

*We do God's work not because God needs us to do so, but because our neighbor does. We do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. -*

*Bishop Mark Hanson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in ever good work. -*

*2 Corinthians 9:8*

*God's Work. Our Hands.*



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**Easter Lutheran Church**  
*Eagan, Minnesota*

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

*-1 Peter 4:10*

*To Grow in Faith and Carry on the Work of Jesus Christ*

# Easter Lutheran Church

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A community of believers; ministers of the gospel being the family of God with one another: (Acts 2)

- Daily in prayer
- Regular in worship
- Sharing the faith
- Growing in faith
- Active in service
- Involved in ministry
- Meeting in fellowship with one another

The church is the Body of Christ, built on the time, talents and gifts of many. People of all ages are called to serve God.

Easter organizes its ministry around five strategic areas: Worship, Youth, Community Life, Mission Outreach, and Stewardship. There are many opportunities available for service in each of these areas. Please look this booklet over thoughtfully and prayerfully. Consider your special gifts and skills, the amount of time you want to commit to service and where your true interests and passions lie.

The information you share will be part of a computer database. Staff and lay leaders receive copies of the data to contact volunteers and invite participation in specific ministries. *If you have questions or comments about volunteer ministries at Easter, please call the contact person listed, or Laurel Gaard, Judy Pascoe or Mary Kay DuChene at the church office at 651-452-3680.*

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## Youth

*Invest in youth by providing resources, people, programs, opportunities and places for youth to grow in faith and service.*

### Church School Teacher

Teach church school to students, ages 4 through 6th grade, individually or as a team. Curriculum, training, and materials are provided. Classes offered Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Time commitment: 2-4 hours per month, Sept.-May.

### Vacation Bible School Station Leader

Lead a specific portion of the VBS experience. Curriculum, training and materials are provided. Time commitment: three hours daily for one week in June or July.

### Christmas Pageant Team

Help plan and organize the church school children's Christmas program. Recruit characters in the play, lead drama rehearsals, usher for the programs, organize children during the program, and set up and take down the set. Time commitment: varies, depending on role.

### Lesson Coordinator

Coordinate supplies and materials for church school classes, individually or on a team. Coordinators organize materials needed for each class. Time commitment: 2 hours per week, Sept.-May.

### Large Group Music Leader

Lead large group during church school sessions for Pre-K through 6th graders. Willingness to lead groups of kids in songs, stories, and prayer. All material & music CD's provided. Time commitment: 30 minutes per week Sept.-May.

### Resource Room Assistant

Provide assistance finding and organizing materials, take attendance, and receive offering during church school sessions. Time commitment: one hour a month, Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, Sept.-May.

### Confirmation Committee

Develop plans, goals and actions to help equip confirmands to explore faith and connect with one another and the Christian community. Time commitment: meets monthly, and assists at some large group events.

### Confirmation Mentor

Walk in faith with five or six youth through the confirmation process from seventh grade through the fall of 10th grade. Pray, listen and facilitate conversations on faith. Serve as an objective yet interested influence. Time commitment: varies, depending on Wednesday night or summer option.

### **Family Faith Night**

Set up and serve pizza dinner to parents & children at this church school event. Families welcome to serve together. Time commitment: 1-7 times, 5:30-7 p.m. various Saturdays, Oct.-April.



### **Wednesday Office Support**

Answer phones and assist with copying and office tasks at Easter on the Hill. Time commitment: 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept.-May.

### **Baby Welcome Wagon Team**

Welcome new babies and congratulate new parents with a visit and/or meal. Time commitment: varies.

### **Pray-n-Play Leader**

Guide children up to 5 years old and their parents in play in the Great Room at Easter by the Lake. Lead circle time with Bible story and prayer. Materials provided. Time commitment: One or two Friday mornings per month, Sept.-May.

### **Youth Ministry Team**

Create, plan and facilitate engaging and invigorating events for middle and high school students. Help encourage them to grow in faith and look forward to participating in the life of the church with their friends. Time commitment: meets monthly.

