

Community Partners Ministry

Purpose: The Community Partners Ministry consists of a group of church members supporting multiple related ministries; keeping in mind the Lord's command to 'feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned'. The Community Partners ministry objective is to help provide for the physical needs of those within the congregation, the community and elsewhere.

Responsible to: The ministry (team) coordinator is Cheryl Bokelmann. The SPLC staff person who supports the ministry is Karen Kogler, the Director of Equipping.

Job description: Each Team Member acts as a project coordinator/liaison with one of our ministry partners. Current ministries and activities include:

- Habitat for Humanity (semi-annual 3 day home build dates);
- Lutheran Child & Family Services (Christmas gift collection);
- Lutheran World Relief (annual personal care kit collection);
- Jehovah Lutheran Church and its School, Good Shepard Christian Academy (Christmas gift collection; annual school supplies collection; semi-annual food collection);
- Meadows Residential Home (Christmas gift collection);
- PADS (meals and overnight shelter provided to local homeless seven times a year);
- Bethesda Lutheran Communities (Christmas gift collection for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living at Bethesda homes);
- Easter flowers and cards are provided for our shut-ins and delivered by congregation members.

Time requirement: Quarterly meetings normally require an hour. Other time varies depending upon the specific ministry project being coordinated.

Length of commitment: There is a minimum one year commitment requested with renewals encouraged.

Training provided: The current coordinator/liaison will train the incoming coordinator/liaison and team members.

Skills/qualifications: Team members should have the desire to work with church members and other Christians while helping others and to shine the light of God's love.

Benefits to the volunteer: This ministry results in fellowship with Christians that will become a friendship bound by God's love.