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Growing through our Ministries

The Ministry Teams at Rejoice Lutheran Church need your gifts to thrive! Read here for an inventory of teams, needed volunteers and job descriptions.

Team:	Angel Tree
Contact:	Misty Maslanka, 817-522-6919
Need:	Donations for gifts for Foster Children
Job Description:	At Christmastime we support Upbring, Lutheran Social Services Foster Care organization, by purchasing gifts for children. Near Easter we create Easter Baskets for the children and sometimes before Back to School we donate backpacks.

	<p>Ascend Contemporary Worship Ministry Team is committed to growing God's kingdom by providing an enjoyable and meaningful worship experience for all of God's people.</p>
Contact:	Carl Bergauer, 469.734.6634, carl@bergauer.net
Need:	Musicians and Vocalists. To excel in our ministry, we ask our members to be dependable by arriving on-time and being prepared for rehearsals, sound checks and worship. All volunteers are selected for this team by open audition.
Job Description:	Musicians and Vocalists must be able to read lyric charts and/or printed music. Additionally, they must be able to learn songs from videos when necessary. Musicians must possess a good-working instrument. All members must be generally available for weekly rehearsals and Sunday services.

Team:	Assisting Ministers assist the presiding minister during the 11 am traditional, liturgical service.
Contact:	Kim Franklin, 214-952-4648, kim@ontosystems.com
Need:	Assisting Ministers
Job Description:	Assist Presiding Minister at the 11 am traditional service by robing, reading the Prayers of Intercession, other prayers, and dismissal. Robe and training provided

Team:	BBQ Team – The Holy Smokers are the official bar-b-q team for Rejoice. We have quarterly fundraisers to cook for the congregation. We are also starting to get involved in cooking for the community as well. This includes the yearly Pet Blessing, Briarwood Cooking For Christ, Ocktoberfest, and other events when Rejoice requests us to cook. During these events it is important to have men’s bible study while cooking.
Contact:	Vince Thiel, 214-897-6647, vthiel05@gmail.com
Need:	Volunteers to come out and spend time with other Christian men cooking and in the Word.
Job Description:	Help assist with preparing the meat/cooking the meat and come out and have fun with other Men here at Rejoice.

Team:	Bell Choir
Contact:	Maria Lorentzen, 214-868-7747, mlorentzen@gmail.com
Description:	This brand new group just starting practicing October, 2021 and they already sound amazing! If you love music but aren’t sure if you qualify, give Maria a call. No experiencing necessary to join this fun group and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Team:	Book Club - Women's Book Fellowship – The LitWits
Contact:	Lynn Braun, 214.228.7006, lynnbraun51@gmail.com
Description:	<i>(Book Club has suspended operation due to COVID but hopes to reconvene in 2022)</i> Book Club meets on the second Tuesday night of each month in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. to have food, fun, fellowship, and to discuss books of all types.

Team:	Bunko
Contact:	Shannon Webber, wynwebb@aol.com
Description:	Join this fun group of ladies on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No experience is required! Bring \$5 and a snack to share and plan to have a great time!

Team:	Card Ministry team makes handmade cards and sends them to members for various occasions and to folks on the prayer list. We meet at the church the second Monday of each month from 10 am – noon and enjoy fellowship while making cards.
Contact:	Betty Gilbertson, 253-208-4441. donandbettyg@comcast.net
Job Description:	Crafty hands to make cards and card writers to fill them out. No experience required and work can be taken home to complete.

Team:	Care Team provides care to members and friends of Rejoice through Meal Trains, Card Ministry, Prayer Shawls, financial assistance, prayers, home visits and phone calls.
Contact:	Vicar Cheryl, 214-507-4256, cheryl@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	Volunteers for home visits, errands, taking communion, sign up for Meal Ministry, pray for one another. Training provided for various needs.

