



Ministry Opportunities

Holy Love Lutheran Church

"Holy Love Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to proclaiming and living the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ as we gather for worship and study and scatter for witness and service to our neighbors."



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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*"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace." I Peter 4: 10*

OUR PLEDGE AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD

WORSHIP — Faithfully

PRAY — For Our Holy Love Families and the World around Us

**PARTICIPATE — In the Ministries of Holy Love Lutheran
Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**CONTRIBUTE — To the Ministries of Holy Love Lutheran
Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

What are my gifts? How will I utilize those gifts to better serve and to participate in the life of Holy Love and in the surrounding community?

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Worship & Music Ministry

Worship services at Holy Love are the cornerstone of our ministry. It is an important outreach into the community whose first contact is probably going to be Sunday morning worship service. We all want to make sure it is as good as it can be. Yet, it is all dependent on volunteers from the congregation to make it happen.

- Acolytes — generally young people who assist the pastor lighting the candles; during the offering; communion, etc.
- Altar guild — these people are in charge of preparing the altar for communion (*filling wine cups, preparing the communion wafers, etc.*)
- Assisting ministers — work with the Pastor to conduct the service. They will often do the prayers of the day and other parts of the service.
- Ushers — hand out church bulletins as people enter, help people find seats, assist with offering and communion.
- Greeters — These people literally are the first people you meet. They stand at the front entrance and welcome people to worship.
- Communion assistants — assist the Pastor during the distribution of communion (*passing out the wine/grape juice.*)
- Lectors — these will read the lessons of the day.
- Serve as a coordinator to handle scheduling of any of the above.

All of these activities requires coordination. This is done through the Worship and Music Committee. They are always looking for members with a passion for Christian worship and music.

- Make banners — the sanctuary is hung with banners marking the seasons of the church. These are made by volunteers in the church.
- Arrange flowers — Flowers are use to decorate the altar, often being donated in honor of someone’s anniversary, birthday, etc.
- Decorate the church for Easter and Christmas.
- Maintain pews by replenishing offering envelopes, prayer cards, pencils, etc.



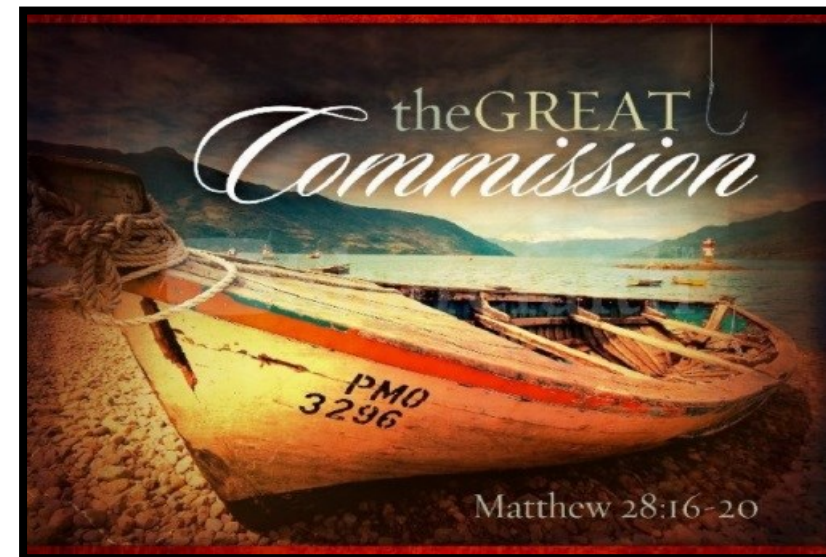
Music is the most sublime kind of worship. It is worship through word and then through the music itself. It resonates in the soul like nothing else. We want to make sure that music is a part of the faith life of Holy Love.

- The Chancel Choir, under the guidance of a director, provides music at worship services, and also does a special service of Lessons and Carols at Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of experience or musical background.
- The “Praise Song” group also provides music at worship services. It is less formal but dedicated to worshipping God through music.
- The Worship and Music Committee can always use people to provide music (instrumental or vocal) for special occasions (e.g. Lenten service cantors) or for summer worship services.
- Serve as an organist/pianist.

EVANGELISM—The Great Commission

Jesus has charged us to make disciples of all peoples. It is our individual and corporate mission. It is how the church not just grows but survives. We all should be a part of that. You can be a part of the evangelism ministry by:

- visiting or phoning prospective members.
- helping with new member receptions/luncheon.
- helping to get the word out to the community around us through publicity and distributing church information packets.
- Serve on a team to organize fellowship activities such as “Faith Day at the Rockies”, Social Networking, Theology Pub, etc.





Finance—Managing God's Money

The finances of the church require the same careful Christian care that we apply to all of our efforts. This too is God's work, using our hands and minds.

- Help by counting the Sunday offering
- Conduct the yearly audits of the church and the preschool.
- Serve as Treasurer (*in charge of paying bills, etc.*) or Financial Secretary (*in charge of taking and accounting for people's offerings and other financial contributions*).
- Help prepare the annual church budget.
- Become a member of the Finance team and help to oversee the churches financial health on an ongoing basis.
- Help promote special fund raising programs.
- Promote programs such as "Simply Giving" and "Thrivent Choice Dollars."



PRESCHOOL

Holy Love has one of the best Preschools in the area, staffed by wonderful teachers. It is an integral part of Holy Love and has been for many years.

- You can serve as a guide and help students and teachers by serving on the Preschool Board.
- Classroom reader for its students to improve their literacy.
- Provide or organize special programs (*police, firemen, etc.*)



...a fun place to
play and learn!



Property—Buildings and Grounds

The physical property that we use at Holy Love is an important source of outreach to the community as well as a beautiful setting for our own worship and ministry. Its upkeep are an expression of our faith. If you have been blessed with the talents, or at least the desire, to keep and maintain that property as a service to the ministry of Holy Love, there are many opportunities to serve.

- Help maintain the landscaping, the lawns, and flower beds. For example, each summer, mowing teams are formed to take care of the lawn for a couple of weeks or so during the season.
- Twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, there are congregational clean up days. Come for the day, or an hour.
- Do routine maintenance (painting, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, and sprinkler systems.)
- The church needs to be accessible to all at all times. Be part of the team that does snow removal.
- A small group of people calling themselves the “Church Mice” meet periodically to do work around the church (*painting, weeding, minor maintenance, etc.*) They are always looking for people to help out.



Christian Outreach

While we cannot “work” our way to heaven, doing God’s work in the world is a necessary part of who we are as Christians. It is our calling. We can and should do God’s work through the many avenues of service open to us at Holy Love. Holy Love has an enviable record of providing outreach by going out into the community to volunteer and by bringing community groups into our facility. We can always do more.

- Help find new opportunities to serve and bring those to the church.
- Participate in cooking and serving meals at Ronald McDonald House.
- Help put together and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to those who are in need.
- Help organize the Christmas Angel Tree Project to buy gifts for people who otherwise might never have them.
- Raise money for the annual CROP Walk for hunger by walking yourself, or by sponsoring a walker.
- Provide non-perishable foods for the food banks in the area.
- Serve in many ways for the 9Health Fair as either a medical or non-medical volunteer.
- Build homes for the homeless by volunteering for Holy Hammers — Habitat for Humanity.
- Help organize and/or participate in the annual “God’s Work. Our Hands” service day.
- Join the “Holy Knit Wits” to knit and/or crochet scarves and hats for those in need.





Stewardship

Faith should involve every part of our lives.

Faith calls on all of us to be ready to share

finances, time and whatever gifts of the Holy Spirit we may have been given, to further the ministry of God here and in the wider world. This can be done by serving on the Stewardship Committee throughout the year, or for specific projects, such as the annual stewardship campaign.

- Help with planning and executing the stewardship efforts here at Holy Love.
- Share your own faith story and how your values and what motivates you are translated into your faith through temple talks, Mission Bell articles and special presentations.



Intergenerational Ministry

It is important that all of the members of this community, young and old (er) get to know each other. The family is an integral part of that and you want to support their unique faith journeys. Holy Love is committed to providing opportunities for that to happen.

Help plan and organize intergenerational events that bring all of us together (*James Hersch Annual Program; meals and programs for special holidays and events.*)

- Assist by creating power points and slideshows for special events and assist with special mailings.





Youth Ministry

Do you want to be sure that the faith you received from your parents, grandparents and others in your life continues to live and grow in the young people around you?

Here are some of the opportunities to do that at Holy Love:

1. If you remember and value how your faith was first formed by those who taught you the great stories of the Bible when you were young, here are ways to pass that on.
 - Become a Sunday School teacher or assistant for the young children/youth.
 - Become a mentor and teacher for the Middle School and Senior High youth.
2. Confirmation can and should be a cornerstone of a young person's faith journey.
 - Help in providing assistance to the confirmation training classes (act as a small group guide, offer skits, sit in on confirmation classes and/or help plan content subject matter for classes.
 - Become a mentor to a confirmand during Lent.
 - Provide food for the confirmands on the nights of instruction.
 - Drive the children/youth to offsite events and chaperone them while they are there.



3. Day Camp in the summer is a great opportunity for children/youth to learn about their faith in a safe supportive and fun environment. It also is a great outreach into our community for children/youth who don't belong to Holy Love.
 - Help make that possible by leading and planning Day Camp as a director or part of the planning staff.
 - Be a teacher or assistant either for the entire week or for a day.
 - Provide meals and snacks for the children/youth and the teachers.
 - Help provide necessary craft materials.
 - Part of the Camp staff comes from one of the ELCA Summer Camp programs. Offer to house them in your home for the week.
4. A strong youth program is important for the health to our young people of our congregation and to the well-being this community as a whole.
 - Help plan and execute youth events.
 - Drive the young people to offsite activities, and chaperone and participate with them.



CHURCH LIBRARY

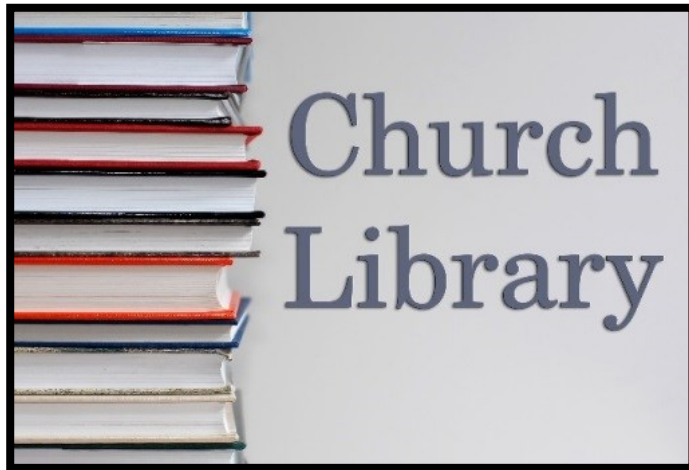
“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



Church Library

Holy Love has its own library where you can go to obtain materials on Christian faith to read and videos to watch and perhaps share with your family and loved ones.

- In order to assure that these materials continue to be available to all, you can help by serving as a librarian for a month.
- Review existing materials and recommend new materials.



Bible Studies

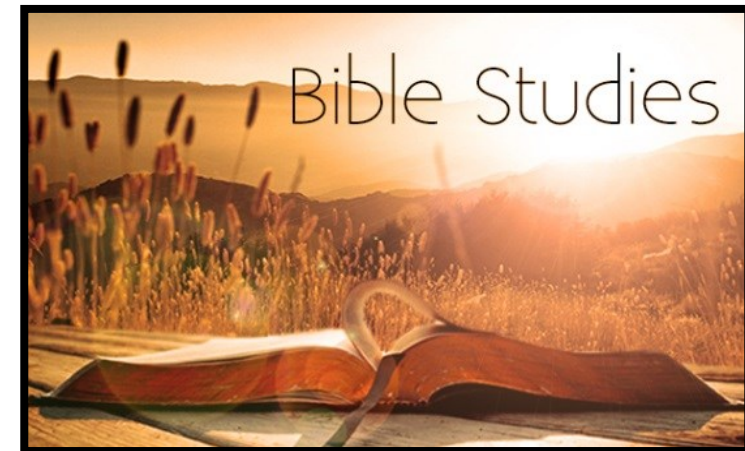
Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Studies

The reading and study of the Bible is important to everyone's faith journey. It helps us to understand what faith means to each of us and helps us grow as Christians.

- Continue your own journey and help others along a similar road by leading adult forum.
- Lead a Bible study. There is an active women's Bible study that you can join and help lead. There is room for a men's Bible study or a general Bible study for all people. All it requires is someone to step up and provide the initial leadership.
- Help to plan special educational events that illuminate our shared faith.





Care Ministry

We are a community of believers. It is important that we help each other in times of crisis, through times of grief,

and help celebrate times of great joy.

- Coordinate or participate in a Prayer Chain.
- Visit or phone the sick & shut-ins at home, nursing home or hospitals.
- Help to coordinate and/or provide transportation for families with emergencies or in need of services.
- Provide meals to shut-ins or families with emergencies.
- Serve on “Serving Hands” team (*funeral receptions*) by providing food for funeral receptions and/or provide help in set up or clean-up for funeral receptions.

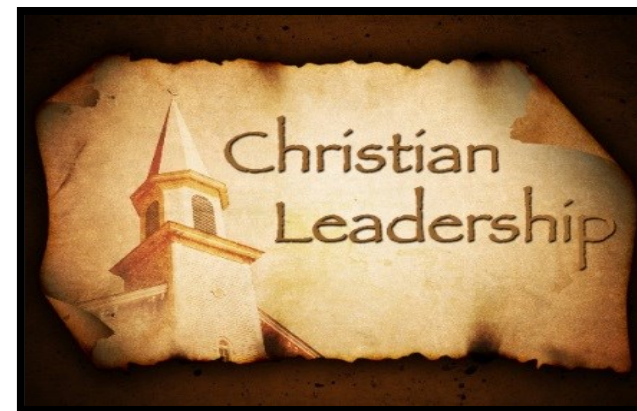


Christian Leadership

The church requires leadership not just from the Pastor and staff. The lay members are vital

leaders in any healthy congregation.

- Lay leadership at Holy Love is centered on the Congregational Council. It runs and guides the everyday business of running the church. Members are elected by the Congregation and serve two-year terms. Council is led by an elected executive team consisting of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The Council meets monthly to make decisions on behalf of the church. Generally, members are asked to serve as a liaison to a committee or group in the church. Inquire about how you can be considered for Council.
- Be a member of the Nominating team, charged with identifying leaders (including officers and council members) and asking them to serve.
- Serve as a delegate to the ELCA annual Synod Assembly.



CHURCH OFFICE

Church Office

The church office is an important place. It provides the point of contact to many ministries and is the place where many of the tasks necessary to our ministry occur. The church office manager, a paid staff position, provides most of the services in the office.

- Substitute in the church office when the church office manager is away.
- Help with stuffing/folding/mailings/newsletter, etc.



MINISTRIES IN NEED OF CHAMPIONS

Every ministry requires someone to organize and promote it. Here are some things that could use that person, maybe you?

- Stephens Ministry – it is an independent, not-for-profit Christian educational organization. Its main activity is the training of Stephen Leaders who then train others to be Stephen Ministers. Capable of accompanying those who are facing some crisis in life, for instance, illness, death of a loved one, divorce, relocation, or financial setback.
- Health and Care Teams Ministry – Many churches have a separate group to provide a number of services-visits to the sick or shut-ins, help with meals for parishioners recovering from an illness, ability to organize food for a funeral, etc. This is being provided in many cases, but could use an organizing influence.
- Chimes Choir – Until recently, Holy Love had a chimes choir, involving people of all ages. There is currently no director.
- WELCA – Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America is a nation-wide organization for Lutheran women. It has in the past conducted a women's retreat, social outings, charity fundraisers, and more. We haven't had an active Women's group for a number of years.
- Nursery Attendants – Some churches provide attendants for young children while parents attend church services. Holy Love has a nursery, but has not offered attendants for a number of years.
- Social events for people over 50, for young adults, holiday parties of all kinds.



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