

***Living Your Faith Opportunities:
Sharing Your Time, Talents, and Treasures
To the Glory of God,
For the Good of Our Neighbors***



OUR MISSION is to share Jesus Christ with our members and others through worship, education, witness, giving and stewardship so that all who hear may believe in Him and become free to act as responsible persons before him, our Lord and Savior.

OUR PURPOSE is to grow in discipleship!

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Grounding Scripture Passages

“Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

“And Jesus came and said to [the disciples], “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, *as you are going*, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Quick Notes/Context Before Exploring This Form:

Here at Abiding Christ, we wholeheartedly believe that the faith God has gifted us through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit is transformative—comforting our hearts *and* enlivening us to make a difference in this world that God so loves (John 3:16-17). By God’s grace, we not only grow in our faith, but we are committed and excited to *live* our faith *in community*. This *Living Your Faith Opportunities* form is one way to ponder, discover, and connect with how the Holy Spirit is empowering *you* to live out your faith in this particular season of life.

Here are a few helpful definitions:

We organize what we do as a church community under four ***Ministry Teams***. These teams are: *Worship and Music Team, Faith Formation Team, Faith in Action Team, and Management Team*. Each team oversees and empowers specific ministries that emerge from our shared mission of loving God and loving our neighbors.

Ministry groups typically meet monthly to discuss/plan church events and opportunities. Ministry Groups help ensure happenings across the church community are lived out with intentionality and are meaningful for participants and volunteers alike.

Living Your Faith (LYF) Opportunities tend to be more specific ways of serving as part of the church community (ex. Reading the lessons at one of the Sunday Morning Worship Services, serving and/or preparing meals for Wednesday Night Worship programming, teaching a specific age group during Sunday School, etc.) LYF Opportunities are excellent ways to pair the gifts/experiences you have with a need/opportunity to make a difference. This can also be a space to learn and grow in an area with others who are drawn to similar passions and projects for the sake of the world.

You are most welcome to sign up for any combination of ministry groups and LYF opportunities. For both ministry groups and LYF Opportunities, our teams and staff are ready and excited to accompany you along the way so you may feel both *equipped* and *empowered* to *live your faith* and, in the process, *grow in your faith* in meaningful ways— all to the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbors.

Form Key: As you prepare to complete this form, indicating how you feel called to live out and grow in your faith as part of the Abiding Christ family, *we ask that you please use the following symbols along the way:*

 – I would like to *start* participating in this area of ministry.

 – I would like to *continue* serving in this area of ministry.

 – I would like someone to reach out to me to share more about this area of ministry before becoming more involved.

On behalf of our teams, staff, groups, and the whole Abiding Christ family, we thank you for your prayerful consideration of how God is calling and empowering you to live out your faith as part of this community that the Holy Spirit has gathered together for the sake of the world. We are excited to serve with you and are praying for you every step of the way!

Your fellow collaborators and partners in ministry,
Pastor June Fryman, Pastor Andrew Thompson,
Deacon Robyn Poling, and Deacon Nancy Trimble
Abiding Christ Lutheran Church Council

The Worship and Music Team

Ministry Groups

- ___ Sunday Morning Worship (Worship Planning)
- ___ Arts (Liturgical Art & Drama)
- ___ Wednesday Night Worship (Worship Planning)

Living Your Faith Opportunities:

- ___ Sunday Communion Assistant
- ___ Sunday Reader
- ___ Sunday Acolyte
- ___ Sunday Usher
- ___ Sunday Offering Counter
- ___ Sunday Liturgical Assistant
- ___ Sunday Adult Choir
- ___ Sunday Home Communion Assistant
- ___ Sunday Altar Guild
- ___ Sunday Adult Bells
- ___ Sunday Band

Preferred Sunday Worship Time for Serving:

___ 8:30 am ___ 11:00 am

- ___ Wednesday Liturgical Assistant
- ___ Wednesday Reader
- ___ Wednesday Worship Band

Please share what musical gift you would like to offer
and/or develop: _____

___ Summer Musical (onstage, backstage, tech, ushering)

___ Instrumentalist (list instruments)

___ Banner design & construction

___ Decorating the church for liturgical festival days

The Faith Formation Team

Ministry Groups:

