

# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Time & Talent 2023



### **Mission Statement:**

**Praise God boldly, witness to God's goodness, and serve God with joy.**

### **To use this catalog**

**Find out how you are called** - see page 2. Read, think, pray, respond.

**Read the Gifts section** - See page 2-3 for an explanation of spiritual gifts and some examples of how these gifts relate to Serving Opportunities.

**Look through the pages** to see the many opportunities to use your gifts in the life and work of the church here at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

**Use the response form** to indicate where you can serve (one form per person).

**Return your response form during worship** the weekend of February 11th and 12th. If you choose to take it home with you, please return your response form to the church office by March 1st.

# Spiritual Gifts

## Our Special Abilities

All of us have been given special abilities - gifts - from God. Spiritual gifts are abilities given to every Christian, by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit, to be used to serve others, glorify God, and build up the Body of Christ (the group of Christian believers). Spiritual gifts are God's empowering for God's work in the world.

What do you like to do? What are your interests? What do your friends and family members tell you that you do well? What are your passions? Answers to these questions will help you identify your gifts and abilities.

We are asked to share our gifts with others. I Peter 4:10 *"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he/she has received from God."* (TEV)

## ELCA Spiritual Gifts Self-Assessment Inventory

We invite you all to complete the ELCA Spiritual Gifts Inventory as a way to explore the spiritual gifts God has given you to use to give glory to God and to bless others.

- Easiest Option: Online through the ELCA website at: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools>
- Print Copies of the inventory are available as well at the back of the Sanctuary in the Resource section. You may also contact the church office- 608-326-6411.
- *Also: Consider having one to three people who know you well score the inventory with you on your behalf as a way to start Step Two: Discernment- Conversations with your support network.*
- *Additional handouts are available on Spiritual Gifts as well, if you would like to dive into discovery and learning more deeply.*

## Spiritual Gift Categories

Listed below are some examples of ways in which you can use your gifts in the life and work of St. Peter Lutheran Church. These are only examples; there are many other ways to become involved. Check those that are meaningful to you. Then see how you can use your gifts in areas listed in this catalog— each volunteer opportunity lists possible spiritual gifts that are a good fit with that way of serving. If you would like to do some things not listed in this catalog, include those in your response.

**Administration** - To formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfill a purpose.  
(Council or team chairperson, congregational council, finance committee)

**Artistry** - The gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response. (Baptismal Banners, Quilting Group, Drama Volunteer)

**Discernment** - To seek God's will and purpose and communicate a sense of God's yearning in a situation (Council, leadership, planning teams)

**Evangelism** - Joyfully and meaningfully sharing one's faith, especially with people without a church home. (Evangelism Committee, Prison Ministry, "friendly mugger", New Member Sponsor)

## Spiritual Gifts Categories (Continued)

**Exhortation (Encouragement)** - The gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love to people in personal conflict or facing a spiritual void. (*Care Ministry Team, prayer chains*)

**Faith** - The eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it might lead. (*Bible study leader, confirmation teacher*)

**Giving** - To respond to God's blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources - time, talent, and treasure. (*Stewardship for All Seasons Team, financial support of programs*)

**Hospitality** - To joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging. (*Host coffee hour, Usher, host family, Come For Supper meal preparation, Fellowship team*)

**Intercession** - The gift that enables a believer to pray with certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made answers will come. (*prayer team, Care Ministry Team*)

**Knowledge** - To learn, analyze and uncover, and share new insights with regard to the Bible. (*teachers, bible study leaders*)

**Leadership** - The confidence to step forward, provide motivation, facilitate discussion, summarize ideas, drive consensus and summarize for sharing to inspire a group to fulfill a dream or complete a task. (*congregational council, team or committee chairperson*)

**Mercy** - To feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then act to meet that need. (*Church and Society Committee, Quilters*)

**Music** - The gift that gives the believer the capability to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing or playing a musical instrument. (*Choir, Special Music, Chime Choir*)

**Pastoring (Shepherding)** - To provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers with confidence, capability and compassion. (*Sunday School, Adult and Confirmation Teachers*)

**Service (Helps)** - The ability to work alongside others attaching spiritual value to the accomplishments of practical, often behind-the-scenes tasks. (*Trustees, Come For Supper volunteer, Altar Guild, worship volunteers*)

**Skilled Craft** - The gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church. (*Quilters, Trustees, Housing volunteers*)

**Teaching** - To communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and inspiring for others. (*Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School, adult education, confirmation ministry*)

