. Rd. E to Hwy 61, walking along the sidewalks and picking up the garbage. Volunteers would wear safety vests (provided by the County) and use the provided garbage bags. Happens three times a year: May, July, September.

### ***Cleaning outdoors with SST's Adopt-A-Park***

South Shore Trinity has adopted the Bellaire Beach, to help keep it clean and tidy, especially for when we have our Outdoor Worship services in the summer. Volunteers would help pick up trash around the park, especially after the weekends. We try to get down there at least weekly, but volunteers wouldn't need to commit to every week. Park doesn't get cleaned if snow is on the ground.

### ***Coffee Server***

Be at church at 7:30 AM to set up coffee maker to brew during worship service. Set up table with napkins, etc. and clean up. Can serve as much as you like, coordinating with the coffee scheduler.

### ***Kid Bag Maintenance***

Refilling supplies in Kid Bags, washing things as needed, and general organization.

### ***Photography/Videography***

On occasion, there is need for a skilled volunteer behind the camera capturing moments at events, or helping new and existing Disciples in capturing a family or individual picture for the pictorial directory.

### ***Sanctuary Pew Maintenance***

Refilling cards, sharpening pencils, and straightening books in the pews.

### ***Wedding Coordinator Support***

Serve as a backup to our Wedding Coordinator, opening the church for the wedding party, running the rehearsal, answering questions, and helping facilitate fee collection and distribution.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### ***Serve as a Chaperone for a Youth Event***

Chaperones hold the opportunity to mentor and engage with our youth, by providing adult supervision and support. Events are about once a month.

### ***Serve a Meal at Youth Events***

We hold monthly youth events that occasionally have a meal provided. This role includes preparation/ordering of food as well as serving the meal. Money would be provided for purchasing the meal/supplies.

## TEACHING

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,  
let us use them: ...the one who teaches, in his **teaching**...”*

*Romans 12:6-7*

Coming from “Teaching” (*διδάσκω didaskō*) meaning “to teach, to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourses.” This is the all-encompassing term that includes Christian Educational opportunities, and includes the Office of Director of Christian Education and its support.



### ADULT EDUCATION

#### ***Dial-A-Devotion***

A daily devotion telephone message is available on a 24-hour basis, by calling 651-429-0078. Recordings are made by the Pastors and a number of lay readers. You are welcome to join the rotation of readers, or simply enjoy the content.

#### ***Lead a Bible Study or Small Group***

There are many opportunities to participate in and learn from a Bible Study or Small Group, but volunteers are needed who are willing to step into that leadership role to facilitate discussion, coordinate meeting times and places, and/or prepare a study to share with your fellow Christians. Though this seems daunting, or requiring massive amounts of education, but this can be accomplished with purposeful preparation, utilizing resources, and a willingness to learn.

***Participate in a Small or Large Group Bible Study***

South Shore Trinity offers a multitude of Bible Studies; some meeting weekly, others monthly. These are led by many various leaders on a variety of topics. To see most up-to-date Bible Studies, check out [sstwbl.org/bible-study-opportunities](http://sstwbl.org/bible-study-opportunities).

**BOOK NOOK**

***Church Library Leadership***

Meets 1st Tuesday of month. Provides a Christian library of books, CDs, DVDs and reference materials for children's and adults available for check out on Sunday mornings (and as needed). Also has religious cards, napkins, Advent calendars, etc. available for purchase.

***Church Library Patron***

Come visit our library for: books on family helps, Bible study, reference, fiction, and non-fiction, childrens and youth, inspirational, and CDs, DVDs. These are available for checkout on Sunday mornings or by request. Religious cards, napkins, Advent calendars, etc. are also available for purchase

## **CONFIRMATION**

### ***Attend Confirmation Class***

We believe that there are certain basic teachings that all Christians should know and affirm in their beliefs. And the goal of Confirmation instruction is to address and answer the questions, “What is Christianity all about?” and “What does it mean to be a disciple?” as young Christians (Grades 6-8th) prepare for making a public profession of their faith. Taught by the Pastors, this 3-year spiritual formation process is the most intentional and specialized spiritual training that most Christians ever receive. Grades 6-7 consist of learning the six chief parts, Grade 8 is the practical application of those to the life of a Christian.

