

Zion Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church

Ministry Teams

The following is a brief outline of the various ministry teams at Zion Lutheran Church. For more information on how you can become involved in any of these areas, please contact the church at (419) 625-2112.

Outreach

Lay Ministers of Home Communion

Provide opportunity for every member (home bound/nursing care resident, etc.) to partake in Holy Communion monthly

Prayer Vigil

Organize and participate in prayer vigils twice a year

Visitation

Visit members in hospitals, nursing care facilities and homebound

Jail Ministry

Organize an outreach of love to those incarcerated in our community

Radio Broadcast

Seek to broaden the audience and support for the radio ministry

Prayer Chains

Seek to connect people in prayer through phone and internet

Electronic Media

Keep up-to-date the congregations presence through web-site, Facebook and other electronic means

Sandusky Area Lutherans in Mission (SALM)

Keep congregation informed and active in our Lutheran community

First Time Visitor Follow-up

Make contact with those who visit the church

Helping Hearts/Stephen Ministry

Reach out to those within the congregation going through life transitions

Youth/Young Adult

Cradle Roll

Communicate and provide material for parents of young children birth through 3 years of age

Middle School Youth

Organize opportunities for fellowship, service and study for 6th, 7th & 8th grade youth

High School Youth

Organize and provide opportunities for fellowship, service and study for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade youth

Post-High Group

Reach out to those individuals who have graduated from high school

Retreats

Provide overnight/weekend opportunities for the various age groups and families to grow in their faith

Mission Trips

Organize and recruit for local, national and international service experiences

Nursery Personnel

Interview/hire/support, serve in the nursery

Tiger/Cub/Boy Scouts

Be supportive of the male scouting program

Brownies/Girl Scouts

Be supportive of the female scouting groups

Finance/Administrative

Audit

See that an audit of all financial records of the church is performed yearly

Budget Planning

Prepare the congregational budget to present to the church council and congregation

Offering Recorders

Train/Schedule/Record Offerings

Newsletter

Oversee the editing and production of Zionews; contribute articles

Church Archives

Organize and catalog pictures, records and keepsakes of the church

Office Volunteers

Organize/volunteer to help as needed in the church office

Office Personnel

Interview and recommend to church council an office manager and/or secretary as needed

Wedding Hostess

Assist pastor(s) and wedding parties during rehearsals and day of the wedding

Office Inventory

Organize and catalog all items in safe, vault and cabinets in the church office

Property/Facilities

Insurance

(yearly) review and update all insurance policies of the church

Asset Inventory

Make a video and written list of all physical assets of Zion

Strategic Planning

Make a 3-year, 5-year and 10 year strategic plan for maintaining the physical plan of the church

Garage

Clean, organized, and maintain the church garage

Mowing/Snow Removal

Organize and procure companies or individuals; mow the grass; remove snow for parking lot and sidewalks

Landscape

Tend the trees, shrubbery and flowers around the church property

Cleaning/Maintenance Personnel

Communicate with current maintenance staff; when necessary, interview and present candidates for these positions

Nursery Upkeep

Clean toys and furniture in nursery and update items as needed

Interior Maintenance

Review all items in the interior of the church building and communicate with council; make repairs as needed

Exterior Maintenance

Review the exterior of the church building and communicate with council; make repairs as needed.

Mission/Stewardship

Crossroads Shelter

Enlist volunteers, plan for service meals, publicize and assist as needed at Crossroads Shelter; volunteer

Adopt-A-School Partnership

Enlist volunteers, publicize and participate in the Sandusky Schools Adopt-A-School Partnership

Care and Share

Enlist volunteers, schedule people to serve, volunteer at Care and Share

Prayer Shawls

Enlist/Volunteer to make prayer shawls

Quilters

Organize/volunteer to make full size/baby quilts

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Schedule/publicize/volunteer

Operation Christmas Child

Publicize/participate in the "Shoebox Ministry"

Global Mission

Organize/participate in the global mission of the ELCA

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Help plan and carry out a free meal on Thanksgiving