**Wisdom** - The ability to understand and apply biblical and spiritual knowledge to complex, paradoxical, or other difficult situations. (*Council, planning teams*)

**Writing**— The ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers. (*Newsletter Article Writer, News release writer, Stewardship Committee, Letter Writing*)

## Worship

### **101 Usher (9th grade to adult. Younger children may usher with parent.):**

Provide a warm and friendly welcome to guests and members as they come to worship. Distribute bulletins, help with seating, bring the Offering forward. Assist the congregation during communion. Pick up papers, straighten Sanctuary, and record attendance. **(Hospitality, Service)**

### **102 Assisting Minister (9th grade to adult):**

Lead the congregation in prayers, serve Communion, assist as needed to worship go smoothly, edit the Prayers of Intercession to fit our context and then lead the prayers. Optional: help with singing the hymns and liturgy, though this is not expected. **(Music, Faith, Intercession).**

### **103 Greeter (6th grade to adult. Younger children may serve alongside their family.):**

Stand near the outside doors to welcome guests and members as they come to worship. Arrive early to provide a warm and friendly welcome. Help others find restrooms, bulletins, etc. **(Hospitality, Service).**

### **104 Scripture Reader (Open to any age person that is a confident reader):**

Read Scripture lessons during weekend and special services. Readings are mailed to assigned reader a few days prior to the service. **(Service, Faith)**

### **105 Communion Server (having received First Communion to adult):**

Assist with serving communion in worship by distributing bread or wine at the worship services of your choice. **(Service)**

### **106 Altar Guild:**

Prepare and set up Communion before worship services; wash and put away communion ware after worship. Change altar hangings (paraments) and care for altar cloths (launder, iron, and mend as needed); launder the dish towels used in washing communion ware. Be responsible for one month at a time. **(Service)**

### **108 Livestream Camera Operator (Adult or Youth with parent assistant):**

Control camera, set up the livestream to Facebook, and record worship using the livestream computer in the balcony. Training provided. **(Service, Skilled Craft)**

### **109 "Easy Worship" Slide Operator: (Adult or Youth with parent assistant)**

Run the presentation software for the front t.v. and for sending to the livestream during worship and other events. Training provided. **(Service, Skilled Craft)**

### **110 Monitor Sound System: (9th grade to adult)**

Operate sound system during worship, adjusting for proper sound levels. Training available. **(Skilled Craft, Service)**

### **111 Worship and Music Committee:**

Help oversee decisions regarding worship at St. Peter. Plan and implement meaningful worship experiences using art, drama, music, and other creative ideas. **(Music, Leadership, Faith, Wisdom, Artistry, Hospitality, Evangelism)**

### **120 St. Peter Choir (6th Grade to Adult):**

The St. Peter choir rehearses September through May on Wednesday evenings and may sing 1-2 Sundays per month. **(Music)**

### **124 Chime Choir (Youth and Adults):**

Youth and Adults Practice to provide special music for worship services. **(Music)**

### **126 Contemporary Worship Band (Youth or adults):**

Assist with music as a vocalist or instrumentalist during Contemporary worship. The praise and worship band leads worship on the 2nd Sundays of the month. **(Music)**

### **127 Special Music: (children or adults)**

Vocalists, brass, woodwind, string, percussion, and pianists are needed. This could be for a solo or in a group. All ages and abilities welcome. *Please list what type of music / instruments you play on the bottom of the response page.* **(Music)**

### **128 Drama Volunteers: (Youth or Adult)**

Occasionally, we like to tell a story through a skit. If becoming a character is your thing, please tell us. **(Teaching, Writing)**

### **129 Kid's Activity Tote Team:**

Work with a team to make sure the Children's Worship Activity Totes are cleaned and supplied. Done on a rotational basis. As well as work with Pr. Hillary and Sunday School planning team to evaluate materials and supplies at least once a year. **(Service, Administration)**

# Ministry

**201 Church Council (Confirmed youth to adult):**  
Lead the congregation toward fulfilling its purpose and mission. Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The Council is made of members who have been elected by the congregation. Terms are for 3 years. **(Faith, Wisdom, Discernment, Knowledge, Administration)**

**202 Church in Society Committee:**  
This group oversees various teams and ministries that help us to reach out beyond the doors of St. Peter; working locally on feeding the hungry, serving the community, and working for justice in society. **(Mercy, Leadership)**

**203 Come For Supper Planning Team:**  
Help plan for and coordinate the free monthly meal that we offer for the Community. **(Mercy, Hospitality, Administration, Leadership)**

