



# Volunteer Opportunities

There is a place for you to serve here at Alto Reformed Church. There are a variety of ministries and needs, with various times and commitment levels. Not sure where you fit in? Discover your strengths at <http://www.assessme.org/8274.aspx>, then talk with any staff member to see what might be the right fit for you.



## Care

**Media Delivery** – Do you love visiting with others or connecting with those who can't get out much? Each week bulletins and recordings of the worship service are delivered to the members of our congregation that are in a nursing home or can't get out of the home often. These individuals can be such a joy to visit with even if it's just a few minutes out of the day. Media delivery is a commitment of approximately twice every 6 months. Volunteers must be 18+ years old. Sign-up at the info desk or contact Megan Vande Zande for more details.

**Shepherd of Care** – Do you have a gift and desire to serve the hurting, the sick, and the shut-ins of Alto Reformed Church. Our church has an amazing history of providing care for one another in our times of need, and you can be a part of continuing to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this way. Each shepherd is assigned to a district of the members of the congregation that they are responsible to care for. The commitment is to visit shut-ins in your district once a month (each shepherd has a maximum of 2 shut-ins in their district), to provide care for individuals and families in your district when they are sick or hurting, and to communicate with the staff of the church to report on your visitations. If you feel called to serve in this manner, please contact Pastor Doug for more details.

**Stork** – Do you love that new baby smell and squishiness? Do you have a heart for supporting new moms and dads? Members of the stork committee visit parents and newborn babies and provide them with a baked treat. Contact Jane Chené to sign-up or for more details.

**Welcomed** – Do you love kids? Have you considered foster care, but don't feel like it's the right timing or fit right now? There are some great ways for you to help foster kids and their foster families. If any of the options below interest you or for more details, contact Benita Ter Beest.

- **Family Helpers:** Supply one meal a month, and possibly help with housework, laundry, or yard work.
- **Child Mentors:** Provide childcare at least twice per month.
- **Team Leaders:** Coordinate the tasks of the care community for a foster family and send weekly group emails to the team.
- **Interim Caregivers:** Serve as overnight caregivers in your home or in the foster home for one night or several nights.



## Equipping

**Bible Class Teachers** – Do you enjoy making connections with the kids of our church and community? Join our fun-filled Wednesday night classes where we use hands-on curriculum to engage the kids and help them to grow closer to Jesus all at the same time. Bible Class is made up for two 13-week semesters, starting in September and going into the beginning of April. For more info contact Adrea Daane.

**High School Youth Coaches** – Did you have someone in your life as a teen that inspired you to grow in your faith? Maybe God is calling you to be that person for our amazing teenagers! A high school youth group coach commits to one year of serving most Wednesday nights, 7:30-9pm, September through May, with the hope that volunteers will follow their class through graduation to build relationships. This is such a great opportunity to pass on your faith to the next generation. If you're interested in joining our awesome team, talk to Jessa Ter Beest!

**Middle School Youth Coaches** – Are you a little crazy AND crazy about Jesus? Then middle school youth group coaching is for you! Middle Schoolers bring so much joy into the lives of coaches with their energy and love for Jesus. They are a constant inspiration for what it looks like to live out faith on a daily basis. A middle school youth group coach commits to one year of serving most Sunday evenings, 6:30-8pm, September through May. Talk to Jessa Ter Beest if you'd like to know more!

**Substitutes** – Looking for a way to serve in the children's department but unsure you can make a regular time commitment? Substitute teaching may be a perfect fit. We are always in need of subs to fill in for both Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Class. As a sub you can pick up classes as you are able and be on call for only the ages and grade levels that interest you and make you comfortable. For more info, contact Adrea Daane.

**Sunday School Teachers** – Have you been looking for a way to help the younger generation in their study of the Bible and their growth of faith? Sunday School teachers have a great opportunity to do just that. Each class has 2 co-teachers who can work out a rotation of teaching that fits their schedules. Sunday School starts in September and goes into May, but remember, you're only responsible for teaching and attending half of the classes so there is lots of room for flexibility! For more details, contact Adrea Daane.

