

Trusting steadily in God, united in our worship and nourished by our learning together, we long to live a life that expresses the love of God in the world. That's ministry!

As promised, here we complete the list of all the named ministries at St Michael's. And members of our community engage in many more ways of bringing the Kingdom of God outside the parameters of what we have listed in these three inserts!

The core of what we do as one body here at St. Michael's is worship together. From this unity and inspiration, all else follows.

Worship and Music Ministries

Our common worship, grace-filled, ancient and ever new, flows in a seamless communal and personal experience because of the service of many working together for the good of all.

Worship and Music Committee: *Planning and exploring (ok, also eating and laughing) different and inspiring ways to engage us in worship throughout the liturgical year.*

Altar Guild: *Working as four teams lovingly committed to preparing our worship space, setting the Lord's Table and bringing beauty to our common worship experience. Imagine the chaos at the altar without them!*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: *LEM's, as they are affectionately called, assist clergy in administering communion, lead prayers of the people, and are a visible sign of the role of the laity in the Church.*

Lectors: *We are all enriched by hearing the Scriptures read in different voices by a variety of lay persons. Probably saves the Holy Spirit from being bored!*

Acolytes and Crucifers: *One of the great ministries at St. Michael's where youth and adults alike take part! They not only carry processional crosses, torches, and banners but also are trained to serve the clergy at the altar, and serve in other ways at Sunday services.*

Ushers: *Also a great ministry for youth and adults together! Yes, ushers "pass the plate", but they also lovingly greet us all, inviting us in to come together as one body. How fun is that!*

St. Michael's Singers: *Music is such an integral part of our worship here. The choir leads the congregation in entering into this aspect of the service, as well as making their personal offering of music.*

Takes the Fifth Choir (TT5): *Also leading the congregation in singing, Takes the Fifth offers a different style of music on first Sundays of the month and is open to youth as well as adults.*

Eucharistic Visitors: *Continuing our common worship together with our brothers and sisters who cannot be physically present. This is a ministry of love and connection.*

Taizé Prayer Service: *This lovely service of chant and prayer offers a monthly time of quiet reflection in addition to our usual Sunday services.*

*Several Worship and Music Ministries are equally comfortable under the Formation umbrella, especially those that involve children. The first insert described **Family Worship Services** and **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. The children also play pivotal roles in some special services during the liturgical year.*

OOPS, ERRATA! Cornerstone meets twice monthly, not monthly as previously announced!



Giving Back and Loving It!

2013 Ministries Fair

A celebration
of all the ways we at St. Michael's are acting
to bring about the longedfor Kingdom of God

September 8, 10:10am

Look below to identify YOUR role at the Ministries Fair ☺

"I do so much here; I haven't got time to wander around a Fair."

Your role: be inspired. No matter how much you are doing personally, there is immeasurable inspiration to be derived from witnessing all that your fellow community members are doing as well.

"I've been here so long I already know everything we're doing."

Your role: help others, especially newcomers, explore our community.
P.S. We double-dare you; find 3 new ministries you didn't know about.

"I'm a ministry leader. I usually sit behind a table and see if anyone comes over."

Your role: generously share your story from your heart of why you do what you do.

"I'm a parent of young children. My role is to be with them."

Your role: you're so right on this one! But we've arranged for the children to have their own experience of the Fair, which gives you the opportunity to be nourished by your adult brothers and sisters as well!

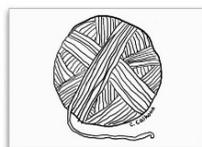
"I'm doing a lot outside St. Michael's and that takes all my 'volunteer' time."

Your role: Fabulous! Your role is to share what your heart calls you to do in the world with your Ministries Team in the Gallery. We really do want to know.

"I'm uncomfortable talking with someone and then not signing up for their ministry."

Your role: focus on gratitude for the work the ministries are doing. We're all part of the same community, so part of you is with those workers when they are active in their ministry.

If you didn't find your role: Come to explore what your heart might be grateful for all of God's blessings; having participated in the "life we



support your community; come to calling you to do; come to express your come because you will leave inspired, find together."