

St. Luke's Ministry Directory

1. 8 AM Sunday Altar Assistants

This group sets up and assists at the 8:00 AM Rite I service on Sundays. Pairs typically serve one or two Sundays a month.

For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

2. Acolytes, Crucifers, Sanctus Bell Ringers

These are youth who light candles and ring communion bells each week and adults who carry the cross. They assist throughout the service and typically serve one Sunday a month or less.

Young people may become acolytes after they have completed the solemn communion class, which meets every other year.

Contact Reenie Ruckdaeschel - reenieruck@stlukesevanston.org

3. Affiliated Clergy

Affiliated Clergy are ordained priests and deacons who are members of St. Luke's and are willing to assist on occasion.

For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

4. Altar Guild

This team sets up the textiles, vestments, wine, bread, and tableware used at the altar for Sunday and special services. The commitment on an assigned Sunday is from 9:00-11:00, so approximately 2 ½ hours once or twice a month. We are flexible. Weddings and funerals are usually on Saturdays, and for these we need one or two AG ministers, depending on the size of the celebration.

For more information contact Linda Madigan - lindamadigan77@gmail.com

5. Anti-Racism Task Force

This team helps establish our annual anti-racism goals and sees to their implementation and execution. They work closely with Evanston and diocesan anti-racism bodies. The task force meets once a month.

For more information contact Joe Zurawski - joezurawski838@gmail.com

6. AV (Audio Visual Volunteers)

Folks who run live-stream and sound during the 10:00 AM service.

For more information contact Zayla Carter - zayla.carter@yahoo.com

7. Bread Bakers

People who bake bread for the Eucharist. Bakers are scheduled five or six months in advance on a baking rota. Bakers will bake whole wheat communion bread from a recipe approximately once every other month. Bakers deliver the bread to the Sacristy by 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

For more information contact Peter Finger - pfinger1908@gmail.com

8. Bread Distribution

People who hand out bread during the 10:00 AM Eucharist. Folks serve about once a month.

For more information contact Rick Incorvati - rick.incorvati@northwestern.edu

9. Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry is a committee of parishioners focused on scheduling and coordinating issues related to building or equipment repair and maintenance. We frequently work with outside contractors and inspectors, and ministry members often need to be present at the church at the time of repairs, to answer vendor questions. We track Building and Grounds disbursements to ensure compliance with the annual budget. There is an opportunity for anyone interested in the history of St. Luke's buildings and art to sort and archive documents pertaining to our history. The ministry welcomes parishioners with mechanical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, electrical, or engineering design skills, or anyone interested in assisting in any way to maintain St. Luke's beautiful buildings and grounds.

For more information contact Rosemary Bayzer - rbayzer410@gmail.com

10. Chalice Bearer

Chalice Bearers give out wine at the St Luke's altar during the Sunday 10:00 AM service. People serve about once every two months after training is provided.

For more information contact Rick Incorvati- rick.incorvati@northwestern.edu

11. Chaperones and Mentors

Adults who are willing to help with children's education, acolyting, etc. These ministers have either done the church's safeguarding training or are willing to fulfill the 3-4 hours of video training required to work with the youth at St. Luke's. Chaperones act as the second or third adult in the room for classes and events for children, providing teacher support and helping to keep children engaged. Offerings may include book clubs, Godly Play doorman on Sundays, arts and craft support, or service events. Mentors act as confirmation sponsors/support for an older tween or teen.

For more information contact Reenie Ruckdaeschel - reenieruck@stlukesevanston.org

12. Children's Ed Teachers

Parishioners who assist in teaching our children's programming on Sunday mornings. These ministers have done the church's safeguarding training or would be willing to fulfill 3-4 hours of video training required to work with the youth at St. Luke's. Ministers enjoy working in the Godly Play classroom (training provided) with 3-8-year-olds as teaching assistants or storytellers on scheduled Sunday mornings. Classrooms are open from 9:30 AM until the children return to the nave for the Eucharist. Other opportunities include Creation Formation assistant for ages 9-12 and arts and crafts support for family worship.

For more information contact Reenie Ruckdaeschel - reenieruck@stlukesevanston.org

13. Choir Participant

People who enjoy singing can join either the St. Luke's Choir, the St. Cecilia's Singers, or the Evensong Choir. Treble voices make up the Youth Choir and sing with the Altos, Tenors, and Basses (adults) in the St. Luke's Choir. Members of the St. Luke's Choir rehearse between one and two times a week and before the 10:00 AM service on Sunday. Membership in the Choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing, although some ability to read music is desirable. The St. Cecilia Singers is a family choir for all ages and abilities. The singers rehearse on Thursday evenings, but you may come as often as your schedule permits. The St. Cecilia Singers choir sings at St. Luke's liturgies periodically throughout the year. The Evensong Singers are a choir of adults and teenagers who are unable to commit to the full schedule of the St. Luke's Choir but would still like to sing for Choral Evensong. Please visit the St. Luke's website (stlukesevanston.org) for a more detailed description of the choral program.

For more information contact Andrew Lewis - choirmaster@stlukesevanston.org

14. Events (Internal)

As a member of this team, you might be helping in the areas of organization, décor, setup, serving as a host, food preparation and service, or cleanup. Events include special events such as concerts or Lessons & Carols, parish lunches or dinners, potluck events, memorial service receptions, and more. There are no regular meetings, the time commitment is flexible and event-based, and the main qualification is your love of providing a welcoming atmosphere for guests.

For more information contact Cam Sells - cam.sells@campbellsells.com or Heather Kezdy - hospitality@stlukes.org

15. Flower ministry

Parishioners create flower arrangements for Sunday and special services and then break down the displays to give to parishioners in need of some joy. Flowers arrangers are paired with a professional florist to create Sunday arrangements on Friday or Saturday at a convenient time for both. This typically requires 1-2 hours. After the service, the arrangements are prepared for delivery. People can choose if they would like to serve monthly, quarterly, or for special festivals. Most weeks, after the 10:00 AM service, flowers are delivered to parishioners who are confined to their homes. Watch the newsletter for flower arranging workshops taught by florist, Roger Stanley.

For more information contact Laurie Flanagan - laurie.flanagan2@gmail.com

16. Formation Committee

This committee plans and executes religious education programs for adults, and occasionally children, including classes, retreats, book groups, etc. The committee meets monthly.

For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

17. Gospeler

Person who reads the gospel, assists at communion, invites confession, and bids dismissal. People serve about once every 6 weeks.

For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

18. Green Team

If you care deeply about God's creation and want to work to lead our congregation towards greater justice for the earth and its inhabitants, our KIN, join the St. Luke's Green Team and help establish how the committee works and our priorities for the year. To date we have focused on Formation & Spirituality because the climate crisis is primarily a spiritual one; when we are estranged from God's presence in the world around us and from nature, we harm the planet we call home. We hope to move our buildings and grounds, our waste program, our worship service, our leadership, and our formation offerings toward a recognition of God's call to care for creation.

For more information contact Martha Meyer - mmeyerii@gmail.com

19. Greeter

Parishioners who welcome people to the 10:00 AM Sunday and special services, assist in helping newcomers orient to the space, welcome newcomers, and answer questions after the service.

For more information contact Randy Snurr - rqs314@yahoo.com

20. Healing Prayer Sunday 10 AM

People who anoint and offer healing prayers at the Sunday 10:00 AM service. You might join this ministry if you feel called to care for others and feel confident to pray with another person. You would receive detailed training. A schedule of service is created based on your availability and you would be accompanied by a more experienced Healing Minister initially. Most healing ministers find this work deeply moving.

For more information contact Martha Meyer - mmeyerii@gmail.com

21. Lay Eucharistic Minister/Pastoral Care

People who bring communion to parishioners at their home or in hospitals. Each member serves about two months of the year, visiting people once during that month.

For more information contact Gaylord Brynolfson - g.brynolfson@gmail.com

22. Lector/Reader

The lector/reader reads the Hebrew Scripture and New Testament lesson at the Sunday 10:00 AM service. People are scheduled on a rota and would likely be asked to serve about three times a year.

For more information contact Beth Wright - ewright@saic.edu

23. Legal Assistance

Attorneys in the congregation who are willing to help with church legal matters as needed.

For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

24. Men's Bible Study

Men's group that meets Friday mornings at 6:30 AM hybrid to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Biblical texts. Christian fellowship and lively discussion are hallmarks of Men's Group sessions.

For more information contact Bill McGaghie - wcmc@northwestern.edu

25. Moveable Feast

Teams of 3-4 meet one Saturday a month at church to make 50 bag lunches which they then deliver to another local church for distribution to the homeless population. Each team also has a designated shopper who shops one Saturday a month and delivers the food and staples to St. Luke's but does not necessarily participate in making lunches.

For more information contact Joe Zurawski - joezurawski838@gmail.com

26. Prayers of the People (Reader/Intercessor)

Reads the Prayers of the People at the 10:00 AM Sunday service. People are scheduled on a rotational basis and might be asked to read about 6-8 times a year.
For more information contact Beth Wright - ewright@saic.edu

27. Prayers of the People (Writing)

These volunteers write and edit the weekly Prayers of the People for our Sunday services, as a gift to the community, and as an exercise in spiritual development. General writing instructions are provided, and prayers are written according to a schedule and submitted to an editor who works with the writer. Participants can expect to be assigned to write prayers 1-2 times a quarter. Many people have found this ministry satisfying and we would welcome you to join us.
For more information contact Nancy Nicholson - nancy@nicholson.net

28. St. Luke's Brunch Bunch

For all who attend church solo. We gather for brunch after the 10:00 AM Sunday service once a month.
For more information contact Fran Sweeney - fran.sweeney@icloud.com

29. St. Lydia Society (Planned Giving)

People who have included St. Luke's in a planned deferred gift. Original forms help in St. Luke's office.
For more information contact Rev. Kat Banakis - kbanakis@stlukesevanston.org

30. Vestry (Church Council/Board of Elders)

Body of parishioners elected to oversee finances, property, and vision for St. Luke's. Members serve a 3-year term.
For more information contact Henry Austin - henryaustin@earthlink.net

31. Wednesday 10:00 AM Altar Team

People who read lessons and prayers and assist at communion and healing for the Wednesday 10:00 AM service.
For more information contact LeAnn Gannon - gannonla@gmail.com