**204 Handy Home Ministries Planning Team:**  
Help guide this new ministry of the congregation that is helping to address housing needs in our community. **(Leadership, Skilled Craft, Administration, Mercy, Discernment)**

**205 Broken Connections Team (Substance Abuse):**  
Help guide the direction that St. Peter takes as we discover how we can best come alongside individuals and families affected by Substance Abuse **(Mercy, Wisdom, Leadership, Administration, Discernment)**

**206 Treasures and Gifts Team:**  
Help guide our congregation in providing ways to discover and share the gifts that God has given in order to better serve one another and the wider community. The goal would be that everyone would be able to find a fun and meaningful way to serve. **(Leadership, Administration, Discernment, Encouragement, Faith, Teaching)**

**207 Drive people to church (adult):**  
Provide rides to your service choice for people of need. **(Mercy, Service)**

**208 Prayer chain (phone):**  
**209 Prayer chain (e-mail):**  
Pray for St. Peter programs and ministries, as well as for persons who request prayers. **(Intercession, Mercy, Encouragement)**

**210 Quilting Group:**  
Help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief at church on the fourth Thursday of the month. Also need people to cut squares and sew squares together at your home. **(Skilled Craft, Service, Artistry)**

**211 Baptismal Banners and Boxes:**  
Help make banners and/or wooden boxes to be given to infants and small children at their baptisms. **(Skilled Craft, Artistry)**

**214 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Helper:**  
Help at Camp Sugar Creek Bible Camp for volunteer days and/or weekends. **(Service)**

**216 Cooking- Prepare**  
Prepare a meal for a fellowship or ministry event. Come For Supper, Lenten Meal, Confirmation meal for Confirmation students on Wednesday nights prior to their class time, etc.. **(Hospitality)**

**217 Cooking- Serve/ Clean-Up:**  
Help serve, package, and/or clean-up for a church-sponsored meal, i.e. Come For Supper. **(Service, Hospitality)**

**218 Cooking - Bring**  
Prepare food or baked goods at home and bring to church for large or small group events. **(Hospitality)**

**219 Serve at Funerals:**  
Help set up, serve food, and clean up for funeral meals. **(Hospitality, Service)**

**220 Family / Intergenerational Mission Trip (all ages):**  
Join other youth and adults in a Mission Trip that is open to all ages and not too far from home. Enjoy family-friendly worship and service opportunities, have fun, and grow in faith together. **(Service, Mercy, Evangelism)**

**221 High School Mission Trip:**  
Participate in a meaningful service and learning trip, where you have lots of opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, and serve others. **(Mercy, Service, Faith, Encouragement)**

**222 Adult / Intergenerational Mission Trip (age 14 and up):**  
Participate in a service trip / cultural learning trip either in the U.S. or abroad. **(Mercy, Service, Evangelism, Encouragement)**

## Ministry / Evangelism / Youth

### 225 Moving Help / Outdoor Chore Help:

#### 226 Indoor Chore Help:

Be on a list of people that we can contact when we people in the congregation or community reach out to the church with a one-time project that they are not able to do themselves (example: help with a move or with packing prior to a move to assisted living). **(Service)**

### 230 Care Ministry Team:

Be trained for visiting congregation members who are homebound or in nursing homes. A visit can include a short devotion alongside time for building relationship. Optional: receive training on being able to bring Communion. **(Mercy, Encouragement, Faith)**

### 231 Caring Caller Team:

Be trained to call congregation members on the phone to offer encouragement, prayer, and/or a check-in. You will be paired with members to call. Some "Caring Callers" also send cards to stay in contact and encourage. **(Mercy, Encouragement, Faith)**

## Evangelism

### 301 Evangelism Committee:

Works to invite and welcome friends, neighbors, and visitors to our community of faith. This group sends cards to Homebound members and visitors, organizes the Radio Devotionals on Wednesday mornings, Ashes to Go, organizes the "Friendly Muggers" who give out St. Peter mugs to visitors, and more.. **(Evangelism, Mercy, Faith, Encouragement)**

### 302 Radio Devotional:

Prepare and record a 90 second devotional to be put on the radio. Try it once or join the team that rotates and serves once a month. **(Faith, Evangelism, Writing)**

### 312 Prison Ministry Team:

Help lead worship at the local Prairie du Chien Correctional Facility. A two-member team leads worship at the Prison the 1st Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m. **(Evangelism, Mercy, Music)**

## Youth

### 400 Parish Education Committee:

Oversee all teams and ministries related to Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Discipleship at St. Peter. **(Leadership, Teaching, Administration, Encouragement, Discernment, Wisdom, Faith)**

