

## **Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Intercessory Prayer Group 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 have a time trial to assist further with this discernment.

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

Jesus often prayed with and for his disciples. He taught them to pray as a family: "Our Father in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9). When Jesus left the earth, they found strength in praying together: "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers" (Acts 1:14).

The Apostle Paul often asked others to pray for him, for example, in his letter to the Christians at Corinth, Paul asked them to pray for him as he was constantly under duress for preaching Jesus (2 Corinthians, 1:11).

As followers of Jesus, we depend on the public and private prayers of our siblings in Christ.

### **What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?**

- Able to maintain confidentiality; Compassion; Diligence in prayer.

### **What to expect:**

- Orientation and training
- To receive prayer requests through a confidential email chain (requests are received or initiated by the rector and members of the team), or in-person when we are able to add intercessory prayer during the 10am Sunday liturgy
- Support from other members of the group

**Accountability:** To the Coordinator