

LOVING OUR SAVIOR THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS

“NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL, BUT KEEP YOUR
SPIRITUAL FERVOR, SERVING THE LORD.” - ROMANS 12:11

► **Worship Coordinator**

Volunteer duties include assisting Renee at the worship services (8:15 or 10:45 a.m.) with any needs, primarily helping acolytes. Contact Renee at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org

► **Replenishing Items In Sanctuary Pews**

Volunteers assist in the replenishing of prayer cards, scribble cards, fellowship pads, sharpening pencils, etc. This task is done once per week on a monthly rotating schedule of volunteers. Contact Renee at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org

► **BOUNTIFUL BASKET FOOD SHELF**



Just as the unselfish Samaritan man in Jesus' parable in Luke 10:25-37, we are called to extend our love and concern to all persons everywhere, as our neighbors. One way in which we can do this is through our local Food Shelf. Christ Victorious is collecting **1 LB. BAGS/BOXES OF RICE** during the month of **March** and has committed to providing them with 40 bags/boxes. Questions—contact Renee at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org

Volunteers are a valued part of the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf! Individuals assist donors with donations (weigh donations and issue receipts), sort, stock, rotate items on shelves and assist clients with shopping. Call 952-960-9700 to be a part of this outreach into the community!

► **HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

In the wake of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, Lutheran World Relief is working to meet the immediate and long-term needs of Haiti's underserved rural people. The quake killed an estimated 230,000 and left millions homeless and in desperate need of shelter and assistance. In addition, already struggling rural communities are now coping with the mass migration of over 470,000 earthquake survivors. With over 14 years experience and expertise in rural Haiti, Lutheran World Relief is at the forefront of the rural response and has committed \$4 million to relief efforts, an increase from the previous pledge of \$2.25 million. Visit www.lwr.org to offer continued support by making a monetary donation or for additional information.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, “I know you’re involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?” I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are “After People.”

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... **after** you’ve washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- ... **after** the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- ... **after** you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... **after** the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- ... **after** the doctors have said, “There’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... **after** the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.
- ... **after** the phone call you’d always hoped you’d never get.
- ... **after** you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- ... **after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... **after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... **after** the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... **after** you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- ... **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long “after” as we are needed. Contact Chris Good at 952-556-5822 / chris@mceegood.com for additional information.



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