### 401 Sunday School Teacher for Preschool—2nd Grade: (Adult)

### 402 Sunday School Teacher for 3rd Grade—5th Grade (Adult)

This is the job for the adult who wants to work with the same group of children all year, building relationships and growing in faith together. You will be a part of a team, so you can rotate teaching responsibilities. Curriculum is provided by the Sunday School Planning Team. Substitutes are always available. At least 6 adults (two teams of 3) are needed to accommodate our classes for these age groups. **(Teaching, Faith, Leadership, Shepherding)**

### 403 Sunday School

#### Substitute Teacher (Adult):

Help out on a more occasional basis with children in Sunday School. **(Teaching, Leadership)**

### 404 Sunday School Helper (Youth or Adult)

Serve as a helper in one of the younger children's Sunday School classes. Help with crafts, encourage the kids, etc. **(Service, Teaching, Encouragement, Faith)**

### 405 Sunday School Music and Opening Time:

If you like to sing and praise God in a kid way, please write this number down. **(Teaching, Music)**

### 406 Sunday School Special Days:

Help plan and carry out the beginning and/or end of year Celebration, a special service project day, or holiday celebration. **(Service, Administration)**

### 407 Children's Christmas Program Planning Team:

Help plan for the annual youth Christmas Program. **(Music, Teaching, Administration, Leadership)**

### 408 Sunday School Planning Team

Help plan for Sunday School curriculum, communications with families, schedule for the year, special events, etc. **(Leadership, Teaching, Administration, Encouragement, Discernment, Wisdom, Faith)**

## Youth / Adult Education

### 410 Confirmation Planning Team

Help plan for Confirmation curriculum, communications with families, schedule for the year, special events, etc.

**(Leadership, Teaching, Administration, Encouragement, Discernment, Wisdom, Faith)**

### 411 Confirmation Teacher:

Plan, prepare, and teach lessons based on curriculum provided by the church. This is a school-year commitment volunteering with Middle school students. **(Shepherding, Encouragement, Teaching, Faith)**

### 412 Confirmation Mentor:

Meet four times during the summer and fall with incoming 9th grade confirmation students for discussion and fellowship. You will receive training during the scheduled "Mentor Night" prior to meeting with your student. **(Shepherding, Encouragement, Teaching, Faith)**

### 413 Confirmation Event Driver (over age 21):

Adults willing to occasionally drive for middle school Confirmation Events. **(Service)**

### 420 Vacation Bible School Planning Team

Help plan for Vacation Bible School curriculum, communications with families, schedule for the year, special events, etc. **(Leadership, Administration, Encouragement, Teaching, Artistry, Faith)**

### 421 Vacation Bible School Volunteer: (6th grade to adult)

Adults - Be a Group Guide, Station leader, or be on the decorating team.

*Youth* - Be a Group guide Assistant, Station leader Assistant, or be on the decorating team. **(Teaching, Service, Music, Artistry, Faith)**

### 422 VBS / Day Camp Hosts - Sugar Creek Counselors:

Provide lodging and/or evening meals for Sugar Creek young adult counselors. **(Hospitality)**

### 423 VBS / Day Camp - Snacks and lunches:

Coordinate snacks and lunches for campers at Day Camp / VBS. **(Service, Hospitality)**

### 424 VBS / Day Camp - afternoon activities:

6th grade to adults needed to supervise afternoon activities during Vacation Bible School **(Teaching, Service)**

### 441 High School Ministry Planning Team (9th grade to adult):

Spend time with HS youth during youth events, alongside staff. **(Leadership, Faith, Encouragement, Shepherding, Teaching)**

### 442 Youth Mission Trip Planning Team (9th grade to adult)

Help plan for a youth mission / service trip and/or outdoor adventure trip for youth and young-at-heart adults. **(Leadership, Administration, Hospitality, Faith, Service, Mercy)**

### 443 ELCA Youth Gathering Planning Team (8th grade to adult):

Help plan for the national youth gathering that occurs every once every three years. **(Leadership, Administration, Hospitality, Faith, Service)**

## Adult

**461 Adult Discipleship Planning Team:** Meet quarterly to plan curriculum, recruit and develop facilitators, develop publicity, and coordinate classes and other offerings for adults. **(Teaching, Knowledge, Shepherding, Faith, Administration)**

### 462 Adult Class Facilitator:

Facilitate a short or long term book or video study or Bible study in a class setting. **(Teaching, Knowledge, Shepherding, Faith)**

### 463 Small Group Facilitator:

Lead a small group of 8-12 people, facilitate the study, coordinate the meeting schedule, encourage caring relationships. Could meet at church or in a home. **(Faith, Knowledge, Shepherding, Teaching)**

