

Teams and Committees

Most of the activities of the congregation are carried out by teams and committees. Although they are divided into five divisions in order to better understand their functions, the teams quite often work together towards a common goal.

Hospitality and Caring Division

We care for each other.

Welcoming Team - Strives for hospitality through greeters, the website, public promotion of our ministry, and printed materials.

Fellowship Team - Plans and carries out events for all generations to increase friendships and healthy relationships.

Home Communion Team - Distributes Holy Communion to our members who are homebound.

Sunday Fellowship - Individuals or groups provide Sunday morning refreshments and hospitality.

Mission Division

We serve others in love.

Global Mission & Service Project Team Provides ways for members to connect with and support ELCA global missions and several local service projects.

African Ministry Team - Works together in ministry with refugees and immigrants from Africa.

Hunger Team - Uses education, advocacy and response to bring hungry people into the awareness of the congregation.

Adopt-A-Highway - Since 1996, we have cleaned up a 0.8-mile stretch of 14th Street West in south Rock Island.

Education Division

We learn about our faith.

Children's Education Team - Plans and carries out learning experiences for children during the Sunday morning Education Hour, family events, etc.

Adult Education Team - Plans adult education opportunities during the Sunday morning Education Hour, and small groups during the Season of Lent.

Worship Division

We center our life together in worship.

Worship Planning Team - Meets regularly to plan the multi-dimensions of worship.

Altar Preparation Team - Prepares the altar and chancel area for worship.

Visual Arts Team - Provides visual art to enhance the worship experience and to provide inspiration to those who use our gathering space.

Music Ministry - The choir and Grace Notes bring inspiration and choral leadership to our worship.

Resources Division

We use the gifts God gives us to strengthen ministry.

Property Team - Maintains the church building and grounds.

Finance Team - Advises the congregational council concerning our financial resources.

Stewardship Team - Works for a congregational understanding of stewardship as “how we live our lives in light of God’s gracious generosity to us.” They conduct the annual financial commitment campaign.

Endowment Fund Committee - Manages the endowment fund according to the St. James constitutional bylaws. Each year, 5% of the endowment fund is used to provide financial support for special projects and needs.

Memorial Committee - Oversees memorial gifts and requests.

Other Ministries at St. James

Congregational Council - Elected by the congregation, the St. James council oversees the mission of the congregation and conducts the necessary business of the congregation.

Women of St. James - Ruth Circle, Naomi/Martha Circle, Quilters, and Funeral Lunch Servers provide opportunities for women to grow together in faith and service.

Mutual Ministry Team - Provides support for the pastor.

Personnel Committee - Provides support and evaluation of our staff.

Cub Scout Pack #250 - St. James sponsors an active Cub Scout pack which meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Team meetings may be held monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or semiannually depending upon the function of the team. For more information or to join a team, please call the church office at 786-0503.