

The Fall 2023

# Mission & Ministry Directory

*of the ways our Teams that*  
**Engage • Exalt • Enlighten**  
**Enterprise • Enjoy • Empower**

*love God, our neighbors and each other*



## **We Aspire**

to live in a world where all creation thrives in God's love.

## **We Seek**

to become who God created us to be by worshiping joyfully, respecting all, sharing generously, and nurturing every spirit.

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# ENGAGE

*Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.*

*2 Corinthians 4:1*

## **Engage Teams for Outreach: Feeding and Clothing**

*These ministries focus on Jesus' commands to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and clothe the naked. [For our thrift store, which works with area agencies to assist people who need clothing for job interviews, employment, and school, please see the ENTERPRISE page.]*

**Bagzilla/Dunedin Cares:** The third Sunday of each month, members bring in donations of non-perishable food for Dunedin Cares Food Pantry for distribution to the hungry. This team distributes a list of needed items for people to shop for and return for blessing on Sunday. The food pantry serves residents of Dunedin, Clearwater, and Palm Harbor and is located at Faith Lutheran Church, 1620 Pinehurst Road. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

**Clothes to Kids:** Clothes to Kids is a local organization that provides clothing to students in Pinellas County. Three times a year, we collect underwear and socks to support this mission.

**Pack A Sack:** During the school year this team supplies healthy snacks to local elementary school children who would otherwise have nothing to eat over a weekend. Members of the church donate funds or shop for the food, and Team members pack it.

**Shepherd's Meals:** Our Freezer Ministry stocks our freezer with meals for anyone in need of a nourishing meal, whether it's a homebound member, a member or member's family or even neighbor recovering from surgery or hospital stay or someone who knocks on the church door.

**Quilters & Crafters:** This group meets weekly to work on individual or group projects. They make prayer quilts and other items for the craft sales that support Pack A Sack.

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# ENGAGE

## **Engage Teams for Outreach: Loving our Neighbor**

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**Cold Weather Shelter:** We work in conjunction with other area churches to staff a shelter in Clearwater when extremely cold weather is expected.

**Discretionary Fund Team:** The mission of this team is to support local people in need who are seeking assistance from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. In addition to church staff, team members with experience in social work, nursing or law enforcement review each request.

**Episcopal Relief & Development:** Our local representative of Episcopal Relief and Development presents the congregation with current projects that need their support.

**Migrant Workers:** Each year before Christmas, this ministry gathers supplies needed by migrant workers in Pasco County.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** A team of dedicated prayer warriors gather via email and our Realm platform to pray for the needs of our congregation and beyond.

**Card Ministry:** The "Card Ministry" sends cards for birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, and Christmas to members and friends of Good Shepherd.

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# EXALT

*Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.* Psalm 34:3

## **Exalt Teams for Worship and Music**

*These teams lead and support our worship of God, the foundation of our community of faith.*

**Acolyte:** Youth from about six years old through adults serve by carrying the Gospel Book, Cross and torches, ringing the *Sanctus* bells, and assisting the clergy in preparing the altar for the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Altar Guild:** Altar Guild members work behind the scenes preparing the church for worship, lovingly caring for the linens, tending to the wood, silver and brass items, and taking care of needs for holidays and special services.

**Chalicians/Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Serving on the altar, the ministry of this group is to assist the clergy in distributing the Lord's Supper, as well as undertaking some duties shared by acolytes.

**Ushers** hand out bulletins and the weekly news, help people find a seat, receive offerings, and guide people taking communion.

**Choir:** This ministry welcomes everyone who loves to sing and has a basic knowledge of how to read music. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoons from 5:00-6:30.

**Flower Ministry:** Each Sunday we have two vases of flowers arranged by a team of members and friends of the parish with a talent in this ministry.

**Hand Bell Choir:** The "Bells of Hope" is open to individuals who are willing to make the commitment to serve in this ministry from October to May. The ability to read music is helpful but not required.

**Lectors/Prayers of the People:** The scriptures and liturgy are meant to be read aloud; when confident and articulate people take part in this ministry, the whole congregation benefits.

**Pastoral Care Team/Lay Eucharistic Visitors:** This team's mission is to make regular visits to our homebound and hospitalized members. After special training and approval, members also bring Holy Communion to people in their homes.

**Worship Planning Team:** This team assists the clergy to plan meaningful worship.

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# ENLIGHTEN

*Enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you.*

Daniel 5:14

## **Enlighten Teams for Spiritual Formation**

*These teams engage people in developing their faith through education, exploration, and teaching.*

**Adult Spiritual Formation:** This team plans adult Christian education courses and events.

**Adult Sunday Morning Formation:** Adult formation is offered on Sunday mornings between services from 9:15-9:45 am in Kirk Hall. Subjects vary from Studying Scripture to Theology.

**Children's Sunday School:** Classes for children through sixth grade are offered on Sunday mornings during the school year. In addition to the Sunday School Director, members assist in the classes. Contact the Director to enroll a child.

