

Can You help determine the Future of Service Ministry at Emmanuel?

Service Ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church involves both local and international projects. Local services and activities include:

- providing gifts to our home-bound members at holiday times
- coordinating Christmas gifts provided by our members to foster children via Lutheran Social Services
- collecting small Christmas gifts for Friends of the Mentally Ill
- supporting the Norwood Food Pantry
- involvement in this year's "Earth Day Cleanup"

Projects supporting world-wide causes include:

- Creating homemade quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
- Coordinating and gathering materials for various "kits" given to people in need also via LWR – Health kits, fabric kits, school kits

Susan Lawson has headed our Service Ministry for several years now, and has done an outstanding job. But she hasn't done it alone! She has outlined the projects so that others may lead them - many are headed by others and supported by the congregation, young and old.

However, Susan plans to "retire" as head of the Service Ministry at the end of 2012. Therefore, the Congregational Council is looking for 2-3 Congregation members to form a Service Ministry "Transition Team". This team will work with Susan to define the future direction and organization of Service Ministry at our Church, so that this important work can continue without interruption and with continued success.

Qualifications of Transition Team members:

- Member of Emmanuel
- Passionate about Service Ministry
- Past participation in Service Ministry projects desired, but not essential
- Able to commit a few hours a month for team meetings over 2-3 months in the first half of 2012

The Charter of the Service Ministry Transition Team is to:

- Define the future organization of Service Ministry (i.e., team or coordinator)
- Help to recruit the new team members or coordinator
- Recommend how and when the transition from the current coordinator to the new coordinator/team should occur
- Review current service projects and evaluate which should continue, and suggest changes or additions
- Collect service project planning materials to pass onto the new leader(s).

If you are interested in serving on this important short-term Transition Team, please contact Joy Peter, Council Secretary at 508-543-3033 or joy.peter@att.net.