**464 Adult Bible Study / Discipleship Group Participant** Participate in a class or small group experience to grow in faith and build friendships. Could meet at church or in a home. **(All gifts, Faith)**

### 465 Women's Circle Bible Study group:

Participate in a once-a-month Bible study group. **(Teaching, Knowledge, Shepherding, Faith)**

### 466 Women of the ELCA Board:

Help oversee ministries and learning activities led by the women of the congregation including: service, learning, outreach, and mission projects. **(Faith, Leadership, Mercy, Administration, Teaching)**

## Fellowship / Support

### Fellowship

#### 501 Fellowship Team

Organize events to help people get to know each other within our Christian community. (Open to any and all ideas. )  
(Leadership, Hospitality)

#### 505 Serve for Coffee Hour:

Set-up, serve, and clean up the coffee and treats on Sunday mornings following worship.  
(Hospitality)

#### 510 Book Club:

St. Peter members and friends reading and discussing books of your choice. (Skilled craft)

#### 520 Christmas Decorating inside the church:

#### 521 Christmas Decorating outdoors at church:

Help decorate the church for Christmas and then in January help take down the decorations.  
(Hospitality, Artistry, Service)

### Support

#### 602 Babysitting (6th grade to adult):

Babysit for special events.  
(Service)

#### 605 Endowment Committee:

Help create the plan for an Endowment Fund at St. Peter, and communicate this proposal to the congregation for approval.  
(Wisdom, Giving, Administration, Knowledge, Leadership)

#### 606 Gifts & Memorial Committee

Meet a couple of times a year to help review the Arnold Week's Memorial Scholarship guidelines and applications. Write thank

you notes for gifts for memorial gifts that have been given.  
(Administrative)

#### 607 Finance Committee

Prepares the annual budget of the congregation and oversees the finances and financial policies of the congregation.  
(Giving, Administration, Leadership)

#### 608 Stewardship for All Seasons Team

Plan, design, and implement opportunities for growing in stewardship, including the annual fund appeal.  
(Giving, Administration, Writing, Leadership, Knowledge)

#### 610 Trustees

Help oversee the maintenance of the church building, church grounds, and the parsonage. Assist with maintenance and decisions as needed. (Service, Skilled Craft, Leadership)

#### 611 Mowing / Landscape Help

Help with mowing or landscape maintenance during the summer. (Service)

#### 612 Spring & Fall Church Cleanup (Outdoors)

#### 613 Spring and Fall Church Cleanup (Indoors):

Help with Spring and/or Fall clean-up outside (612) or inside the church (613).  
(Service, Skilled Craft)

#### 615 Maintenance Team for Church projects:

Provide painting, carpentry, or general handyman services as needed. Please indicate on your particular areas of interest and skill on the response form.  
(Service, Skilled Craft)

#### 617 Handy Home Ministries Project Leader (Age 21+):

Help lead a home repair project to assist low income and/or disadvantaged homeowners. Involves client contact and communication, preparing estimates, purchasing of raw materials, and coordination of volunteers to complete work. (Service, Skilled Craft, Leadership, Mercy)

#### 618 Handy Home Ministries General Volunteer (Age 10+):

Help in a hands-on way to assist with home repairs as a part of our Housing God: painting, carpentry, clean-up, general volunteer, etc. Please indicate your particular areas of interest and skill on the response form.  
(Service, Skilled Craft, Mercy)

#### 621 Telephone Caller:

Make telephone calls to contact people for assistance with events or to obtain information. (Service)

#### 622 Answer Office Phone:

Take phone messages when office staff is unavailable. (Service)

#### 623 Newsletter Assembly:

Help assemble our monthly newsletter for mailing and assist with other office projects/mailings as needed. (Service)

#### 630 Photography and Video:

Be on a list of people that enjoy taking pictures. Be invited to help take pictures / video for an upcoming event. (Service, Skilled Craft)

#### 631 Website/Tech Team:

Provide website and technology support. Possibilities include: review website and suggest updates, help create Power point presentations, etc. (Writing, Service, Evangelism, Skilled Craft)



# Volunteer Response Form - 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age / grade if youth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your selections below by filling in the corresponding opportunity code from the Serving Opportunities Catalog.**

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(Additional Option)

## **Spiritual Gifts:**

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**Please list your top 3 to 5 Spiritual Gifts from the Spiritual Gifts Inventory:**

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- 5.

Areas of interest not listed in the catalog:

One of the things I had the best time doing for a congregation was: