

# Missions

There are 7 Missions on the Lake Edge Team Ministry Leadership Wheel led by 7 Liaisons, who serve as Council members along with the President, President-elect, and Pastor(s).

Each Mission is comprised of 6-8 members who work with their Liaison to accomplish the planning and carrying out of regular and special events in the life of our congregation. The Treasurer attends the first hour of the Council meeting to share the monthly financial report. Mission and Council members may work together or independently outside scheduled meetings to accomplish necessary tasks and communications. Each Mission and Council meeting begins with a short Bible study to gather us together in the Word.

1. **The President-elect and President** work in Team Ministry with the Church Council to guide, plan, and envision the life of the Lake Edge community of faith. This leadership position serves a two-year term: the first year as the president-elect and the second year as the president. The President-elect/Secretary notifies council members and the congregation about all official church meetings; records and submits official minutes of Council and Congregational meetings for the church archives and monthly Dialogue (newsletter); serves as a council-appointed member of the Lay Staff Support Committee, the Nominating Committee and other task forces and committees as appropriate; and performs the duties of the president if the president is unavailable. The President presides at all meetings of the Congregation and the church Council and, with the Pastor(s), oversees the work and missions of the church as charged to the members of the Council, Committees, and other working groups. The President also serves as an appointed member of the Pastoral Support Committee. Both the President and president-elect shall sign all agreements, contracts and undertakings which require the certification of the congregation's action.

2. **The Worship Mission**, working with the Pastor(s) and Church music staff, helps to maintain the worship and musical life of the congregation. The mission strives to support and incorporate music in the worship service through the choirs and instrumentalists in the congregation. The mission seeks to enhance the worship life of Lake Edge, helping to coordinate the worship schedule, ensure that worship assistants are available, and prepare the church for worship through ecclesiastical art and seasonal decorations.

3. **The Finance and Property Mission** prepares monthly financial reports and financial analysis regarding the church's financial position; maintains the integrity of the church building, grounds, and other physical assets belonging to the church; prioritizes and recommends repairs, replacement of a assets, etc. to benefit the operation of the church; prepares the budget for future asset and expense needs of the church; is an advocate on financial matters on behalf of the church.

4. **The Ministry Support Mission** consisted of 1 member in 2014. This Mission needs reinvigoration in 2015 and will focus its efforts on promoting communication across Missions, within our congregation, and into our neighborhood. It will help to create organizational structure to Mission operations to promote continuity and leadership transition from year-to-year. Computer skills and interest in electronic communications (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) are appreciated, as well as good-old-fashioned legible cursive.

5. **The Church & Family Fellowship Mission** plans and helps organize annual and once-in-a-lifetime social events in the life of Lake Edge. Whether it is for families, youth, the young-at-heart, or all of the above, if it involves food and fun activities, you can bet that this Mission had a hand in getting the event on the calendar and finding many hands and hearts to carry it off. Events such as the Easter breakfast, fall Family picnic, December Young at Heart Dinner, and youth bowling/swimming/skiing as well as Sunday morning refreshments, youth room soda machine, and kitchen-use policies have their organizational home with this Mission.

6. **The Education Mission** provides learning experiences for all ages. Elementary Education selects curriculum that fits with our Lutheran Doctrines, secures Sunday school teachers, and sets the schedules and special events like the Christmas program. Youth Education offers assistance to the Pastors with the Confirmation classes and provides educational classes/events for both Junior High and Senior High youth. Adult Education offers support to the Women of the church; provides Biblical studies to the congregation; and provides thought-provoking programs on variety of topics to the congregation that are scheduled on Sundays and weekdays. Cross-Generational Education provides events where all ages can attend and learn together. Congregational members should consider joining one of these missions: if you are a parent or grandparent or other adult who wants to support the children and youth of our congregation in their educational experience, OR, if you are an adult that enjoys learning---both Biblical and about other important topics that affect our Christian Living.

7. **The Peace & Justice Mission** oversees educational opportunities, actions, and events in order raise awareness about important issues of inequality and injustice so that we may be instruments of peace and justice in our local and global communities. This Mission is the organizational home to many ongoing projects and annual events in the life of Lake Edge including Luke House (monthly community meal), Meals on Wheels, The Road Home (family shelter), Lutheran World Relief (health and school kits), and Bread for the World, and many more. It supervises our sisterhood relationship with Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Salvador; distributes financial benevolences to our ministry partners; and promotes living in harmony with God's natural world.

8. **Membership Support** seeks to support current and potential Lake Edge members in their personal lives and in their lives of faith. This Mission organizes and directs crisis ministry with special programs, in-home visitations, and provision of meals; seeks out, invites and incorporates new members into the family of Lake Edge by scheduling and planning new member classes and related special events; and shepherds our growing flock by embracing and supporting all from the newly baptized to the senior saints in our midst.