

Ministry Description

St. Lucas United Church of Christ

“Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.”
I Corinthians 12:27

Title: St. Lucas Sanctuary Samaritan¹

Major Duties:

1. Attend a training event and building orientation to be fully equipped for the ministry of welcoming.
2. Staff an agreed upon section of the sanctuary (two rows) during a specific worship time (you will choose which one) to greet and welcome newcomers. It is also hoped you will notice if a “regular” worship attendee is absent for three consecutive Sundays.
3. Pass on the information to Pastor Carol in the church office that was gleaned from guests in worship. Also note those who “regulars” who may be missing three weeks in a row so we might check in with them.

Time Commitment: Two hours for training and 10 minutes before and after your regular worship time each week.

Gifts, Talents, and/or Special Skills Desirable: Hospitality, communications, friendliness, flexibility, enthusiasm, and love for the church.

Training is provided by: Minister for Congregational Life; a Special Event led by Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Theological Seminary and other staff members.

Why this ministry is important in the life of this congregation:

Each Sunday morning St. Lucas UCC has many guests in worship. Some are here for special occasions ie. Baptisms, but most are here to discover if our congregation will provide a nurturing, sacramental environment for their lives. The smile and handshake of a friendly Samaritan will make a lasting impression. If you are able to glean any contact information, it will also help the Evangelism Committee follow up with notes and phone calls to continue the welcoming hospitality.

Secondly, when a member is absent for a few weeks, it is usually the folks in the congregation who notice the open space in the pews. A word to one of the Pastors about a member who has missed three consecutive Sundays could help greatly so we may follow through to see if there are special circumstances which might need attention.

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