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Discovering God's Purposes for You

Use this guide to explore the spiritual gifts God in his wisdom has given you to use to his glory.

Do you have a sense that God has special plans for you as a child of God? Our God does! Special abilities, skills and talents are given to each of us. These gifts are given by God to serve him and others. Great joy comes in discovering and using 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 may include a strong interest or skill.

Complete the short *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* that follows and return it to the church office. Your responses will be entered into your individual member record and be used to match you with opportunities that fit the spiritual gifts, skills and interests you have or feel a calling for!

More forms and resources on Spiritual Gifts can be found on the Messiah website at mlutheran.org/giving-and-stewardship page.

Name _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

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

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

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

★ **Star** those gifts which define you most or are most frequently called to do and still enjoy doing.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

Artistry - The gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration.

Discernment - The gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations.

Evangelism - The gift that moves believers to reach nonbelievers in such a way that they are baptized and become active members of the Christian community.

Exhortation - The gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love & presence to people in personal conflict or facing a spiritual void.

Faith - The gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead.

Giving - The gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure).

Hospitality - The gift that causes a believer to joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging.

Intercession - The gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come.

Knowledge - The gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith.

Leadership - The gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfill a dream or complete a task.

Mercy - The gift that motivates a believer to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need & then act to meet that need.

Music—Instrumental - The gift that inspires a believer to express personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument.

Music—Vocal - The gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing.

Service - The gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled.

Shepherding - The gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers.

Skilled Craft - The gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church.

Teaching - The gift that enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others.

Wisdom - The gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers.

Writing - The gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers.

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