## *Community Life*

*Expand ministries to welcome and support families and individuals, foster belonging, share faith with one another, and meet human needs so that everyone is cared for and empowered to care for others.*

### **Congregational Events Team**

Help plan and facilitate events such as a church picnic, congregational dinner, or celebrations. Time commitment: 2 hours per month, plus events.

### **Recreational Ministry Coordinator**

Help organize an adult Christian sports team or league. Experience community and Christian growth through devotions and athletic activity. Time commitment: varies by sport.

### **New Member Welcome Team**

Welcome new members into the fellowship of the Easter community and help them make connections. Time commitment: 1-5 times per year; 2 hours per time.

### **Funeral Meal Ministry**

Support a family in their grief by being part of a team that prepares and serves refreshments at the funeral.

### **Prayer Team**

Pray for those who are ill or in need of strength in their time of trouble, sorrow or thanksgiving. Prayer requests are communicated via email, fax or mail. The team leadership offers small group and retreat experiences. Time commitment: some time daily/weekly on your own. An optional monthly experience is offered as well.

### **Meal Ministry**

Prepare and deliver a meal to an Easter member in need.

### **Care Team**

Respond to non-medical needs not routinely provided by existing social service programs, such as transportation, shopping, running errands, offering friendship, and providing respite relief for care givers. Time commitment: varies, depending on needs; initial training is 4 hours.

### **Transportation Ministry**

Provide rides for Easter members undergoing chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or other medical treatment. Time commitment: varies, depending on the needs.

### **Easter Kin**

Be part of a 1:1 relationship with an Easter member that is facing a challenging time. Provide emotional and spiritual support. Time commitment: varies. Training provided.



## *Worship*

*Expand participation in quality worship, embracing a variety of worship styles. Worship is the primary purpose and function of the church.*

### **Worship Ministry Committee**

Develop plans, goals and actions for carrying out the vision and mission of Easter's worship ministry. Time commitment: meets monthly.

### **Communion Distribution**

Assist the pastors in serving communion at worship services at Easter on the Hill. Time commitment: 1-6 times per year.

### **Usher Team/Host Family**

Work with others to make the worship space ready at either site. Smile, hand out bulletins or Bibles, and assist with offering and Holy Communion. Pick up the worship space after service as needed. Time commitment: 6-8 times per year, 1-1/2 hours per time.

### **Greeter**

Greet people with a smile and a handshake as they arrive for worship at either site. Time commitment: 20 minutes before a worship service, 4-6 times per year.

### **Reader**

Read scripture lessons from the pulpit during worship services at Easter on the Hill. Time commitment: 1-4 times per year.

*Give and it will be given to you.  
Luke 6:38*

### **Set up and Decoration Team**

Work with others in setting up the chancel/worship spaces for special events like Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Time commitment: set up times as agreed to prior to festival days, 1-3 hours per event.

### **Liturgical Arts Team**

Plan, design, and implement ideas for meaningful displays in the worship settings, including parament design, when appropriate.

### **Ecclesiastical Arts Team**

Plan and implement rotating art displays in the Fireside Commons area at Easter on the Hill. Time commitment: varies with exhibit.

### **Infant/Toddler Center**

Care for children from birth to age 3 during worship services at either site. Time commitment: 1 hour, 3-4 times per year.

### **Banners**

Make new banners, maintain current banners, and hang banners on a timely basis with the church year and theme. Time commitment: as needed.

### **Altar Guild/Communion Preparation**

Prepare for Holy Communion and care for altar appointments at either site. Time commitment: once a month or more, depending on the season of the year.

### **Liturgical Dancers**

Dancers are used occasionally throughout the year to enrich worship.

### **First Communion Stoles**

Cut and sew first communion stoles. Pattern and materials supplied. Sewing skills needed. Time commitment: about 6 hours per year in the fall.

### **Outdoor Worship Teams**

Set up chairs, tent/canopies and banners; greet, hand out bulletins, receive offerings. Time commitment: 1-4 times on Sunday mornings, June-August.



