

Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Choir Member

At St John's, our various ministries support our intention to be a faithful and thriving community.

Connecting individuals and ministries is an act of mutual discernment—you may wonder which ministry is the best fit for you at this time, and the community may recognize gifts in you and encourage you to share them as we seek to be a thriving community.

The community also has some expectations for ministries. Knowing these expectations can help you and the community discern which ministry makes sense for you at this time. Some ministries include a trial time to assist further in this ministry.

How does this ministry contribute to living as a faithful and thriving community and your life of discipleship?

“Sing for joy in the Lord, praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; ...Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.” (Psalm 33:1-3) Singing is and always has been integral to worshipping God.

Music plays an essential role in the spiritual formation of the congregation and in its expression of their faith. The choir leads the congregation in congregational singing, including the liturgical service music and the singing of hymns. In addition the choir often performs an anthem during the service.

What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?

- A love of singing and a commitment to learning the music for each worship service.
- The ability to read music is an asset but not essential
- Work collegially with other choir members

What to expect?

- The choir rehearses weekly (currently on Thursdays) and before the 10am Sunday morning service and before additional services.
- The choir sings the service music, the hymns assigned for the day, and usually an anthem.
- Choir members are fitted with a choir robe.
- Typically, the choir processes at the beginning and end of the service with other liturgical leaders.
- The choir has traditionally raised funds for the parish and the music programme through fundraising projects. Each choir member is asked to support these efforts as they are able.

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Responsibilities

- Arrive on time for regularly weekly rehearsals and the Sunday service, and additional seasonal services.
- Advise the Director of Music of any conflicts with rehearsals or services.
- Prepare for the rehearsal by learning the music ahead of time as you are able.

Accountability: to the Director of Music