**Nursery Care:** This ministry provides loving care for children, ages infant through 5 years, in our Nursery during our 10 am Sunday services; Nursery is available year-round.

**Youth Group:** Teens and tweens entering 6th through 12th grades are invited to join our Youth Group to have fun in a Christ-filled environment. Adult leadership is welcome!

**Mindful Mondays-Creative Spirituality:** Come and join us on Monday Mornings when we gather to deepen our relationship with God through the creative arts. Each month we choose a spiritual theme. In our weekly gatherings, we begin with a meditation or reflection on the theme and then engage in an arts activity such as writing, sketching, painting, stitching, and other arts and crafts in a studio environment.

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# ENTERPRISE

*It is profitable and fitting for you to complete the enterprise which... you began.*

2 Corinthians 8:10

## **Enterprise Teams for Ministry Support**

*These teams develop funding over and above member contributions that are used to support the parish's operations and outreach programs.*

**Furniture Thrift Shop [FTS]:** Located at 1714 N. Ft. Harrison, Clearwater, this store picks up donations of "gently used" furniture and other household items for free and resells them at modest prices. This ministry is about a lot more than furniture; it provides hope and community in a neighborhood that is hungry for both. Caring hearts and helping hands are always welcome.

*To volunteer contact the Furniture Thrift Store: 727-600-5820 or [Ftscogs@gmail.com](mailto:Ftscogs@gmail.com)*

**Parking Lot Team:** This team organizes to request donations from people who park in Peace Park and our paved lot when special events take place in downtown Dunedin.

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# ENJOY

*God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

1 Timothy 6:17

## **Enjoy Teams for Fellowship**

*These teams provide opportunities for fellowship and fun.*

**Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to Kirk Hall after the worship services on Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Members of the team assist with set-up or clean-up.

**Episcopal Church Women [ECW]/Soul Sisters:** The ECW group at Good Shepherd's calls themselves the Soul Sisters. All women in the parish are automatically members and invited to attend. The group meets monthly to welcome speakers and supports the parish's programs and outreach ministries.

**Special Events:** It could be a picnic, Shrimp Boil, Super Bowl party, Game Night, or a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. You just never know what might happen, but we always have a great time.

**Vestry Breakfasts:** The Vestry sponsors this breakfast on the fifth Sunday of the month as a time of Fellowship and Refreshment.

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# EMPOWER

*The God of all grace . . . will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you.*

1 Peter 5:10

## **Empower Teams for Organization: Leadership**

*These teams focus on the lay members' roles as faithful, active and visionary leaders.*

**Vestry:** The Vestry is the governing board of the church, responsible for leading the parish as fiduciaries, and in developing and implementing its vision and mission. Members are elected from the congregation to serve a three-year term. Vestry Liaisons to each team assist them in fulfilling their missions. In addition, Vestry members listen to the hopes and concerns of the members of the congregation and take them under advisement.

**The Wardens** are the leaders of the Vestry. They collaborate closely with the Rector and lay leaders throughout the congregation to help the parish be faithful, healthy, and effective.

**Endowment Fund Board of Trustees:** The Board consists of four elected members and the Rector, who are entrusted with overseeing the management and use of our Endowment Funds.

## **Empower Teams for Organization: Communications**

*These teams provide both internal and external communication to the parish and media.*

## **Welcome Connect:**

- ❖ **Welcome Team:** These Teams extend warm hospitality to our guests and newcomers. They answer questions, help folks find their way around the campus and feel at home.
  - **Welcome Table Hosts** help people get a name tag, give directions, and provide information about our parish.
- ❖ **Connect Team:** This team continues the welcoming tradition of Good Shepherd by engaging with new and prospective members, especially helping them to explore and connect with the many opportunities available for mission and ministry.

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# EMPOWER

## **Empower Teams for Organization: Finance and Administration**

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**Building & Grounds Team:** This team oversees the maintenance and improvement of the church campus, including equipment and furnishings. The team organizes quarterly work days where members pitch in to keep the premises in great shape.

## **Electronic Communications Coordinator**

This team develops and maintains digital interfaces such as Realm, our website, and social media platforms.

## **Publications Coordinator**

This team develops and maintains the main digital and hardcopy communications with and among the members and friends of the congregation.

**Counters:** This team is responsible for safe-guarding the collection after worship, counting the offering, and depositing funds. Team members are required to pass a background check.

**Emergency Management Team:** This team meets annually prior to the beginning of hurricane season. They check emergency supplies and prepare a list of personnel to assist in the implementation of the disaster plan. They also meet following a disaster to assess damages and to implement a plan of action.

**Finance Team:** This team meets monthly to review financial reports, oversee the budget process, arrange for the annual audit, and consider financial issues in order to make recommendations to the Vestry.

**Personnel Team:** The primary purpose of this team is to affirm and strengthen the ministry of the staff and clergy, and assist in the process of hiring new personnel.

**Stewardship Team:** This team supports all members of the parish as they explore ways to use their time, talent and treasure as disciples of Jesus.

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