## *Music*

### **Senior Choir (adults)**

Rehearsals: Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. through May. Sing at worship each week at Easter on the Hill.

### **The Messengers (adult singers & rock combo instrumentalists)**

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Easter by the Lake. Lead worship there each week.



### **Ringin' Choirs**

*Jubilate Ringers* (experienced adult ringers) Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Sept. through May. Play in worship at Easter on the Hill several times each year.

*Exultate Ringers* (beginning adult ringers) Rehearsals: Thursdays, 8:15-9 p.m., Sept. through May. Play in worship at Easter on the Hill a few times a year.

### **Soloists/Ensembles**

#### *Vocalists*

Soloists/ensembles sing at worship services at Easter on the Hill during the summer, and on occasion Sept.-May.

#### *Instrumentalists*

Various instrumentalists are needed throughout the year to accompany choirs. Instrumental solos/ensembles play during the summer for worship at Easter on the Hill.

### **Instrumental Ensembles**

#### *Recorder Ensemble (adults)*

Rehearsals: Thursdays 8-9 p.m. Sept.-May. Play in worship at Easter on the Hill several times each year.

#### *Pianists*

Accompany weekly children's choir rehearsals on Sundays from 11:10-Noon, Sept.-May. Substitutes also needed on occasion.



## *Mission Outreach Locally, Globally*

*Share the Gospel with more people expanding our mission efforts locally and globally. Care for more people with needs, for those within the "household of faith," and for those outside the church community.*

### **Global Mission Committee**

Develop plans, goals and actions for carrying out the vision and mission of Easter's global mission ministry. Time commitment: meets monthly.

### **World Hunger Team**

Educate others (through events, displays, and newsletter articles) about world hunger and encourage action by helping coordinate fund appeals and legislative action. Hunger appeal typically occurs in November. Time commitment: about 6-8 hours per project; program coordinator, 24 hrs. per year.

### **Social Justice/Service Committee**

Develop plans, goals and actions for carrying out the vision and mission of Easter's service and social justice ministry. Time commitment: meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

### **Feed My Starving Children Volunteers**

Package food to be sent overseas. Time commitment: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.

### **Eagan Resource Center (ERC)**

Volunteer at the food shelf at the Resource Center, assisting with clients and preparing food orders. Time commitment varies: 2-hour shifts available.

### **Food Shelf Team**

Participate in monthly food drives at Easter Church. Hand out grocery bags, help load groceries into a trailer, drive the trailer to the food shelf, unload food, and transport food at other times as needed. Time commitment: 4 hours per month.

### **Quilting**

Make quilts to be given to local organizations such as B. Robert Lewis House, and Dakota Woodlands. Time commitment: Monday mornings, 9:30-11 a.m.

### **Sip and Stitch**

Knit or crochet squares and assemble into blankets for local charities. Knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given as a prayer blessing to those in need of comfort and solace. Time commitment: One Saturday each month, 9:30-11 a.m. (or in your spare time).

### **Meals on Wheels**

Deliver meals to homebound people. Time commitment: 1 hour each delivery date, 6-8 times per year.

### **Armful of Love**

Plan yearly collection of Christmas gifts for families in need in collaboration with *360 Communities*. Plan publicity, collect gifts at Easter, and deliver gifts to *360 Communities* in early December. Time commitment: several hours in Nov. and Dec.

### **Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry**

Prepare and/or serve a meal for 100+ homeless and needy people. Teams cook, prep or serve food and clean up. Time commitment: 2-5 hours per meal, up to 6 meals per year.

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

Work with local churches and agencies in hands-on construction/renovation in housing needs. Time commitment: 3-4 projects per year, 4-8 hours per project.

### **Dakota Woodlands**

Promote Easter's connection with Dakota Woodlands transitional housing community. Time commitment: varies.

### **B. Robert Lewis House**

Shop for food to be used for Thanksgiving dinner. Time commitment: 2-3 hours in November.

