

## Descriptions of the Mission and Ministry Opportunities at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

*“God’s Work; Our Hands”*

**Youth Ministry** – We, the Youth Board, are led by Christ to equip and support youth to grow in faith, to equip and support families to pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support the *Minister of Faith Formation*.

Council Representative: Brian Boen [b.boen@hotmail.com](mailto:b.boen@hotmail.com)

This committee meets to

- discuss the vision and ministry of youth programs at C of C
- determine the youth calendar of events
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of youth ministry – materials, funds, time, energy, volunteers, transportation, chaperons, etc.

**Parish Education** – We, the Parish Education Committee, are led by Christ to equip and support youth as they grow in faith, to equip and support families as they pass on the faith and live well in Christ, and to equip and support teachers and assistants.

Council Representative: Sandy Whited [skwhited@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:skwhited@mvtvwireless.com)

Jennifer Grund [jen.grund@yahoo.com](mailto:jen.grund@yahoo.com)

This committee meets to

- discuss the vision and ministry of the Sunday School program.
- determine the Sunday School calendar
- assist in locating and/or providing for the needs of the Sunday School ministry – teachers, materials, time, energy, volunteers, etc.
- assess/choose curriculum
- oversee the Christmas Program
- oversee Vacation Bible School

**Worship & Music** – We, the Worship and Music Committee, are led by Christ to assist the Pastor so that the services of God’s house are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the ELCA.

Council Representative: Cindy Johnson [cindyj@commsysinc.com](mailto:cindyj@commsysinc.com)

This committee meets to

- assist Pastor in planning worship services in accordance with ELCA Liturgy
- supervise Altar Guild
- promote observance of the festivals of the church year
- recruit, train and schedule worship assistants, special music, and organists

**World Missions** – We, the Mission Committee, are led by Christ for the purpose of searching out means and opportunities to serve locally and globally to meet the spiritual and physical needs of others.

Council Representative: Marie Rauenhorst [marie.rauenhorst@gmail.com](mailto:marie.rauenhorst@gmail.com)

This committee meets to

- review options for mission support and distribute funds – locally and globally
- provide opportunities to educate the congregation on mission ministry – Mission Minute
- provide opportunities for the congregation to be personally involved in World Missions

**Stewardship & Finance** – We, the Stewardship and Finance Committee, are led by Christ to focus on the church; how time is used, how relationships are retained, and then how the monetary gifts are utilized.

Council Representative: Greg Mertens [gmertens@bihcm.com](mailto:gmertens@bihcm.com)

**Technology** –We, the Technology Committee, are led by Christ to utilize technology in order to enhance and promote COC ministries through worship, fellowship, education, mission & community outreach, evangelism and communications.

Council Representative: Todd Gay [t.gay@mchsi.com](mailto:t.gay@mchsi.com)

This committee meets to

- Recruit/train/schedule system operators for services
- Provide technical support for church services, Sunday School, weddings, funerals, and special events
  - Set up and run the screen/audio
  - Video recording
  - Troubleshoot, maintenance and upgrade
- Stay attune to innovative ways to utilize new technology to enhance the ministry at COC
- Establish policy/protocol for tech usage
- Direct the council on future advances that would enhance the worship services
- Update/maintain website

**Evangelism** – We, the Evangelism Committee, are led by Christ to invite others and offer opportunity for fellowship and ministry.

Council Representative: David Torgelson [dtorgelson@aol.com](mailto:dtorgelson@aol.com)

This committee meets to

- Develop and distribute promotional materials highlighting the ministry of Cross of Calvary
- Work with Parish Life to offer opportunity for membership

**Parish Life** – We, the Parish Life Committee, are led by Christ to promote and highlight Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church ministry, invite others and offer opportunity for fellowship and ministry, encourage relationship building among others and with Christ Jesus, and welcome new members.

Council Representative: Nanette Serbus, [rnserb2414@redred.com](mailto:rnserb2414@redred.com)

This Committee meets to

- plan and promote New Disciple Sunday
- plan and promote Friendship Sunday
- Support Ministry – comfort meals

**Property** – We, the Property Committee, are led by Christ to maintain the church grounds (the church building, the parsonage, the property and everything in the church/parsonage – ie. the appliances, mechanical, etc).

Council Representative: Gordy Blem [gblem1977@gmail.com](mailto:gblem1977@gmail.com)

Keith Larson [kslarson@g.com](mailto:kslarson@g.com)

Dave Altmann [davealtmann@yahoo.com](mailto:davealtmann@yahoo.com)

This committee meets to

- Schedule any work that needs to be done to the church/parsonage.
- Discuss any problems/needs with the existing property.
- Direct the council on future property needs.

**Quilting** - The quilters meet on Thursdays during the winter months to quilt for missions. Some quilts stay locally, but many find their way across the seas to warm and comfort those in need.

**Altar Guild** – This group prepares the Altar for worship, sets up Communion and addressed the needs for updating worship materials.

**Comfort Meals** – Join this group who provide meals to those with newborns or for those who are suffering illness or loss. One meal from you, combined with meals from others, and we have a week's worth of comfort to give!

**Christmas decorating** – Once a year the Sanctuary and Narthex are decorated for the birth of our Savior! There are a variety of things to accomplish, and you'll have lots of choices!

**Ushers** - 4 ushers are needed for each Sunday worship service. Duties are actually posted on the BOARD. Check them out! The usher captains are great about helping you learn the ropes.

**Readers** – Easy to follow script in large font...including phonetic pronunciation for those "old" words. Laurie promises to set you up to be successful.

**Sunday School**- There are lots of opportunities to be active in our Sunday School program. Often adults team-teach! Perhaps you are interested in being a classroom assistant? Is music or craft your gift????

**Wedding Assistant** – Pastor is looking for several people to help him with wedding ceremonies – meet with the couple, go over CofC guidelines, be at the rehearsal. More information is available from Laurie.

**Fold and Label the FOLLOWER** –Usually the last Tues of the month. Takes about an hour.

**Mowing** – Don't get enough of mowing your own yard? Come on over. Nice riding lawn mower!

**Men's Group** – Supporting our faith family in many ways, including raising funds for Bible Camp, making Faith Chests, Men's Tuesday morning Bible.

**Tech Team** - Also known as the "Clickers" These folks run the screen for worship. As long as you can push the space bar, Laurie will teach you the rest.

**Vacation Bible School** - A SHORTER and more exciting opportunity to pass on the faith to our youth. Teach assist, work in the kitchen, help with projects. And don't forget donations of craft/food supplies.

**Communion Assistants** – "The body of Christ given for you" "The blood of Christ shed for you" Or refill the trays in the back. Training is offered.

## VOLUNTEER INTEREST

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Please review the descriptions and duties of the various committees and service areas of our congregation. Spend some time in prayerful consideration of where your gifts may best fit the ministry and mission of our faith family. Then, please fill out the information below for as many areas of interest as you like and return the form to the office or mail to Cross of Calvary, 1103 W Chestnut Ave, Olivia, MN 56277. If you have any questions, please call Laurie at 523-1574.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comments/Questions:**