

Ministry Snap Shots - ELCA Metro St. Louis Coalition Ministries

The St. Louis region is blessed with a wide variety of ELCA Endorsed Ministries to serve those in need within our community. These ministries are a blessing to the people they serve. Each ministry is experiencing a tremendous need for volunteers at this time. Volunteer opportunities range from one-time to weekly opportunities. Please contact the Metro Coalition Office at (314)725-9710 to learn more about how you can be a blessing to others through sharing your time to serve those in need through one of these ministry opportunities.

Bethel Lutheran School - Provides High Quality Individualized Instruction in a Christian Environment and a Culturally Diverse Setting

Chinese Lutheran Church - Provides Worship, English as a Second Language (ESL), Asian Community Resource Center, Information/Resource Referral, Senior Citizens Service

Community Mediation & Neighborhood Peace Center - Provides Mediation Service throughout Area and Community-Building Programs in the Columbia Elementary Area

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Provides Worship, Christian Education, Sunday Morning Breakfast Program to feed those in need, Prison Bus Ministry, Narcotics Anonymous, and a Food Pantry.

Joni and Friends - Gateway - Collects and refurbishes used wheel chairs for distribution overseas through evangelical outreach; provides Family Retreats where people with disabilities and their families find rest, support, counsel, encouragement, and recreation; provides free Christian literature to persons with disabilities; offers training and resources for churches as they develop & expand disability ministries.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - Provides Opportunities for Worship, Serving Others, Asking Questions, and Developing Friendships and Community

Lutheran School of Theology - Provides Unique Learning Opportunities through Challenging and Enriching Study as well as Practical Application of the Word as it Speaks to our Times

ELCA Metro St. Louis Coalition - Congregations, Missions, and Endorsed Ministries Working Together in Mission and Ministry

St. Louis Area Christian Links - Multi-denominational website that publicizes church/church agency academic, campus ministry, concert, dinner/lunch, drama, education, fundraiser, meeting, reunion, sport, Vacation Bible School (VBS), worship service or other upcoming non-commercial public events on an on-line calendar. Church/church agency website links, worship schedules, parochial school information, church/church organization employment opportunities, usable items donation, church website services, and requests and opportunities for volunteers are also online at www.stlchristian.net. There is no monetary cost for these services.

Serving Our Community Kids (S.O.C.K.S.) - Provides Socks, Underwear, and Shoes to Public Charities in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

Volunteer Opportunities - Metro St. Louis Coalition

The Metro St. Louis Coalition consists of Congregations, Missions, and Endorsed ministries partnered together on both sides of the Mississippi River, who are working together in ministry and mission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This listing of Volunteer Opportunities was put together by the Metro St. Louis Coalition as a service to the "Generous Hearts & Hands" Endorsed Ministries within the St. Louis area. Please prayerfully consider serving those who are in need within our community through one of these organizations. Thank you.

For more information about the "Generous Hearts & Hands" Ministry Team of the ELCA Metro St. Louis Coalition, please contact Terry Moore, Executive Director, at (314)725-9710.

Bethel Lutheran School -located at the corner of Forsyth and Big Bend, across from Washington University, is dedicated to providing high quality individualized instruction in a Christian environment and a culturally diverse setting for grades pre-K - 8. Bethel Lutheran School seeks to nurture the spiritual child according to his or her unique abilities and challenges. The school is nationally accredited.

Available volunteer opportunities are mentor, tutor, computer technology support, library assistant, development and marketing help, and grant writer. For more information please contact Sandy Kalin at (314)863-3111 or bethelschool@bethelkids.org.

Community Mediation & Neighborhood Peace Center -offers mediation service to people in dispute throughout the St. Louis area as well as provides community-building programs in the Columbia Elementary area of the JeffVanderLou neighborhood in north St. Louis city. Their mission is to spread a ministry of reconciliation in St. Louis whenever and wherever they can.

If you are interested in learning about skills that help in conflict transformation and in learning to be a facilitator of such transformation, please contact us about serving as a Community Mediator. We are willing to train individuals to co-mediate disputes between neighbors in the St. Louis region (training 32 hours, volunteer opportunities - once per month for 2-3 hours).

