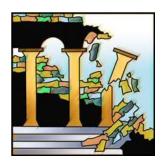
The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost November 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



In response to rising case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we strongly request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. GAmen.

 \mathbf{P} Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Have mercy on us, O God.
- **G** We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.
- P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. G Amen.
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray ... Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (To be read responsively.)

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

- ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

- ¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]
- ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."
- ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand ***HYMN OF THE DAY** *ELW # 437* 1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye 2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day; 3 No chill - ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore; Δ When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest? Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie. to there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat-ters night a - way. sor - row, pain and death, are sick - ness and felt and feared no more. When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos - om rest? I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land; who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land. oh,

Pastor Traci

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*CREED

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Prayers of the Church

- P Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.
- P God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- ▶ God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. C Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. G We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

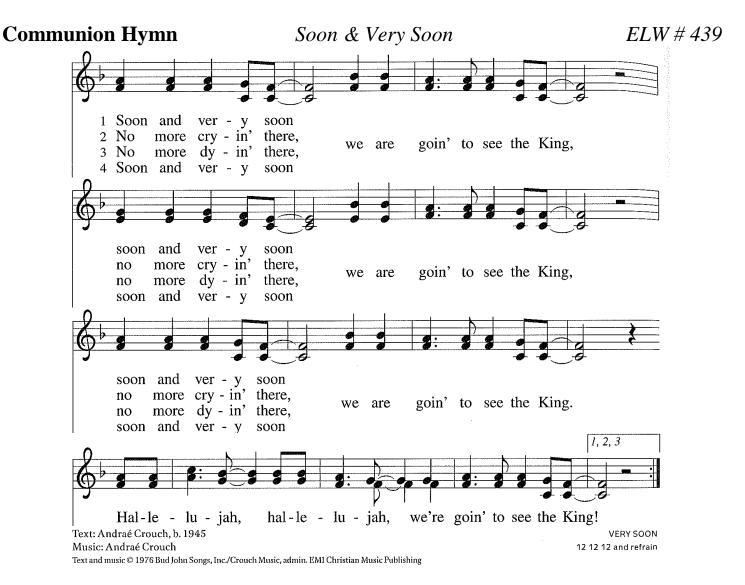
- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
- You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
- We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

G Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
- To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C** Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

- ▶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- **G** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 - For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen
- **P** A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.



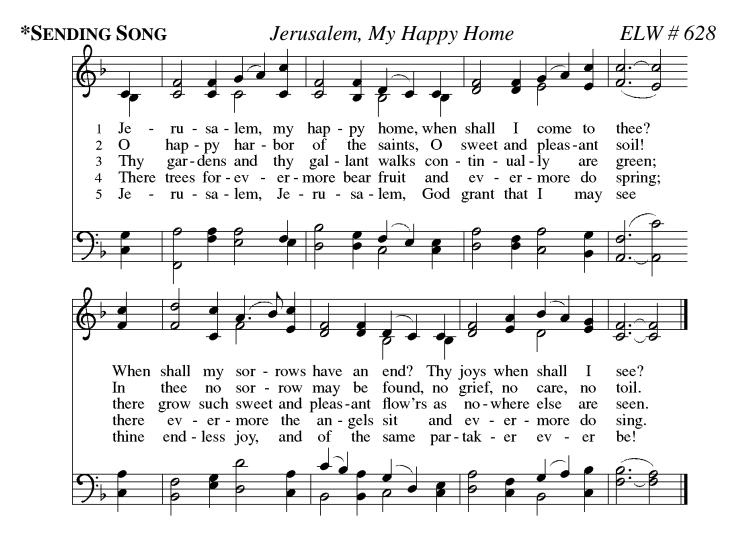
Post Communion Prayer

P Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

Everyone Is Invited To Sing The Sending Hymn While Remaining Masked



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Dismissal

P Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of Loved Ones by Kaye Burket.

MESSENGERS: There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board if you would like a PAPER Messenger each month.

Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel Our Assistant Administrative Assistant– Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Linda Smith Our Acolyte (10:30 a.m.) – Gavin Kuster Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminary"

Introducing Phil Claar

Phil Claar of Roaring Spring has accepted the position of Sexton for St. Matthew and will begin his service on November 2, 2021. Mr. Claar comes highly recommended and is anxious to begin his duties at St. Matthew. Please welcome Mr. Claar when you see him!

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Joe Hinton, Shearl Hite, Barrett Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Joan Partner, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Don Smith, Luther Steele, Dawn Theofield, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jim & Ginny Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany)

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Wednesday 1-4 p.m. Office Hours – Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri., - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori) Office Hours – Thurs., - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Laura)

This Week Events

Today –	Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
	Blessing of Hunters, 11:30 a.m. outside at the Maple St. Doors
Monday -	Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
	Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH
Tuesday -	Bible Study 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
Wednesday	Yoga 5:00 p.m. FH
Saturday -	Fellowship Hall in use 9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Sunday –	Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
	Catechism, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Worship Schedule for November

In November, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

- 8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)
- **10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mt. Pleasant United Church of Christ will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.

Items most needed for November: Mushroom Soup, Scalloped Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple. Many Thanks for all the school supplies given! *Linda K. Smith*

2021 Veterans

On Sunday, November 7th, St. Matthew honored veterans who have served in the military. Names missed on the list were: Dan Sinal and Joseph Tremmel*.

