

20 Ways to Serve in the Ministries of St. Stephen's

Acolyte – Assist priest/deacon during liturgy...both young people and adults are needed at the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. Acolytes are trained in the parish and (ideally) serve at scheduled times.

Adult Education – Assist Vicar in developing and presenting Adult Christian Education and Formation programs on Sundays and weekdays, both in person and on Zoom. Time commitment varies according to program.

Altar Guild – The love and care of setting the altar and maintaining sacred vessels and equipment used in worship. Time commitment includes regular meetings, assigned turn on the altar, special services, and seasonal workdays.

Bishop's Committee/Delegate – Bishop's Committee members are elected at Annual Meeting. Serve as a leader in the church with occasional special duties. Time commitment varies with committee responsibilities and monthly meeting. We also elect delegates and alternates to both Diocesan Convention and Deanery 7 meetings.

Buildings and Grounds – Assist in coordinating maintenance of physical plant. Special skills such as carpentry and electronics are especially needed. Includes Garden Committee. Time commitment varies according to project.

Children/ Youth Ministry – Assist Vicar in developing and presenting Children/Youth Ministry programs such as Sunday School, Nursery, Vacation Bible School, Summer Camping Program, Catechism, Girls' Friendly Society, and Youth Group. Time commitment varies according to program/activity. Completion of Safe Church training required.

Choir/Music/Worship – Though Choir has no assembled regularly since the Pandemic, members occasionally sing at Sunday service and other special occasions. Other musical gifts such as playing instruments are welcome, as are dramatic and other talents that can enhance worship. Persons of all ages are welcome to participate!

Coffee Hour Host – Sets up, provides refreshments for, serves during, and cleans up after coffee hour following either the 8:00 am or 10:00 a.m. service. Hosts typically sign up according to the service they attend.

Communications - Assist with written, telephone and electronic communications to parishioners. Develop and distribute news releases. Help maintain parish website and Facebook page. Time commitment varies according to project.

Community Outreach – St. Stephen's participates in many organizations and ministries including Carol's Kitchen, Table of Plenty, House of Decision, Hope, Empathy, Love & Prayer (H.E.L.P., Inc.), Beaumont Educational Support Team, Boys & Girls Club, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital, Blessings in a Backpack, MasterPeace Ministries, Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Camo, Winter Wish, area schools, and more. Time commitment varies with need.

Daughters of the King – DOK is an international order for women who subscribe to a Rule of Life and assist the Vicar in praying daily for the needs of our parish community. Time commitment includes daily prayer and monthly meeting.

Finance/Administration – Assist Vicar, Warden, and Treasurer with special projects. Time commitment varies.

Greeter/Usher – Welcome parishioners to services. Help orient newcomers and visitors. Hand out bulletins. Help seat and direct communicants to the altar rail for Eucharist. Some activities are scheduled, others vary.

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Assists the priest in serving the Sacraments to communicants during Holy Eucharist services. Training and certification required. Completion of Safe Church Training required. LEMs serve according to a schedule.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor - Take the Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins. Training and certification required. Completion of Safe Church training required. LEV schedule varies according to parishioner needs.

Lector/Intercessor – Lectors read a lesson and/or lead the psalm during worship. Intercessors lead the prayers of the people during worship. Both Lectors and Intercessors are trained and certified in the parish and typically sign up according to the service they attend.

Men's Ministry – Assist Vicar in developing activities and programs to serve the men who worship at St. Stephen's.

Office Assistant – Assists office secretary with any extra heavy workload. Time commitment varies with project.

St. Mary's Guild - All women of the parish are encouraged to join. The Guild carries on several outreach and in-reach programs—including the Christmas Tree Festival—which raises thousands of dollars for community ministries. Commitment includes attending regular meetings, paying annual dues, and participating in programs.

Technology – Help operate and maintain parish computers, sound system and recording equipment. Time commitment varies with project.

Everyone has gifts to share!