If you have a green thumb or like to work with children, or like to weed (yes, there are people who like to weed!) than the Columbia Peace and Hope Garden is the place for you. Come help out as little or as much as your schedule allows at our school/community garden which is making a green impact in the JeffVanderLou Neighborhood of St. Louis.

Contact Rev. Mary Hellwig at (314)533-3550 or stlouismennopeace@hotmail.com for more information about these opportunities to help.

Immanuel Lutheran Church -is located in the inner city of St. Louis, committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prayers and visitors are welcome to support this inner city ministry.

Volunteers from local churches would be welcomed to partner with the congregation of Immanuel to provide a Breakfast Program on Sunday mornings to feed those in need, supplement their Food

Pantry with food donations, and enrich their church service with special music on Sundays. Other volunteer opportunities include cemetery maintenance (from supervision, grass cutting, to chain saw cutting of trees), interior maintenance and re-modeling of the building (from striping floor in basement, to painting, to remodeling bathroom and repairing plumbing), VBS volunteers, grant writers, web master, speakers at breakfast times, and people to run and support a capital campaign. Immanuel would be a great place to do mission work.

For more information, contact Rochelle at (314) 381-8771 or e-mail Rochelle at Immanuel_Rocki@yahoo.com, Cornelius Davis, worship and Worship Director at Immanuel_Corn@yahoo.com, or Rev. Winston Loyd Jr. at Immanuel_RevLoydJr@yahoo.com.

Joni and Friends - Gateway - In response to the Lord's mandate in Luke 14, the mission of Joni and Friends is to communicate the Gospel and equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities. Its ministries include *Wheels for the World, Family Retreats, Special Delivery, and Through the Roof*.

Volunteer opportunities: host a local wheelchair collection drive; pick up, triage, and transport used wheelchairs; sew wheelchair seat cushion covers, wheelchair bags, and teddy bears; use "On a Roll for Jesus" in VBS or Sunday School; travel overseas to distribute refurbished wheelchairs; serve a child who has a disability and his/her family during a one-week retreat; visit (locally) those with disabilities and deliver encouraging books, tapes and videos; facilitate the development or enhancement of disability ministry in the volunteer's congregation. Please contact Rev. Gary Voss at (314)522-6908, (877)522-6908 (toll-free) or gvoss@joniandfriends.org for more information.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - (LCM) offers a "place of grace" in the Lutheran tradition. Reaching out to all Lutheran students and welcoming all who are interested, LCM seeks to help students celebrate God's love in worship, to serve others, to ask questions, to develop friendships and community and to become leaders in any of these areas. We do all this because we are convinced of God's unbounded love for us in Christ Jesus. Students are welcomed into ministry with us through worship, fellowship, and faith connection/community service opportunities.

The leadership teams at Washington University and St. Louis University are undergraduate students involved in the planning, leading, and evaluating LCM programming. They welcome ideas and more leaders! LCM would also like to have someone to help coordinate and schedule student volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Rebecca Boardman at (314)863-8140 or LCM@sugroups.wustl.edu.

Lutheran School of Theology at St. Louis - (LST) is a ministry of the Metro St. Louis Coalition of ELCA Congregations. Established in 1995, LST offers unique learning opportunities for lay people, professional church workers, and candidates for theological degrees. LST is committed to challenging and enriching study as well as practical application of the Word of God as it speaks to our times.

LST would appreciate assistance at a service event, donating theology books and scholarships, writing grants for teaching, and website and database maintenance. For more information, please contact Rev. Keith Holste at (314)368-9180 or pkholste@hotmail.com.

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sport, Vacation Bible School (VBS), worship service or other upcoming non-commercial public events on an on-line calendar. Church/church agency website links, worship schedules, parochial school information, church/church organization employment opportunities, usable items donation, church website services, and requests and opportunities for volunteers are also online at www.stlchristian.net. There is no monetary cost for these services.

St. Louis Area Christian Links needs prayers for survival and much more congregational participation.

Serving Our Community Kids (S.O.C.K.S.) - providing socks, underwear, and shoes to public charities for homeless or at risk children in the St. Louis metropolitan area for the strengthening of homeless families in their effort to gain self-sufficiency.

Volunteer opportunities as internet researcher, fund raiser, and a grant writer are available. SOCK'S is also in need of use of a 15,000 sq. ft. warehouse to serve as a distribution center. For more information, please contact Jerry Doud at (314)628-9032.

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