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 13; Daniel 8:1-14; Hebrews 10:26-31. Tuesday Daniel 8:15-27; Hebrews 10:32-39. Wednesday Zechariah 12:1—13:1; Mark 13:9-23. Thursday Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Acts 7:54—8:1a. Friday Ezekiel 28:20-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. Saturday Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18; John 3:31-36. Christ the King Sunday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

Bible Study -NOVEMBER Zoom Bible Study



Tuesdays at 4PM, we'll meet on Zoom for Bible Study using the Semicontinuous Old Testament readings from Job: November 16: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

November 23: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

November 30: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

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Coming Soon on November 28, 2021

The first Sunday in Advent is coming soon, and our "*Mitten Tree*" will be in the Narthex!

Please bring elementary school – age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the "*Mitten Tree*" from Sunday, November 28th until Sunday, December 19th.

These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for children needing these items. Donations of money can be given by marking a pew envelope *"Mitten Tree"*, and the money will be used to purchase needed items.

Let's help children have a warmer winter!

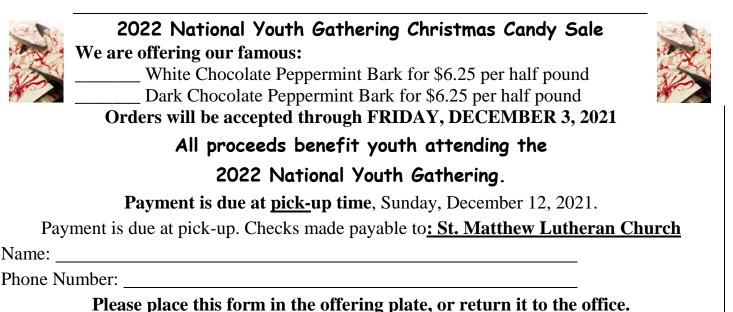
In Case of Emergency



Office hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In off hours, if there is an emergency ALL phone calls should go to Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267.

Hunter's Blessing Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:30 a.m. at the Maple St. Entrance

All Hunters are invited to a blessing for the 2021 Hunting Season. Feel free to wear your blaze orange or camo. (Please just bring yourself, not your gear.)



Our Annual Commitment Card Please complete the card below and return in the offering plate or to the church office by November 30, 2021.

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Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers

Age: 18 – 100 years old

- **Staff Committee Kaye Burket** responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities and responsibilities of our working employees.
- **Social Ministry Committee Tina Harclerode** promotes faith in action through social responsibility at the local, state, national and international levels.
- **Finance Committee Jim Barley** monitors church finances and investments; prepares budget; recommends spending allocations.
- **Worship and Music Committee Jane Fagans** works with the pastor and music staff to provide meaningful worship experiences.
- **Evangelism Committee Mike Lamborn** -responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.
- **Stewardship Committee Need Volunteer** -encourages members' use of their time, talents and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for us.
- **Nominating Committee** responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

Peggy FreyerMartie GilbertRuth MarshallPeggy Steinfurth

Congregational Treasurer – Beth Garner

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If no more volunteers before the meeting than nominations will be taken from the floor.

Please call Peggy Steinfurth at 515-6205 to volunteer your **Time** to God. Or you may talk to one of the committee members:



90th Annual Altoona Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

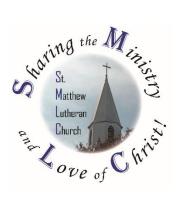
"We Are One" Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Christ Community United Methodist Church 5715 Roselawn Ave., Altoona

✤ Offering to benefit Family Services Teen Shelter

COVID-19 protections observed; please wear masks

Ample parking next door at South Hills School

Sermon from Bishop Paula Schmitt, ELCA



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Time and Talent Opportunities for 2022

God calls each of us uniquely into ministry. When we, as good stewards of the passions and gifts God has given us, respond by joyfully dedicating ourselves to God's work in the world, ministry happens.

All who participate in the life of St. Matthew are encouraged to "Share the Ministry and Love of Christ" through their time and talents.

Name	Home Address	
Phone (H)	(C)	_Email

God gives each of us unique Spiritual Gifts. What feels like a passion in your heart is the presence of those gifts. Please take a few moments to consider your passions. When our time, talents, and passions are used, joy comes through sharing them to do God's work. Please include interests such as fishing, reading, cooking, sewing, etc. that could be the basis for either forming social groups or contributing to the congregation's ministries. Please list your unique passions/talents/interests here:

Please give prayerful thought to the following list and check the boxes for all activities where you are able to serve.

I would be willing to have my name placed on the ballot to be considered for a leadership role on the St. Matthew Church Council as a member and/or an officer.

I would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee that secures the nominations for Church Council.

I would like to attend the Allegheny Synod Assembly, either as a voting member or as a visitor.

Serve as a member of the **Evangelism Committee** - responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.

I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:					
Coordinate Prayer Vigil	Provide rides for church	Coordinate rides for			
	events	church events			
Assemble and deliver	Be a greeter on Sunday	Participate in telephone			
welcome boxes	morning	prayer chain.			
Participate in email	Schedule Sunday				
prayer chain	morning greeters				

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Snow removal	Landscaping/gardening	General handyman/		
		handywoman		
Skills you can share:				
action through social res	SOCIAL MINISTRY COMM sponsibility at the local, state, levels. mittee but I would like to help	national and international		
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Give temple talk	Help develop	Write newsletter articles		
	stewardship programs	about stewardship		
the pastor and musi	WORSHIP AND MUSIC C c staff to provide meaningful	worship experiences.		
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Usher	Read lessons	Acolyte		
Communion Assistant	Journey to Bethlehem	Coordinate flowers		
Audio/Visual	Assisting Minister	Arrange and/or provide		
equipment		special music		
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Decorations/	Sing	Drama		
Centerpieces	Č.			
Sewing	Cooking	Woodworking		
Play instrument(s):				
Photography	Office/Administrative	Computer assistance		