- ___ Growing With God Forever (Sunday School, Lighthouse, VBS)
- ___ Family Milestones (baptism, first communion, confirmation, graduation, Bible presentations)
- ___ School Year Events (Rally Day, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter)

Living Your Faith Opportunities:

Sunday School Teacher (9:45am-10:45am)

- ___ Wee Ones (infants & toddlers)
- ___ Pre-K – grade 6
- ___ Confirmation (grades 7-8)
- ___ High School (grades 9-12)
- ___ Young Adult
- ___ Adult

- ___ Sunday Children's Time Assistant
- ___ Wednesday Children's Time Assistant
- ___ Youth Group Volunteer (7th - 12th grade)
- ___ Sprouts: Growing in Faith (Monthly Pre-K to 6th Grade Sunday Afternoon Event)
- ___ Rally Day Volunteer (Fall Sunday School kick-off event)
- ___ The Lighthouse Volunteer (Summer Sunday School program)
- ___ Facilitate/Lead Weekly Bible Study Group
- ___ Vacation Bible School Volunteer/Helper
- ___ VBS Kick-off event & education fundraiser volunteer
- ___ Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer (day before Easter)
- ___ Assemble baskets for baptisms
- ___ Food prep/set-up Volunteer for Faith Formation Team events
- ___ Keep Busy Bags clean and filled
- ___ Volunteer as nursery attendant during Sprouts
- ___ Keep Nursery clean and organized

The Faith in Action Team

Ministry Groups:

- ___ Nurture (member/ministry partner care)
- ___ Outreach (social ministry & community outreach)
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ Connections

Living Your Faith Opportunities:

- ___ Be a Care Caller (call members who have been ill or in hospital)
- ___ Accompany and assist local community members who need support with setting up/keeping a budget
- ___ Serve at Funeral luncheons
- ___ Help at Annual Health Expo (education and resources)
- ___ Volunteer to provide meals for Family Promise in Xenia
- ___ Help with Fairborn Christmas Family Project
- ___ Help transport donated items to Fairborn FISH Pantry
- ___ Help with Card Making (supports FISH Pantry)
- ___ Help with Sunday Morning Coffee Café
- ___ Assemble Helping Hands Food Bags (groceries for emergency needs)
- ___ Serve with Habitat for Humanity (build homes for people in need)
- ___ Help at Christmas in Action (yearly repair of local homes)
- ___ Quilt for Lutheran World Relief (Wednesdays at ACLC)
- ___ Help with Day of Caring Pancake Brunch (yearly)
- ___ Help with Wednesday Community Meal
- ___ Be a delegate to LSIM (Lutheran Saints in Ministry)
- ___ Connect with Visitors and Accompany New Ministry Partners
- ___ Help at receptions and/or fellowship events
- ___ Assist with planning church community game nights
- ___ Women's Group (retreats, fellowship and study)
- ___ Men's group (Thurs. coffee, Sat. breakfast/bible study/retreats)
- ___ Be a greeter on Sunday mornings
- ___ Be present at the Welcome Desk on Sundays
- ___ Serve as a Volunteer for Scouting activities

The Management Team

Ministry Groups:

- ___ Facilities (church campus care & improvements)
- ___ Finance (policy and procedures)
- ___ Stewardship (Annual campaign, endowment planning, connecting gifts with ministries)
- ___ Technology Ministry (streaming and general computer/tech engagement)

Living Your Faith Opportunities:

- ___ Be an office volunteer
- ___ Assist in church management system data entry

Worship Service Tech Assistance

- ___ Record and stream Worship Services
 - ___ Sunday ___ Wednesday
- ___ Run PowerPoint
 - ___ Sunday ___ Wednesday
- ___ Run Sound Board
 - ___ Sunday ___ Wednesday
- ___ Assist with seasonal cleaning and upkeep of the grounds (flowerbeds, etc.)
- ___ Volunteer to assist with seasonal deep cleaning of the building interior
- ___ Assist with church recycling/care for creation initiatives
- ___ Be a 'Lawn Ranger' (mow the property)
- ___ Assist with ACLC's website, Facebook, and YouTube presence

Have Questions?

**Contact the ACLC office at
office@abidingchrist.org or 937-878-2888
and we will get you connected with resources and
answers you are looking for!**