Team:	Children Youth and Family Ministries (CYF) of Rejoice are here to strengthen the faith, friendships, and fun for the families of Rejoice. We do this through educational programs such as Sunday School and Confirmation, bonding moments such as youth group, lock-ins, and retreats, and fun events like our annual Pumpkin Patch Party or Vacation Bible School. We have events for all ages, and firmly believe that ALL are welcome!
Contact:	Aaron Colwick, 214-499-5933, Aaron@rejoicelutheran.org Katrina Colwick, 817-528-1604, Katrina@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	Sunday School Teachers, Adult Chaperones, Special Event Volunteers, CYF Ministry Team Members
Job Description:	<p>Sunday School teachers would be asked to teach on a rotating basis (usually once a month) from 9:45am-10:45am on Sunday mornings. The Curriculum and materials will be given to you so there is very little prep or time commitment needed from Sunday school teachers. We ask that you have a desire to connect with our younger children and a heart for ministering to them!</p> <p>Adult Chaperones would be called upon for any events that would need adult drivers, supervision, or other duties. Examples include driving our youth to and from events, being a sponsor on trips/mission trips, or hosting an event at your house.</p> <p>Special Event Volunteers would be asked to volunteer their time, talents, and treasures to aid in some of our events, in many different opportunities. For example, this could be volunteering to help at Vacation Bible School to teach lessons, run games, set up snacks, or be a leader. It could be running the registration, donating snack items, or moving tables and chairs. These volunteer positions can vary between being very active or passive, in the spotlight or behind the scenes, long term or short term. Basically, there is room for everyone to help in their own way!</p> <p>The Children Youth and Family Team Members are asked to support Aaron and Katrina in their ministry. This includes attending meetings to discuss the budget, potential events, and help to assess the needs of the congregation.</p>

Team:	Choir
Contact:	Rick Watts, 404-488-4855, rick.watts@mail.com
Description:	Join this fun group of singers who enhance our worship experience each week at the 11 o' clock service. Rehearsals each Wednesday night at 7 pm. The nursery is available
Need:	Singers! No experience required!
Job Description:	Rehearse each Wednesday at 7 and arrive at 10:30 to rehearse prior to the 11 am service.

Team:	Communion Setup - Set up / clean up items for communion at each worship service
Contact:	Ashley Oria, 214.727.3692, ashleyroria@gmail.com
Need:	A team leader for this group and volunteers for 9 and 11 am services
Job Description:	Communion setup is easy at the 9 am and 11 am worship services. Prepare trays of communion supplies and place in the Narthex, place a chalice (cup) and paten (plate) behind the altar and a small set of communion supplies at the altar. After the 11 am service, put away supplies and wash chalice and paten.

Team:	Counters count and deposit offerings after the last service on Sundays.
Contact:	Linda Tucker, 214.493.2876, ltucker@rosewd.com
Need:	Counters
Job Description:	Count and deposit Sundays' offerings after the late service. We work in teams of two and it only takes about 30 mins.

Team:	E-Greeters welcome our on-line congregation & guests
Contact:	Cheryl Herreid, 214.507.4256, cheryl@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	E-Greeters and a Team leader to create a rotation schedule
Job Description:	Welcome online worshippers, share the peace and offer your expertise to answer any questions they may have.

Team:	Fellowship Team coordinates to host a variety of events within the church around a meal. This may include community wide events (i.e. Oktoberfest), worship service-related meals (i.e. Reformation Sunday lunch, Lenten soup suppers), and coordinating events with the barbeque team.
Contact:	Need a Volunteer (Contact the office to volunteer!)
Need:	Team Leader or a few Co-Team Leaders, event coordinators and cooks!
Job Description:	The pandemic put Fellowship on hold for a while, but we are ready to get back together again! You may have enjoyed the pancake breakfast after unloading pumpkins or Bunko recently! These events are hosted by an individual, we need a few more individuals to host events throughout the year. We have a wealth of great cooks at Rejoice and you are never alone working in the Fellowship hall! Plan an event and the people will come, we love fellowship! We need an organizer to support this ministry. The team leader plans events and coordinates with other ministry teams like Worship & Music and the BBQ Team, alerts the office to scheduled events, and assists with communication to the congregation. People will help we just need an organizer. Contact Cheryl who will shepherd you through the process of leading this fun ministry at Rejoice.

Team:	Gifts Based Ministries (<i>New group based on LEAD findings</i>)
Contact:	Cheryl Herreid, 214.507.4256, cheryl@rejoicelutheran.org
Description:	Helping one another see their God given gifts and talents and encouraging them to share them at church, at home, at work, and in our community. I would love some help! Interested? Call me!

Team:	Greeters welcome folks into the building for worship on Sunday mornings
Contact:	Ashley Oria, 214.727.3692, ashleyroria@gmail.com
Description:	Greet folks as they enter the building on Sunday morning
Need:	A team leader for this group and volunteers at each service to welcome folks in.
Job Description:	This is a fun, very important job that only takes about 15 minutes. You are the first impression members and guests see as they enter the building! Arrive 15 minutes before service, smile, open the door and welcome everyone to church! Distribute Visitor Gift Bags to first timers, bulletins and communion supplies. Close the sanctuary doors when the service begins and count the number of people in attendance.