### ***Substitute Confirmation Teacher***

Assist the Pastors in teaching the Six Chief Parts of Luther’s Small Catechism, and their application to the life of a Christian. Pastors teach regularly, but are in need of a substitute teacher on occasion

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

### ***Attend First Communion Class***

At South Shore Trinity, we, along with their parents, prepare young Christians (from 5th-8th grade) to receive Holy Communion in a class separate from Confirmation. Taught by the Pastors, this is usually 7-8 weeks long, and the young Christian would then take their first communion on Maundy Thursday, during Holy Week.

## **KIDS' MINISTRY**

### ***The Foundry (K-5th) Participant***

Our mid-week Wednesday night programming begins with family game time followed by a meal. Then all K-5th graders gather for 30 minutes to learn more about various stories within the Bible.

### ***The Foundry Teacher (K-5th)***

Our mid-week Wednesday night programming involves teaching K-5th graders for 30 minutes on provided material. Additional connection/mentoring of kids is possible during our meal and game times prior to faith education programming.

## **MOPS & MOMSnext**

### ***MOPS Meeting and Devotional time***

Here at MOPS & MOMSnext, we gather and support moms. We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together. MOPS centers around preschool-aged children, while MOMSnext centers around moms of K-8th graders. Moms can meet and share in a devotion based off this year's theme. Childcare is also available.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### ***Attend Sunday School***

For kids Pre-K - 5th Grade. We teach *Group's "Simply Loved"* curriculum, where kids experience God's greatest gift—his love. All kids are welcome at any time!

### ***Sunday School Teacher***

Sunday School teachers are responsible for leading our Sunday School lessons via our *Simply Loved* curriculum. Materials are provided for you, and the lessons are easy to follow and teach!

***Special Ed. Sunday School Teacher***

Special Ed. Sunday School teachers fill a very important role in providing meaningful faith education to students with special needs. We use the *Simply Loved* curriculum, and sometimes additional on the spot adaption or explanations are needed to best support the students.

***Sunday School Volunteer***

Crew Guides engage in discussion with children through prompted questions during Sunday School. Crew Guides become the cool person the kids know they can connect with and ask questions of!

***Substitute Sunday School Teacher***

Substitute teachers are a great addition to the team for when someone is ill, or on vacation. Substitute teachers help us keep the programming going! You can serve by teaching curriculum or serving as a crew guide (sitting with kids, and guiding their discussion, building relationships).

**TRANSPORTATION*****Drive bus for Vacation Bible School***

Driving the church bus, picking up and dropping off VBS Participants who need transportation to and from church. Passing an online safety course is required before serving.

## **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

### ***Trinity Guild Meeting - Bible Study***

Come be a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, which helps women of all ages in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to SST and the people of the world. Currently meets 1st Tuesday of the month (except July and August) in the afternoon for Bible study, speakers, service projects, refreshments and fellowship.

## **VBS**

### ***Attend Vacation Bible School***

VBS students learn about Jesus in an engaging environment. VBS is usually held during the first full week of August.

### ***Volunteer in Vacation Bible School***

VBS volunteers help children learn about Jesus in an engaging environment. Opportunities include crew (small group) leaders, station leaders, and greeters.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### ***The Forge (6th-12th) Participant***

Our mid-week Wednesday night programming begins with family game time followed by a meal. Then, all 6th-12th graders gather for worship time (sing a couple songs and have a short devotion) for 30 minutes. We then split into Confirmation (6th-8th), and The Forge High School Youth Group (9th-12th) for 1 hour to dig deeper into biblical/life topics.

***The Forge (6th-12th) Youth Leader***

The Forge leaders join us on Sundays and Wednesdays to participate in games, a meal, discussion & worship and can even join us on youth outings and service projects. The Forge leaders are a positive example, who make connections with and invest in youth, all while showing them the love of Christ.

## INVITING

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,  
let us use them: ...the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation...”*

*Romans 12:6-7*

Coming from “Exhorts” (*παρακαλέω parakaleō*, or *παρακλήσις paraklēsis*) meaning “a calling near or summons,” this definition carries with it being called near, or invited, to receive the consolation and comfort of God. The goal is not simply butts-in-pews, but an imperative invitation (especially those far from God, not connected to a church) to be in relationship with God and others, for mutual upbuilding and comfort. In other words: outreach activities and Christian fellowship.



### **BOY SCOUTS**

#### ***Be the SST Scouts BSA Sponsor***

Serve as the backup to the liaison between the South Shore Trinity and the Scouts BSA Troop 439, and Cub Scouts 7439 and 9439. Would also help facilitate if/when a Scout Sunday worship service occurs, when the scouts would volunteer during worship.

### **CRAFT DAY**

#### ***Participate in Craft Day***

Join other Disciples of Jesus at SST in fellowship and fun as they work on their own craft projects. Quilts from the Dorcas group are also set up and tied during this event.

## **DISCOVER SST**

### ***Attend Discover SST classes***

These classes are the first steps in becoming an active Disciple of Jesus at SST. In other churches, these classes are called “new member ed”, but whether you are new to Lutheranism (or the Missouri Synod), or have been an LCMS-er your whole life, Discover SST helps give the basics to the Christian faith, or can be a great refresher course.

### ***New Disciple Reception***

Help take pictures and attach flower corsage to new Disciples of Jesus at SST on “New Disciple Sunday.”

## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

### ***Fellowship Event Support Person***

As the Board of Fellowship plans various Fellowship activities for the Disciple of Jesus at SST to continue to grow and deepen in their relationships with one another, there is often a need for someone who is open to receiving calls to help with various events held at the church. Events in the past have included the Chili Cook-off, Twins Baseball Night, Easter Egg Hunt, and Lunch with Jerry. This can include volunteering, setup, planning, executing, and take-down/cleanup.

## **GRIEFSHARE**

### ***Attend a 13-week GriefShare Support Session***

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. Usually starting in the fall and in the spring, this group meets for 13-weeks to go through materials and videos designed to help you find joy in the midst of your grief.

## **“LIVELY LADIES” FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

### ***Join in on fellowship time and activities together***

This is an informal group for social activities and new connections among the older single/widowed/divorced women of South Shore Trinity. The group currently meets in the Lounge the first and third Mondays of the month from 11:00 to 1:30. The first Monday bring a lunch (if you wish) and view videos of interest (i.e. The Chosen). The third Monday bring a lunch and a dish to share for games/activities and conversation.

## **OUTREACH EVENTS**

### ***Off-site Outreach Event Support Person***

Help make SST's presence known in White Bear by helping with our float for the Manitou Day parade. This can include volunteering, setup, planning, executing, and take-down/cleanup.

### ***On-site Outreach Event Support Person***

Assisting with various events such as Trunk-or-Treat, Movie Nights, or Family Fun Day at the church, as the Disciples of Jesus at SST reach out to community members and make connections and form relationships. This can include volunteering, setup, planning, executing, and take-down/cleanup.

## **OUTREACH PROMOTIONS**

### ***Public Relations and Media***

Assist with both printed and digital promotional efforts of the church: making signs and posters, website maintenance, social media, newspaper ads, and other advertising materials (such as mailings). Projects can be for the church in general, or for a specific ministry, program, or event.

## **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

### ***Trinity Guild Meeting - Fellowship Activities***

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## **WELCOME BAGS**

### ***Assembling Welcome Bags***

Volunteers would gather on a pre-determined Saturday morning to fill "Welcome Bags" with a variety of items new residents will find helpful. Many of the volunteers who fill bags also are the ones who help to deliver them.

### ***Deliver Welcome Bags***

Volunteers would help to hand-deliver a group of bags to new home owners in the area. By doing so, the new resident is welcomed to the community and encouraged to find a church home.

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER**

### ***Greeter (Hingineer)***

As worshipers are gathering for worship, "Hingineers" are tasked with opening doors, welcoming church-goers, and being available to answer questions visitors might have.

## GIVING

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ...he one who **contributes**, in generosity...”*

*Romans 12:6,8*

Coming from “Contributes or Gives” (*μεταδίδωμι metadidōmi*) is made up of two parts, but means “to impart”. The first part of the word is *μετά meta*, meaning with, after, behind, and the second part of the word is *δίδωμι didōmi*, meaning to give something to someone and/or God. This term encapsulates all things financial, including tithes, offerings, accounting, budgets, etc.



### **OFFERING COUNT TEAMS**

#### ***Counters (Offering)***

Volunteers would be responsible for counting and recording the offering, along with another team member, on Sundays after worship.

### **MOPS**

#### ***Help serve at Fundraisers***

Raising money for MOPS activities, reduction in dues, offering MOPS membership scholarships, and facilitating the support of moms through donation meals.

### **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

#### ***Disbursing LWML Mission Grants***

The Trinity Guild raises funds through large-group fundraising, and by individual members of the Guild through “mites”. These funds are gathered as part of the Guild’s budget, and the membership decides how to support certain Christian missions, students/schools, Christian camps, and other charitable foundations and organizations.

***Help serve at LWML Fundraisers***

Sponsored by Trinity Guild, the German Dinner, and two Bake Sales, raise money for the many mission projects the Guild supports.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

***Host or Help with Advent/Lenten Lunch Fundraiser***

Plan, buy food, cook, set up tables, serve, and clean up, for small (40-60) lunches before or after special worship services. Money raised goes to support different missions throughout the church, such as Preschool Scholarships.

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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let us use them: ... the one who **leads**, with zeal...”*

*Romans 12:6,8*

Coming from “Stands Before” (*προΐστημι proistēmi*) meaning “to be over, to superintend, preside over” or “to care for, give attention to”, this word comes from *πρό pro* (meaning before, in front of, above) and *ΐστημι histēmi* (meaning to cause or make to stand, to place, put, set). This category pertains to administration, order, governance, decision making, and policy setting.



### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### ***Serve on the Board of Education***

Serving on the Board of Education provides an opportunity to assist in planning, directing and supervising faith educational programming (Sunday School, Preschool, The Foundry (Kids Ministry) and The Forge (Youth Ministry), Confirmation, Bible Studies, Small Groups, etc.).

### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

#### ***Serve on the Board of Elders***

Open to adult male Disciples noted for their Christian knowledge, zeal and experience in the spiritual work of the Kingdom of Christ. The objective is the spiritual welfare of the Pastors, Disciples (individually and corporately), and the supervision of everything pertaining to congregational worship.

## **BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP**

### ***Serve on the Board of Fellowship***

As a member of the board, you would help plan fun and exciting activities designed to help encourage and support relationships within Disciples of Jesus at South Shore Trinity. This board has more of an internal focus.

## **BOARD OF OUTREACH**

### ***Serve on the Board of Outreach***

As a member of the board, you would help plan fun and exciting activities designed to help encourage and support creating and strengthening relationships with people from the community, getting connected to South Shore Trinity. This board has more of an external focus.

## **BOARD OF PROPERTIES**

### ***Serve on the Board of Properties***

As a member of the board, you would help make decisions about different projects and needs around the church, help set the board's budget, advise and vote on various motions, while attending board meetings.

## **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

### ***Serve on the Board of Stewardship***

As a member of the board, you would encourage and facilitate our Disciples to use and manage their time, talent, and treasures, both within the church and the community. To explore and relate how limited, God given resources, may be used in the most effective ways, to God's glory.

## **BOARD OF YOUTH**

### ***Serve on the Board of Youth***

This role is for those who desire to invest in and mentor youth in grades 6-12. Meets monthly. Board members are also encouraged to join in on monthly youth events and activities.

## **GRIEFSHARE LEADERSHIP**

### ***Serve as a GriefShare Group Leader***

In this role, you would help to schedule the support sessions, as well as help guide conversations and group participant involvement. This is not a grief counselor role. Visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for more information.

## **MOPS**

### ***Serve on the MOPS/MOMSnexT Steering Committee***

As a member of MOPS, you can also be more involved by serving in a leadership role within the MOPS program. Steering committee would help with devotional activities, hospitality, treasury, etc.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

### ***Serve as a Church Officer***

Serve as the Congregational President, one of the two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, or Secretary.

## **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

### ***Serve as an LWML Leadership Officer***

Made up of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasure, the Trinity Guild Officers help to set the Trinity Guild's budget, schedule and plan events and meetings throughout the year, manage and update the Trinity Guild handbook, along with other important leadership responsibilities.

## ACTS OF MERCY

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ...the one who does **acts of mercy**, with cheerfulness.”*

*Romans 12:6,8*

Coming from “to have mercy upon (*ἐλεέω eleeō*) meaning “to help one afflicted or seeking aid” or “to help the afflicted, to bring help to the wretched.” And this is to be done with *ἡλαρότης hilarotēs* or cheerfulness (same root as hilarious!) – This is compassion ministry.



### **DORCAS QUILTERS**

#### ***Making Quilts with the Dorcas Quilters***

Help assemble quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Opportunities include sewing together squares, tying the quilts, and finishing the binding. Ladies meet twice/month to work on quilts, and some work on them at home.

### **FOOD SHELF**

#### ***Delivering Gathered Donated Food to the White Bear Lake Area Food Shelf***

As people bring in and drop off food donations, these items are gathered into one location. When there is enough for a load, all donations are brought to the WBL Emergency Food Shelf.

### **HANDYMAN PROJECTS**

#### ***Assist with Handyman Projects***

Assist with Handyman Projects in the homes of Disciples of Jesus at South Shore Trinity and for community members.

## **HUMAN CARE**

### ***Assist with the Medical Supply Ministry***

Volunteers would help people in need of medical equipment to check out any items they may need from the Medical Supply Ministry, and help them fill out forms. A background in healthcare would be helpful.

### ***Serve as SST's Parish Nurse***

Parish Nurse duties include being available for questions about medical issues, maintaining the First Aid kits and AED equipment, being the nurse at VBS, and supervising the use and loaning of medical equipment as needed by our members and the community. A current Medical License is required.

### ***Volunteer at the occasional Blood Drives hosted by SST***

Work with the American Red Cross to schedule two blood drives each year. Coordinating the dates on the church master calendar. Obtain needed volunteers to help check in donors and work the canteen. Meet the Red Cross staff upon arrival and lock up church after they depart.

## **MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY**

### ***Meal Train Ministry Coordinator***

Oversee the Meal Train Ministry which helps prepare and deliver a meal to someone in need. This person would set up the link, communicate with the families in need, share any allergy concerns, and discuss meal delivery times.

### ***Meal Train Ministry Helper***

Individuals involved in this ministry would be open to hearing about and possibly helping to prepare and deliver a meal to someone in need. This can be a family after the birth of a child, or to a sick or elderly person. This would be on an “as needed” basis. Could also include purchasing gift cards to restaurants and grocery stores.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

### ***Prayer Chain Participant***

As part of Trinity Guild (LWML), specific prayer requests are received and sent out by email for Prayer Warriors to pray. Sign up to receive the special prayer requests sent from the prayer chain. You can also contact them to add your own prayer requests.

## **PRAYER SHAWLS**

### ***Making Prayer Shawls***

This group meets on occasion to knit and crochet prayer shawls are given to the WBL Care Center and Pastors bring them to people where there is a need.

## **SERVANT SUNDAY**

### ***Servant Sunday Organizer/site lead***

Pre-Covid, the Disciples of Jesus at South Shore Trinity would participate in a “Servant Sunday” usually on the 5th Sunday of the month, during the months of June, July, or August. Projects have included cleaning up the parks nearby, and making bags for homeless people, among other service opportunities. This event requires individuals willing to lead individual sites/projects, as well as head organizer who would oversee planning and preparation. Volunteers can also help fund projects by signing up for Thrivent Action Teams.

## **TRINITY GUILD (LWML)**

### ***Various Servant Events***

You can serve others by participating in such things as filling bags at Feed My Starving Children, sending personalized greeting cards and giftcards to post-graduate Disciples of Jesus at SST, and other potential activities as they come up.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

### ***Sending Cards***

Trinity Guild's Sunshine Committee works to send personalized greeting cards to those who are on the Prayer Chain, when possible.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### ***Driving Church Bus for Sunday Worship***

Driving the church bus, regularly picking up and dropping off Disciples of Jesus at SST who need transportation to and from church. Passing an online safety course is required before serving.

### ***Driving Church Bus for all other reasons***

Driving the church bus, transporting Disciples of Jesus at SST who are attending an event together (Such as Confirmation Retreats, Youth Activities, Concerts, etc.). This is on an "as needed" basis. Passing an online safety course is required before serving.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Sending out grief packages***

Originally through Stephen Ministry. Make a record of four different times in the first year after the death of a loved one to send grief packets to the spouse or adult child of the deceased. Information provided by church office. Usually under 2 hours of work once a month at home. Involves addressing envelopes and applying stamps provided by the church office and alerting office when to order more books.

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