### **CATCH (Coalition for Affordable Transitional Community Housing)**

Maintain an Eagan townhouse sponsored by Easter and used by families in housing transition (e.g. clean-up, painting, minor repairs, etc). Time commitment: varies; usually one time per year.

## *Stewardship*

*Invite full participation and life-style response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ using the principles of the Five Ts (time, talent, treasure, tissue, trees)*

### **Stewardship Committee**

Develop plans, goals and actions for carrying out the vision and mission of Easter's stewardship ministry. Time commitment: meets monthly.

### **Creation Care Team**

Plan and support activities and events to raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment. Time commitment: meets monthly.

### **Wellness Ministry Team**

Work with the Parish Nurse/Wellness Coordinator to help identify the health needs of Easter Church and the community and help plan programmatic responses to those needs. The team's focus is the relationship between faith, physical and emotional health. Time commitment varies, meets 4-6 times per year.

### **Blood Drive Volunteer**

Help recruit and schedule blood donors, set up, clean up, greet donors, serve snacks, and assist with other tasks connected with the blood drive. Time commitment: 2-3 hours per drive.

### **Offering Runner**

Take worship offerings to the bank for night deposit following the last Sunday worship or special worship services. Time commitment: 20 minutes on Sunday at noon, about 6 times per year.

### **Lawn Mowing**

Mow and trim grass at Easter on the Hill as part of a volunteer team. Equipment supplied. Time commitment: on call for one week at a time, 4-6 weeks between May and October.

### **Property Maintenance**

Use painting, woodworking, electrical, plumbing or other mechanical skills to repair, maintain, and build items at church that promote effective ministry. Time commitment: varies by project.

### **Snow Shoveling**

Shovel/snowblow church walkways at Easter on the Hill as part of a volunteer team. Equipment supplied. Time commitment: on call for one week at a time, 4-6 weeks between November and April.

### **Garden Group**

Work with others to maintain and develop flowers and gardens at both sites. Planting, design planning, and maintenance work. Time commitment: varies.

### **Kitchen Team**

Work with others to clean, organize, and inventory supplies for the kitchen at either site. Time commitment: 1-2 hours once or twice a month.

### **Library Team**

Organize, dust, re-shelve books and arrange displays in the Library at Easter on the Hill. Choose new books and maintain library records. Time commitment: 1-2 hours a month.

### **Facilities Team**

Help plan and implement building and grounds maintenance and repair. Evaluate needs, plan and host projects, and supervise volunteers. Time commitment: 4 meetings per year and various projects.

### **Facilities Advisory Team**

Evaluate larger projects for implementation and recommendation to staff or Church Council. Time commitment: varies depending on project.



## *Other Opportunities to Serve*

### **Administrative Support**

#### *Office Volunteer*

Assist with answering phones, filing, collating, copying, database support and other general office duties. Time commitment: variable weekday hours.

#### *Mail Help*

Help assemble newsletters and other mailings as needed. Time commitment: 2-3 hours, the 4th Wednesday morning each month, and other times as needed.

### **Communications Support**

#### *Photographer*

Take candid and posed photos of ministry events, meetings, projects, etc for the bulletin boards and Easter publications. Time commitment: as needed.

#### *Video Recorder*

Take videos of ministry life and special events. Time commitment: as needed.

### **Archives Committee**

Collect, appraise, preserve, protect and organize church records and documents. Time commitment: as needed.

### **Technology Support**

#### *Information Technology*

Assist with data networking, workstation support and telecommunications planning. Time commitment: varies by project.

#### *Multimedia Team*

Provide sound and video support for worship services at both sites. Training provided. Time commitment: varies.

#### *IT Group*

Work on strategic planning for information technology with a group of 5-7 others. Time commitment: 2-4 meetings per year.

#### *Web Stewards Group*

Work on the development and maintenance of the Easter website ([www.easter.org](http://www.easter.org)). Meets monthly, work on-line per assignment.