Team:	Hospitality* (<i>New group based on LEAD findings</i>)
Contact:	Cheryl Herreid, 214-507-4256, cheryl@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	A team leader and volunteers to build a hospitality team that will focus on welcoming guests on-line and through our front doors.
Job Description:	This is an idea for a new team idea based on the passion we heard about hospitality in the feedback from the LEAD Assessment and during our LEAD Listens Focus Groups. We aren't sure what this will look like, but we heard you say it is important to Rejoice! I would love to work with a group of folks to launch this new team. Let's work together to continue to welcome everyone to our church with the love God has first given us.

Team:	Life Groups are informal, faith-based groups that meet weekly in member homes. They last 90 minutes including a simple meal, sharing about your week, bible reading and reflection, and prayer. Life groups are a great way to get to know other Rejoicers in a small group setting.
Contact:	Cheryl Herreid, 214.507.4256, cheryl@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	Life Group Leaders. New Life Group members are always welcome!
Job Description:	Life Group leaders host (or co-host with another leader) weekly life groups in their home or at the church. They communicate meeting time and meal information weekly, determine how the group will share meal responsibility, select a bible verse for the week's reading, and facilitate the discussion. An experienced Life Group leader is happy to accompany you to start a new group.

Team:	Meal Ministry provides meals to members and staff or persons in need during times of difficulty due to illness, new babies, financial difficulties or death. It's a ministry that show shows our members and community of the loving hand of God in our actions to provide meals.
Contact:	Pamela Spadaro, 214-725-0648, pamela7_dallas@yahoo.com
Need:	Volunteers to provide a meal whether home cooked, store or restaurant purchased
Job Description:	We use a care calendar and typically provide meals, normally dinner, for a few days or a few weeks. Signup is based on your schedule and your choice as to meal type provided. Add your name to the list and you will be notified of upcoming Meal Trains. Select the day that works for your schedule!

Team:	Outreach Rejoice supports several organizations including the Red Cross, Many Helping Hands Ministries, Starfish, Upbring Foster Care (see Angel Tree), and Lutheran World Relief (see Sew N Sews).
Contact:	Laura Butzow, 469-556-3827, buzzeesings@yahoo.com
Need:	Throughout the year we have opportunities to give and support these ministries, watch your Joyful Noise!
Job Description:	Donate blood or assist the team setting up the Fellowship Hall for blood drives; donate food or serve it to our friends experiencing homelessness in Irving; donate toys, money or travel to Juarez to support our partners in ministry there.

Team:	Other Outreach Rejoice also supports our community chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon who meet in our building several times per week as well as the Church of Damascus Road who supports prison ministry.
Contact:	Josalyn Penner, 972-724-2323, josalyn@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	Usually financial donations to support prison ministries
Job Description:	The Church of Damascus Road is working to open a shelter, Jay's Place, for men recently paroled and recovering from addiction. As this ministry takes shape, we may have opportunities to serve at Jay's Place educating the residents on life skills. Stay Tuned!

Team:	Prayer. We have two prayer lists at Rejoice, one is in the weekly printed announcements and the other is a private chain that prays confidentially in response to prayer requests.
Contact:	Josalyn Penner, 972-724-2323, josalyn@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	People who enjoy praying for others
Job Description:	Pray as you receive requests via email to the prayer chain group from the church office.

Team:	Prayer Shawls and baby blankets are available at Rejoice to gift to friends and family members.
Contact:	Janet Rashbaum, jdmrash@hotmail.com
Need:	Volunteers to make shawls and blankets. Training provided!
Job Description:	At your leisure, crochet shawls and blankets. There is plenty of yarn donated to the church, you can find in the Narthex

Team:	<p>Primetimers is a group geared for Senior Citizens (generally 55+) and/or Retirees of all ages. They meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon at Rejoice Fellowship Hall. Meetings are generally 90 minutes including a scrumptious lunch, fellowship and a program or activity. Members take turns planning each month's meeting, program, menu and passing a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help out the next month.</p> <p>Primetimers seeks to provide to Seniors: fellowship, food, fun, information and prayer support to each other. They also do outreach projects with the Angel Tree, Many Helping Hands, serving at some events, and the Pumpkin Patch.</p>
Contact:	Marilyn & Bob Hammons, 214-563-5630, BobandMarilynH@gmail.com
Needs:	Chairmen for a one-year term. New Primetimer members are always welcome!
Job Description	Oversee the monthly leaders to make sure they're on target. Notify Primetimer members via email of upcoming monthly meetings and the agenda for the month. Get information to church office for publication in the Rejoice Newsletter.

Team:	Property team oversees property fixes, enhances and needs on the church property inside and out
Contact:	Earl Johnson, 214-542-8345, earl.johnson2@novolex.com
Needs:	Volunteers are needed for repairs and consultation as well as finding repairman for larger jobs
Job Description:	If you are a handyman, plumber, gardener, painter, drywall repairman, craftsman, electrician or handy in any way, we could use your help!

