

Our VP of counsel reiterated the mission of our church “Faith Lutheran is a community worshipping and sharing God’s word”. As a member of the church counsel, I represent one of the tenets of the Faith Lutheran Mission Statement. WORSHIP.

Worship encompasses many facets of our worship. I’d like to share some of these with you today.

“To recruit, train and lead a team of volunteers to accomplish this ministry focus. So, what encompasses “the ministry focus”?

- A planning team to create and execute creative worship experiences.
- Work collaboratively with other ministry teams to ensure larger scale ministry.
- Use multiple communication platforms to advertise, inform and update the congregation and larger world about worship experiences at Faith.
- Oversee that Faith conducts faithful worship experiences in accordance with the practices of the ELCA.
- Ensure the assistants in worship, i.e., ushers, acolytes, nursery, lay assistants, musicians, and tech people are recruited, trained, and utilized as appropriate.
- Ensure the hymnals and other devotional material are provided and properly safeguarded, and order materials necessary to maintain an effective experience.
- Ensure technology and musical instruments are updated and cared for, and proper resources are accounted for in the yearly budget.
- Arrange for the care of paraments, altar appointments, communion ware, and other supplies.
- Ensure all efforts account for and address both in-person and online populations.

Whew. I’m tired just telling you about it...so I need some help!! How can the congregation support our worship service?

Some ideas for you to pray about...

- Be a greeter. The first impression a guest or member has upon entering Faith. I like to call it being “Vice President of First Impressions”.
- Become an acolyte- not just for kids you know. We’d love to teach you about being an acolyte, but we’d love to have family acolytes. You know- you and mom acolyte one Sunday and maybe dad and child do it another Sunday.
- Be a “merry bread maker”- This entails being given the “recipe” for our communion bread and you simply make it, wrap in plastic bag, label with date, and drop off in sacristy refrigerator in the freezer. If your child is going to experience 1st Communion how wonderful it is to make it together and bring it to church for that special day. If you worship at home, bake your communion bread there too.
- Do you like to sing??- Our music directors would love to have you join them!!
- Do you play an instrument? - Our music directors would love to meet you!
- Usher- We have lots of room for you. We provide the training with an experienced usher.

- Lay assistant- What do you do? You participate in the worship by leading prayer and aspects of our worship.
- Are you a Techie?? - Our tech staff would love to meet you.
- Be an altar guild participant- We train you and you work with a guild member. It's very easy and how wonderful to be part of "The Meal". Or maybe you're that very organized person who likes to order altar supplies, purchase our wine, etc. We would really LOVE to meet you.

ALL OF THESE ASPECTS HAVE ONE THING, WELL MAYBE 2 THINGS IN COMMON: We do not ever fire you, that is important to know and it's not a full-time position, no matter which one you think you'd like to try.

So, I ask you lastly to consider being on the planning team to help create a wonderful worship experience for us all.

Please pray about it and see what part of Worship God selects for you to at least try just once.

Grace to you,

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