Community Farmer's Market

Publicize/ Assist once a month

Time/Talent Inventory

Compile and maintain an up-to date list of all members' time/talent abilities

Financial Commitment Program

Each year offer all members to focus on their financial giving to mission and ministry

Crop Walk

Organize/Volunteer to participate in the annual walk (Crop Hunger Walk)

Faith Formation

Men's Bible Study

Meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, Prayer and support shared and provided

Seasonal Devotionals

Monthly (Christ In Our Home) and seasonal (Advent, Lent, Etc.) daily devotionals for individuals and families

Confirmation

Three-Year Faith formation program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Sunday School

Weekly faith formation opportunity for 3 years through adults

Adult Education

Bible studies and faith growth events throughout the year

New Member Gatherings

Four times a year, provide time for those seeking a faith family to get to know the Lutheran Church, Zion, each other

First Communion

Usually for 5th graders and parents to seek a deeper understand of Holy Communion (classes during Lent)

Third Grade Bibles

Provide God's written word to 3rd graders

Children's Christmas Program

Enable the young people of Zion to tell the story of the birth of Jesus

Vacation Bible School

Outreach for the community for a week long summer experience of God's love

Rally Day

Early September event to gather children and adults for fun, fellowship and study

Curriculum

Assist staff and teachers in choosing curriculum (materials) for the coming year

Teacher Training

Strengthen those called to teach by providing opportunities to grow and have additional tools

Mentoring

Match adult members with new members and Confirmation students as examples and partners

Spirituality Retreats

Plan overnight events to focus on spiritual growth

Parish Life

Gathering Hosts

Organize/contact/service cookies and juice following worship

Greeters

Welcome all at the portico doors before worship

Pictorial Directory

Plan and produce a pictorial directory for the congregation (once every three years)

Congregational Gatherings

Help plan potlucks, social activities and service opportunities for the congregation

Carla Mitchell

Hospitality Committee

Provide fellowship and food for families and congregation during times of transition (funerals, receptions, etc.)

Kitchen

Monthly clean the basement kitchen and gathering room kitchenette

Dartball

Weekly fellowship and Christian competition

Bus Drivers

Train/schedule/volunteer to pick up folks for Sunday worship and various other events

Martha Quick

Library

Maintain the Stelhorn Library, bring in new books, care for the library cart in the Gathering Room

Bake Cookies

Order and bake cookies for Fellowship Hour

Worship and Music

Altar Guild

Prepare the worship space for all services (usually done on Saturday's)

Art and Environment

Decorating/design/flowers-beautify the church on various church occasions, see that altar flowers are supplied

Communion Assistants

Wine/bread-trained to help in the distribution of Holy Communion (trainers/assistants)

Lectors

Trainers and those who read the Word of God during Worship

Prayers of the People

Trainers and those who pray during worship

Senior Choir

Accompany and enhance the worship through singing. Rehearse on Thursday evenings

Cherub Choir

Young people enhance worship through singing. Rehearse on Thursday evenings

Bell Choir

Accompany and enhance worship through the ringing of the bells. Rehearse on Thursday evenings

Sound/Technology

Train/schedule/be sound board volunteers; work to make technology more a part of the worship service

Ushers

Provide assistance for worship: distribute of worship literature, collect tithes and offerings, and provide direction for visitors

Crucifers

8th grade confirmation students presenting the processional cross at worship

Acolytes

6th/7th grade Confirmation students assisting by lighting candles and providing offering plates to ushers

Accessibility

Provide materials and assistance for all who impaired

Supply Pastors/Organist

Provide and up-to date list of potential substitute clergy and musicians for worship; schedule as needed

Emergency Health

Contact health professionals within the congregation; provide a list in case of emergency during worship

Worship Planning Team

Chose hymns and themes for weekly worship

Children's Sermons

Train/schedule/be one of those who share messages for young people

Communion Ware

Prepare and clean communion ware

Assisting Ministers

Train/organize/be an assisting minister