Team:	Pumpkin Patch is our fabulous annual community event that takes place in the Fall. We need helpers of all kinds!
Contact:	Kim Johnson, 972-462-0324, ghjohns@airmail.net
Need:	Volunteers unload pumpkin, read stories to children during Storytime, sell pumpkins, and have a great time!
Job Description:	On the job training provided for the various jobs available. Pumpkins usually arrive the first Saturday of October and runs three weeks

Team:	Readers read the first bible passage each week from the pulpit during the 11 am traditional service.
Contact:	Amber Rhodes, amberrhodes2004@outlook.com
Need:	Lesson Readers at the traditional services
Job Description:	Read the bible passage during a traditional service at 11. The reading is emailed to you prior to the weekend.

Team:	Sanctuary Arts team decorates the sanctuary with the changes of the seasons according to the church calendar.
Contact:	Vicky Billingsley, 214-686-4541 (text is best)
Need:	Helpers to decorate the sanctuary
Job Description:	Bring your creativity to decorate the sanctuary where we gather to worship God! Maybe you aren't creative but would still like to help, come on! You may be asked to climb a ladder, iron a banner or pin things to a bulletin board. No experience required, just be able to follow directions!

Team:	Sewing Group – The Sew N Sews
Contact:	BJ Manke, 214-578-2839, bjmanke@aol.com
Description:	Have you been fascinated by people who can sew? Join us on Thursdays in the Fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. for lessons. Learn to make a project for yourself or in service to others. Bring out your creative side and learn practical skills. Several skilled sewists (sewer & artist) will be available to teach and partner with you, no experience required. Projects and materials provided. The Sew N Sews also make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Team:	Social Media / Marketing group takes communications from the church office and posts to all our social media channels including our website, App, Facebook, and Instagram. Anyone can help this team by posting about Rejoice! If you enjoy social media, consider helping out on this team, doing what you already enjoy!
Contact:	Josalyn Penner, 972-724-2323, josalyn@rejoicelutheran.org

Team:	Sunday School for Adults meets each week between worship services at 10 am - 10:50 am in person and via Zoom. This is a highly participative class, and the teaching is rotated among several members. Come and join a fun group and learn more about the bible in depth. If teaching is your gift, volunteer to teach a lesson!
Contact:	Marlene Evans, 214-425-3070, neenaevans@gmail.com

Team:	<p>Technology - AV Tech Team or “Holy Headphones“ run all of the Audio and Video for our worship services, as well as providing our streaming experience for our digital viewers. We strive to make sure everyone’s worship experience is seamless and smooth, and use our gifts and talents in the “background” to ensure everyone can praise the Lord as easily as we can provide!</p> <p>Typical commitment is 1-2 Sundays a month, doing either the 9:00am or 11:00am service. Schedules are provided monthly, and volunteers will work with a team of 3-4 in the A/V Booth during their assigned worship service.</p>
Contact:	Aaron Colwick, 214-499-5933, aaron@rejoicelutheran.org
Need:	ProPresenter Techs, Camera Techs, Booth Director
Job Description:	<p>ProPresenter Techs run the slides during our worship services. They arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of worship, and review the slides with the Booth Director to understand the flow and intricacies of worship. There is a day of training where Aaron or another Booth Director will instruct how to use the Mac that controls ProPresenter, usually done 30-45 minutes before your first service.</p> <p>Camera Techs control the 3 cameras we have installed in the sanctuary, and provide the streaming experience for those who watch our services online. They arrive 25 minutes prior to the start of worship and review the Order of Worship, adjust any presets for the camera, and discuss flow and intricacies with the Booth Director. There are 3 training sessions set up with Aaron or another Booth Director: one session where you strictly observe and learn, one session where you control the cameras, but the Booth Director is next to you the entire time, and the final session where you take the lead.</p> <p>Booth Directors manage the A/V Booth during a worship, monitoring all aspects of the booth, which include ProPresenter, Cameras, and the Audio Mixer. They are also the fallback should a volunteer be unable to run their station. A Booth Director should be trained in all aspects of the booth.</p>

Team:	Women's Bible Study meets at 10:30 Wednesday mornings via Zoom. We study the bible in depth and enjoy fellowship and praying for one another. If you would like to learn more about the bible with a super group of ladies, come join us!
Contact:	Donna Bieber, 469-358-7024, rondonnabieber@aol.com

Team:	Worship & Music Team meets monthly to plan our worship services. This team selects hymns, makes recommendations to the council on scheduling and plans special services throughout the year. If you have a passion for worship, give Pastor Ernie a call to find out how you can help out!
Contact:	Pastor Ernie, 214-907-7805, ernie@rejoicelutheran.org