

Hearing God's Call,



Our Gifts of Time & Talent

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In the life of the church many hands, hearts, and minds are necessary to fulfill God's purpose. Each and every person at McFarland Lutheran has gifts given by God for their spirit, heart, mind and hands to use for His glory. There are many roles and tasks in this congregation that will only continue through your faithful energy and assistance.

Please read, pray, consider, and then complete this Time & Talent form for the specific ways God is calling you to use your gifts in 2014. More forms are available at church for multiple person households. Please return your forms to the basket in the Gathering Space or mail to the church office. If you have any questions please call Huldah Ellestad at 838-3184 ext.108, or email hellestad@mcfarlandlutheran.org

Name _____ __Adult __Teen

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

_____ Occupation _____

Preferred Email _____

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email? ___ Yes (continue)(begin) ___ No

Please use this form to indicate your commitment of gifts. Each year, every individual in your family (ages 12 & up) is invited to complete a separate form. Please mark *only* those items you wish to continue or to begin participating in. If you have no changes from the form you filled out last year, please mark the Quick Check Box below. Thank you!

I will continue to serve exactly as I have served in the past year

How is God calling me to serve?

Serving God and congregation...

In the practice of worship...

- Communion helper
 - 8:00 9:15 10:30
- Usher 8:00 9:15 10:30
- Lector 8:00 9:15 10:30
- Assist with Saturday evening worship
- 9:15 Chair Set Up
- Deliver communion to homebound
- Tape worship events during 8:00 am
- Deliver Sunday worship audio tapes
- Assisting Minister
- Altar Guild/Sacristan

In welcoming and serving others...

- Doorkeeper Open Close
- Greeter 8:00 9:15 10:30
- Welcome Center 8:00 9:15 10:30
- Nursery Helper 8:00 9:15 10:30

In reflection and prayer...

- Participate in Prayer Chain Ministry

In growing spiritually...

- Bethel Series
- Befriender training
- Bible Study (also see educate adults)
 - Women's Circle
 - In-home Group Study
 - General Group Bible Study

In serving children...

- Baptismal program mailings
- Christmas program leadership
- Christmas program helper
- Vacation Bible School Leadership
- Vacation Bible School teacher/Helper
- CLM Board member
- CLM classroom volunteer
- Share interests and time with CLM children

In educating children...

- Children & Family Ministry Team
- Sunday School Rotation Teacher
- Sunday School Shepherd
- Substitute Teacher or Shepherd

In serving teens and young adults...

Confirmation (6th – 9th grade)

- Help lead / organize youth event
- Drive for youth events
- Provide food for youth events
- Help with High School Breakfast (Wednesdays ~ 6:00am - 7:15 am)
- Help organize mailings for post high school age (18 to 23 year olds)
- Youth Bulletin Board

In educating teens and young adults...

- Confirmation teacher (6th – 9th grade)
- Assistant to Confirmation teacher
- Hold a workshop on a topic of interest
- Be a Guest Speaker

In educating adults...

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (1st Sat.month)
- Women's Breakfast/Bible Study (3rd Sat.)
- Bethel Series
- Adult education leader
- Adult education participant
- Lead a workshop or class
- Share area of expertise with: adult class
- Befriender Class, support group, etc.

In leadership within the church...

- Children & Family Ministry
- Congregational Council
- Evangelism Team
- Faith Formation Team
- Finance Board
- Health & Social Wellness Team
- Information Technology Advisory Group
- Personnel Board
- Properties Board
- Stewardship Ministry Team
- Attend Synod Assembly
- Worship Planning Team

In my musical abilities...

- Children's Choir
- Senior Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Vocal solos/ensembles
- Instrumental solos/ensembles
- Liturgical Dance
- Instrumental Accompaniment

In my gifts in decorative & visual arts...

- Take Photos of MLC Events
- Banners (sewing/painting/hanging)
- Decorative Arts Team (seasonal displays)
- Piece Corps (Quilters)
- Make Posters
- Assist with Bulletin Boards
- Graphic Design

In using my gifts to feed and serve...

- Sunday Hospitality Team (*servicing*)
- Preparing treats for Sunday morning
- Clean-up kitchen on Sunday/Monday
- Provide food for Special Events
- Kitchen Help/Serve Special Event
- Provide food for Advent/Lent meals
- Serve/help for Advent/Lent meals
- Shared Table Community meals
- Help with funeral Meals
- Provide food for youth events
- Help with High School Breakfast ..
.....(Wednesdays ~ 6:00am - 7:15 am)
- Preparing meals for members going through difficult times

In listening and caring...

- Over 80 Birthday Visits
- Sponsor New member
- Newborn Ministry (*make/deliver baby quilts to new moms*)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Knit/Crochet*)
- Conduct Blood Pressure Checks

In serving the community and world...

- Mailings to Military Service people
- Global Mission Vision Team member
- Participate in mission events:
 - ELCA Sponsored Global Mission Ev.
 - MLC mini-global mission event
 - Puerto Rico
- Address World Hunger Issues
- LWR Kits (*school, hospice, etc.*)
- Refugees (*assist team*)
- Deliver Food Donations to Food Pantry

In caring for all of creation...

- Adopt-a-Highway
- Tending church building flower beds
- Greenery trimming & maintenance
- Care of Creation Ministry Team
- Care of Creation Events &/or projects

In using my organizational skills...

Office Help: General Mailings

Newsletter Assembly phone

Print & fold Newsletter

LibraryTeam: Process materials

In Sharing of Self & Expertise ...

- Carpentry/woodworking
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Painting &/or staining
- Manage A/V equipment/needs
- Setup/run AV equip. for church events
- General labor
- Cleaning
- Window washing
- Lawn care (mowing, etc.)
- Snow Shovel Walkways

Social and church events...

- Congregation Special Events
- Family Events
- Youth Events
- Tape/Film Special Events
- Take photos of MLC Events
- Men's Board Game Events
- Mom's Night Out Events
- Pumpkin Fest
- Kid's Craft Time (Advent/Lent)

Other Skills & Expertise

___I know another language:_____

___I'm willing to phone (call) people

___I'm great at brainstorming

___I'm good with numbers & budgeting

___I'm good at organizing

___I have website or computer expertise