**Sunday School or Bible Class Assistant Teachers** – We are starting something new this upcoming year! New assistant teacher positions are being created as a way to give our teachers some additional support in their classrooms. This is also a great way to get your feet wet and to gain training for individuals who would like some experience before lead teaching on their own. Assistant positions will be available in both Sunday School and Bible Class classes and require no planning or extra prep, just your time in the classes. For more details, contact Adrea Daane.

**WOW Helpers** – Do you love the littlest members of our congregation? We are always looking for more helpers in our Walk Out Worship program. Anyone ages 11 and up are welcome to sign-up. As a WOW helper you will walk alongside the kids as they worship together, dive into the Bible story for the week, and assist with the follow-up activities. This is a commitment of about 2-4 times every 6 months. Sign-up at the info desk or contact Adrea Daane for more details.

**Youth Ministry Home Groups** – Want to be involved with the youth but don't have the time for a weekly commitment? Leading a Home Group could be for you! Home groups meet about once a month, in your home. You'd be assigned a small group of mixed gender middle school (Sundays, 6:45-8pm) or high school students (Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm) and receive curriculum to teach a 20-30minute lesson and spend the rest of the evening hanging out and getting to know the kids! Some groups serve food or plan games - it's totally up to you! If this sounds like something you might be interested in, talk to Jessa!



## Hospitality

**Fellowship Hosts** – Do you love coffee? Do you love snacks? Do you enjoy serving others? We have just the spot for you! Sign-up at the info desk to prepare coffee and juice before the service and then serve the snacks and beverages after the service. For more details, contact Bridget Lammers.

**Greeter** – Have you been told you have a great handshake or a fantastic smile? Or maybe you've been told you're full of joy or super friendly? We want you to join our team of greeters in welcoming people to church. This is a commitment of approximately twice every 6 months. Sign-up at the info desk with a friend or sign-up your entire family. For more details, contact Megan Vande Zande.

**Parking Assistance** – Have you always dreamt of being a valet? Then this is the job for you! At the handicap accessible entrance, you can assist those in need with getting in/out of their car and being their valet (tips are not included). Parking assistance is a commitment of approximately once every 6 weeks. Find someone to pair up with and sign-up at the info desk. Volunteers must be 18+ years old with a valid driver's license. For more info, contact Megan Vande Zande.

**Usher** – Would you like to help people find a place to sit on Sunday mornings? Join our team of ushers! This is a commitment of once every 3 weeks. Volunteers must be 11+ years old. For more details, contact Bob Kloosterboer.



## Worship

**Children's Message Leaders** – Do you have a heart for sharing Jesus with the little kiddos? We're looking for passionate and engaging volunteers to give the children's message during the worship service. You prepare and present the message (based on the pastor's sermon) and the candy and we'll provide the coloring sheet. This is a commitment of approximately once every 2-3 months. If this interests you, please contact Megan Vande Zande.

**Choir** – Do you have a passion for singing and praising the Lord? There are opportunities for anyone 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up to join a choir. Sonshine Singers is for kiddos in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Jr. Choir is for teens in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Mixed Choir is for women and men of any age. Men's Chorus is for men of any age. The choirs meet to practice on Wednesday evenings September-April and sing once per month during the worship service. For more details, contact Katie Mueller (Sonshine Singers), Jessa Ter Beest (Jr. Choir), Mary Bruins (Mixed Choir), or Rick Stelsel (Men's Chorus) or come to one of the practices starting this fall.

**Nursery Volunteer** – Do you love interacting with little kiddos or sitting and rocking babies (Me! Me!)? Sign-up to volunteer in the nursery during the worship service. This is a commitment of approximately 2-3 times every 6 months. Volunteers must be 11+ years old. Sign-up at the info desk or contact Megan Vande Zande or Adrea Daane for more details.

**Praise Teams** – Do you love to worship? Do you sing, play piano, guitar, drums, flute, violin, or kazoo (well maybe not kazoo)? We have several groups of all ages helping lead us in worship. Groups rotate so that they lead once a month. Practices vary from team to team, but all teams do a sound check at 8:30am on the Sunday they lead. For more details, contact Kevin Van Wyk.

**Video Tech** – Interested in joining an awesome team of video techs? We will train you! This is a commitment of approximately once per month. Volunteers must be 11+ years old. Sign-up at the info desk or contact Steve Chené for more details.

