

## 20 Ways to Serve in the Ministries of St. Stephen's

**Acolyte** – Assist priest/deacon during liturgy...both young people and adults are needed at both the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday services and on special occasions. Acolytes are trained in the parish and serve at scheduled times.

**Adult Education** – Assist Vicar in developing and presenting Adult Christian Education and Formation programs such as Education for Ministry and the Friday Morning Bible Study. Time commitment varies according to program.

**Altar Guild** – The love and care of setting the altar and maintaining sacred vessels and equipment used in worship. Time commitment includes regular monthly meeting, assigned turn on the altar, and seasonal workdays.

**Bishop's Committee/Delegate** – Bishop's Committee members are elected at the Annual Meeting in January. Serve as a leader in the church with an assigned portfolio. Time commitment varies with committee responsibilities and monthly meeting. We also elect delegates to both Diocesan Convention and Deanery 7 meetings at either the Annual Meeting or at a Bishop's Committee meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Assist warden in overseeing the maintenance of our physical plant. Special skills such as carpentry and electronics are especially needed. Time commitment varies according to project and sometimes a special committee forms such as the one currently working on the churchyard.

**Children/Youth Ministry/Nursery** – Assist Vicar in developing and presenting Children/Youth Ministry programs such as Sunday School, Nursery, Vacation Bible School, Summer Camping Program, Catechism, Girls' Friendly Society, The Hall, Wacky Wednesday and Youth Group. Time commitment varies according to program/activity. Completion of Safe Church training required.

**Choir/Music/Worship** – Choir members sing at the second Sunday service and other special occasions. Their regular practice is on Monday afternoons, though other practices may be scheduled. Other musical gifts such as playing instruments are welcome, as are dramatic and other talents that can enhance worship. Persons of all ages are welcome to participate!

**Coffee Hour Host** – Sets up, provides refreshments for, serves during, and cleans up after coffee hour following either the 8:00 or 10:00 Sunday service. Hosts typically sign up according to the service they attend.

**Communications** - Assist with written, telephone and electronic communications to parishioners. Develop and distribute news releases. Help maintain parish website and Facebook page. Time commitment varies according to project.

**Community Outreach** – St. Stephen's supports many outreach programs in Beaumont/Banning/Cherry Valley including: Carol's Kitchen, Table of Plenty, Faith in Action, House of Decision, Hope, Empathy, Love & Prayer (H.E.L.P.), CalWorks GAIN, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital, Blessings in a Backpack, Pass Jobs Connection, Relay for Life, The Light of the World Ministries and more. Time commitment varies with need.

**Daughters of the King** – DOK is an international order for women who subscribe to a Rule of Life and assist the priest in praying daily for the needs of our parish community. Time commitment includes daily prayer and monthly meeting.

**Finance and Administration** – Assist Vicar, Warden and Treasurer in areas such as budget, financial planning, human resources and stewardship. Time commitment varies according to project.

**Greeter/Usher/Hospitality** – Welcome parishioners to services. Help orient newcomers and visitors. Hand out bulletins. Help seat and direct communicants to the altar rail for Eucharist. Some activities are scheduled, others vary.

**Lay Eucharistic Minister** – Assists the priest in serving the Sacraments to communicants during Holy Eucharist services. Training and certification required. LEMs serve according to a schedule.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitor** - Take the Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins. Training and certification required. Completion of Safe Church training required. LEV schedule varies according to parishioner needs.

**Lector/Intercessor** – Lectors read a lesson and lead the psalm during worship. Intercessors lead the prayers of the people during worship. Both Lectors and Intercessors are trained and certified in the parish, and serve according to a schedule.

**Men's Ministry** – Assist Vicar in developing activities and programs to serve the men who worship at St. Stephen's.

**Office Assistant** – Assists office secretary with any extra heavy work load. Time commitment varies with project.

**St. Mary's Guild** – All women of the parish are members and encouraged to pay \$5 annual dues to become voting members. The Guild sponsors several outreach and inreach programs, including the Christmas Tree Festival. Commitment includes attending regular meetings, paying annual dues and participating in programs.

**Technology** – Help operate and maintain parish computers, sound system, and video recording equipment. Time commitment varies according to project.

**Everyone has gifts to share!**