



STEWARDSHIP: SERVING GOD AND EACH OTHER

Stewardship is a Biblical call to manage our gifts so that we can serve God and our neighbor by making the best use of our time, talents, and treasure. When we serve in the church we carry out Jesus' command to love God and neighbor (*Mark 12:30-31*).

As you think about how you can serve at Zion Congregation, consider your gifts, interests, and talents. Imagine what it would look like if every parishioner at Zion set aside a minimum of 3 hours every month to serve the Lord! However you choose to serve, our biggest hope is that you find a ministry you are passionate about.

Financial stewardship is also important. The Bible teaches that "both riches and honor" come from God (*1 Chronicles 29:12*) and "every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (*James 1:17*). Realizing that all we have comes from God's hand, we are free to respond in faith and to give generously as the Lord provides to support and further Zion's ministries.

"All eyes look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:15-16





SERVING YOUR CHURCH

- **Acolyte:** *Assisting the pastor, elders, and worship assistants in worship services*
- **Altar Guild:** *Communion preparation and setting the chancel paraments*
- **Church Cleaning:** *Tidying up the worship area*
- **Church Decorations:** *Making our worship area beautiful for liturgical seasons*
- **Communications:** *Assisting with live stream and recording of worship, Facebook and Website content*
- **Sunday School and Faith Formation Team:** *Helping to prepare materials and serving in classrooms*
- **Organizing Outings and Fellowship opportunities:** *Organizing and helping to coordinate congregation get-togethers*
- **Greeter/Usher:** *Welcoming and guiding people at worship services*
- **Care for church and cemetery grounds:** *Putting your green thumb to good service and caring for the beauty of our parish*
- **Lector:** *Reading Old Testament or Epistle selections in worship*
- **Early Childhood Center:** *Assisting our teachers and staff during open houses and opportunities to welcome the community to our school*
- **Music (Voice and Bell Choir, Music Team):** *Using your talent and love for music (voice or instrument) in worship*
- **Maintenance and Projects:** *(as needed)*
- **Office Help:** *Data entry, filing, phones*
- **Quilters and knitters:** *Making quilts for those in need; Knitting and crocheting wraps for the sick*
- **Welcome Ministry:** *Welcome new parishioners, visitors and guests with postcards and or phone calls*
- **Youth Ministry Team:** *Serving the youth in growing together, socially, spiritually and in service*



SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Our local community is never lacking in needs. Serving our neighbors is a rich part of our Christian tradition. Below are the ways in which we serve our fellow neighbor.

- **Ministry to the Sick in hospital & nursing homes and those who cannot get out and about:** *Bringing fellowship through postcards, letters, and visits*
- **Christmas Ministry:** *Helping to decorate the church and grounds beginning with the Advent season*
- **Neighborhood ministry:** *Walking in nearby neighborhoods and praying for your neighbors; greeting them and introducing yourself*
- **DuPage County PADS:** *(Public Action to Deliver Shelter): Helping to deliver meals to the homeless*
- **LOVE Christian Clearinghouse:** *Working to mobilize others to help the working poor in DuPage County*
- **Comfy Care Critters at Hinsdale Hospital:** *Serving young patients with stuffed animals and cards of prayer*
- **People's Resource Center in Westmont:** *Organizing collection of foods for the needy*
- **Care-Connect Diaper Derby:** *Serving young mothers in need of basics for child-care*
- **Samaritan's Purse:** *Organize collection of toys and school supplies for needing children around the world*
- **Lutherans for Life:** *Coordinate with LFL to keep Life issues before the congregation*
- **Redeeming Life Ministries:** *To help support single expectant and postpartum mothers by providing a safe and stable home. (A new home is coming to Northern Illinois)*
- **Make-A-Wish:** *To help connect needy people waiting for wishes and keeping this ministry before the congregation*
- **Armed Forces:** *To keep those serving in the military in prayer and staying in communication with them while they serve*



SERVING THROUGH FINANCIAL GIVING

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” 1 Peter 4:10.

Serving also comes in the form of financial giving. It is through financial giving that we are able to pay our bills, fulfill mission commitments to the Northern Illinois District, and offer our ministry programs. Financial giving is a personal decision yet Scripture teaches us that we honor God when we recognize that all we have is a gift from Him.

Parishioners can make financial contributions at regular intervals of their choosing (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) by plate offerings, automatic withdraws, or online giving through our website zionhinsdale.org.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce” Proverbs 3:9

A man died and went to heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates with St. Peter, who led him down the golden streets. They walk by mansions and beautiful estates until they come to the end of the road where they stopped in front of a little shack. The man asked St. Peter why he got a simple hut when there were so many mansions where he would be more comfortable. St. Peter replied, “I did the best with the money you sent us.”