

## WAYS TO SERVE AT HOLY CROSS

### Worship & Music Team

**Ushers** - Four ushers are required for each service. Participants are asked to commit for two Sundays in succession, usually two times per year.

**Acolyte** - Confirmation students serve as acolytes ten times during the year. Training is provided in October during Confirmation class. Acolytes are responsible for lighting and extinguishing the candles, handing the offering plates to the ushers, picking wine glasses during communion, and assisting the presiding minister in other ways.

**Altar Guild** - The Altar Guild is responsible for the care of the Sanctuary, including preparation for all services of Holy Communion, changing the paraments and the banners to conform to the festivals and seasons of the church year.

**Nursery assistant** - Assist the nursery staff watch children (infants - age two) in the nursery during the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. Also during special events.

**Choir** - Senior Choir - Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m.

**Chancel Bell Choir** - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Musicians** - Play an instrument during a service. See the Worship and Music Team, the pastor or the choir director.

**Lay Readers** - Those with a gift for public speaking or those who enjoy reading aloud read the first and second lessons on Sundays during the 9:30 or 11:00 service. A sign-up sheet is on the volunteer bulletin board, along with a guide for how to pronounce challenging words.

**Cantors** - Cantors are singers who lead parts of the liturgy in worship such as the Kyrie, introduction to the Hymn of Praise, and the Psalm. See a pastor or our organist/choir director to serve in this way. You need not be a member of the choir or attend choir rehearsals to do this.

### Outreach & Evangelism Team

**Greeter** - Greeters welcome members of the congregation as they enter the sanctuary. Commitment is for one Sunday service.

**Coffee/Tea & Lemonade Servers** - Servers make and serve coffee and tea between services. During the summer iced tea and lemonade are served.

### Christian Education Team

**Sunday School Teacher** - Teachers are responsible for preparing lesson from provided curriculum and teaching during the 9:30 a.m. service from September through May.

**Vacation Bible School Staff** - There are a variety of ways to help with Vacation Bible School. Individuals can teach, help, serve snacks, take photographs, lead music or assist with decorating. The youth also have a role as grade-level helpers.

## CHURCH COUNCIL TEAMS

### Christian Education Team

The Christian Education Team is responsible for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Sunday School, Communion Classes, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study. The team reviews curriculum, recruits volunteers and plans service projects (including the Mitten Tree and World hunger). Cradle Roll and the church library are also a part of the Christian Education Team.

### Fellowship Team

This team plans and coordinates fellowship activities throughout the year. Annual events include the Easter Breakfast and the Christmas Brunch. This team also coordinates special events such as Lenten meals, a church picnic and other special celebration dinners.

### Operations Team

Responsibilities of the team are the church budget, insurance, annual audit, personnel policies and other church financial matters. This team also coordinates the use of memorial funds.

### Evangelism and Membership Team

Visitors and members are invited to share refreshments served between services on Sunday mornings provided by volunteers coordinated by the Team. The Team also arranges for follow-up on all visitors, new member receptions, and enlists greeters for both Sunday Services.

### Property Team

This team is responsible for maintaining the church buildings, grounds and property. Regular property clean-up days are scheduled in the spring and fall.

### Social Ministry Team

The Social Ministry Group supports a variety of activities in service to people beyond the congregation. These include: blood drives, raising money and awareness for ELCA World Hunger, gathering items and assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief and duffel bags for foster care children for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Local families also receive food from the "food closet", Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Habitat for Humanity, The ACTION Room, Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sales and the Tanzania project.

### Stewardship Team

The Stewardship team heightens awareness of how we use our time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. In the fall, the focus is on our need to give the first fruits of our labor to God in the form of a financial commitment to the church. In the winter the team lifts up the stewardship of our time and talent with an exploration of our passion, spiritual gifts, personal style and life experience as clues to how we discern our various calls to ministry and serve in the church and in the world.

### Worship and Music Team

The Worship and Music Team oversees the ministries that support worship: altar guild, worship assistants, choir, musicians, lay readers.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

### WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (Women of the ELCA)

These are small groups of women that meet monthly for Bible Study and fellowship (Circles). Women of the ELCA activities include two general meetings for all women of the church, annual spiritual retreats, social service projects and financial support of causes beyond our congregation. Periodic educational and/or social programs of special interest are presented.

#### Women of the ELCA Circle Meeting Schedule

Ruth Circle  
2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Deborah Circle  
3rd Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Priscilla Circle  
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Rachel Circle  
2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Lydia Circle  
3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Christian Fellowship provides monthly activities for all those 50 years or older, or retired. Following lunch interesting programs involving outside speakers, slide presentations and musical entertainment are presented.

### KNITTING AND CROCHETING MINISTRY

Shawls and other hand made items are made for those who are not well or suffering in some way. These are offerings of love, comfort and support made prayerfully by our members.

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Pastoral Care Ministry Team maintains a list of those in need of prayer for various reasons (illness, death, difficulty, military service, thanksgivings), sends cards, visits those who are sick, in the hospital or nursing homes, and brings communion to the homebound each month. The team also attends monthly training sessions sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center, held at Nardin Park Methodist Church, on Sunday afternoons.

## TEAM CHAIRPERSONS

Altar Guild	Val Schulz & Arlene Fedoroff
Christian Education	Lynda Ashbay [Shari Dudek, council liaison]
Church Property	Bob Siegert
Fellowship	Wendy Amstutz
Membership/Inreach	Rick Pence
Operations	Jeff Schuman, Norm Sorensen
Evangelism/Outreach	Pam LeDuc
Social Ministry and Global Mission	Donna Matteis [Karla Pearson, council liaison]
Stewardship	Berger Erickson [Lisa Heise, council liaison]
Worship and Music	Laura Baker

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY LEADERS

Women of the ELCA President	Jean Medlen
Bowling President	Nick Baker
Christian Fellowship Leader	Rhema Subject
Knitting and Crochet Ministry	Pat Ferrari
Pastoral Care Team	Contact Pr. Dana Pastoral Care Needs Cell Phone (734) 765-1141

## BUILDING USAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

### **Wayne-Metropolitan Community Services Agency-**

We house a branch of Wayne-Metro in the office by the Chapel. The phone number is 734/266-0190. Felicia Adamowicz is the current social worker who helps people in the area find help with utilities, rent or mortgage and job training.

### **The Michigan Emergency Food Assistance Program-**

The Livonia City Hall distributes food from our building on the second Wednesday of the month for low income persons. Please contact Sharon Sabot at City Hall for details.

### **Action Room-**

The Social Ministry team operates our Action Room to gather clothing and household items for distribution to people in need. Many of these items are given to the Wayne County Family Center in Westland. The remaining items are taken to Saginaw where volunteers run a resale shop with proceeds going to LSSM.

### **Food Closet-**

The Food Closet is available mainly for Livonia residents and accepts all food donations. We also could use personal hygiene items for our food boxes for giving out. The food is given out on an emergency basis and is not intended to support a family. We aim to give at least 3 to 4 days worth of food and if the food closet is well supplied they will receive more. Please leave your donations in the wicker baskets in the Narthex, or for fresh items, in the refrigerator marked for the food closet.