

Step Two: List the ministries, groups, or activities you actively participate in at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please be as specific as possible.

Are there MLC groups or activities you'd like to be involved with or find out more about?

Step Three: List any unique or specialized skills you have that relate to your occupation, a favorite hobby or education.



Discovering God's Purposes for You

Use this guide to explore the spiritual gifts God has given you to use to give glory to God and to bless others.

Do you sense God has plans for you as a child of God? God does! Special abilities, skills, and talents are given to each of us. These gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to be used for serving God and our neighbors. Joy comes as we discover and use these gifts to the glory of God.

How do you discover what these gifts are?

- +Prayer, meditation, and honest reflection
- +External call: Others may recognize your gifts you don't see
- +Sense of calling which shows itself in your interests and skills

Please complete the short *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* that follows and return it to the church office by Aug 6th. Your responses will be used to match your gifts with opportunities for serving God and others.

More forms and information may also be found on the Messiah website at mlutheran.org/stewardship-spiritual-gifts/ If you are interested in completing a lengthier spiritual gifts inventory, there are printable and online assessment tools on the ELCA website at: www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal

Name _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Occupation (optional): _____

Step One: As you read through the list of Spiritual Gifts;

Circle gifts you most enjoy using, (regardless of how often you use them.)

Underline gifts that you sense God is stirring in you, to grow in either skill or confidence (regardless of how often you use them).

★ **Star** gifts which you are most frequently called to use and still enjoy using.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Administration - The gift that enables a person to formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfill a purpose.

Artistry - The gift that gives a person the skill of creating artistic expressions which bless, touch, and inspire others.

Discernment - The gift that motivates a person to seek God's will and purpose and use that understanding in individual and community situations.

Evangelism - The gift that helps a person to communicate God's good news in a way that draws others into the Christian faith, practice, and community.

Exhortation - The gift that moves a person to reach out with Christian love to people in personal conflict or struggling with a spiritual void.

Faith - The gift that gives ears to hear and eyes to see the Spirit at work and the trust that the Spirit is at work even when we are unsure where God is leading.

Generosity - The gift that enables a person to recognize God's blessings and responds to those blessings by generously giving of time, talent, & treasure.

Hospitality - The gift leads a person to joyfully welcome and receive guests. Sometimes this includes helping those in need of food and other necessities.

Intercession - The gift of prayer with trust that God is listening and God will answer in God's wisdom.

Knowledge - The gift of curiosity to keep learning which leads a person to analyze and uncover new insights, including learning our Biblical faith.

Leadership - The gift God gives which enables one to serve by giving direction and providing motivation while working together to faithfully complete tasks and fulfill dreams.

Mercy - The gift that motivates a person to care deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and act compassionately to meet those needs.

Music—Instrumental - The gift to express oneself through playing an instrument which gives others enjoyment, comfort, and inspiration.

Music—Vocal - The gift to express oneself through singing which gives others enjoyment, comfort, and inspiration.

Service - The gift that enables a person to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work gets done.

Shepherding - The gift that gives a caring person the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership for individuals or groups.

Craftsmanship - The gift that enables a person to create, build, maintain, or repair items used in the community and in the church.

Teaching - The gift that enables a person to effectively hand on to others knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. This includes the Bible.

Wisdom - The gift that allows a person to sort through facts, opinions, and thoughts to discern how to best use God's gifts to care for others and for God's creation.

Writing - The gift that gives a person the ability to express thoughts in a written form that instructs, edifies, and inspires others including the community of faith.