



## A Ministry Assistant could:

- Call on Seniors;
- Make hospital calls;
- Help administer church;
- Oversee church finances;
- Conduct Bible classes;
- Help design Orders of Worship;
- Oversee Children's ministry;
- Help congregation connect with community;
- Encourage and support Senior Activities; or
- Help the church meet other needs that arise.

For more information, visit

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# Ministry Assistant Program

*You, too, can become a  
trained servant of God  
to help your church!*

# The Ministry Assistant Program trains:

- Women, for service in God's church;
- Men who want to serve, but not as deacons;
- Congregations, so that the pastor does not have to do it all; and
- Pastors, in the joy of having staff to help them in ministry.

## The Ministry Assistant Program Educational Requirements

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Doctrine I
- Doctrine II
- Office of the Ministry
- Care-Giving
- Church History

## Three Electives

- Worship
- Teaching the Faith
- Church Administration
- Ministry with and among other cultures
- Children's ministry
- Church Planting
- Urban Ministry
- Rural Ministry
- Ministry with Older Adults
- Church Finance

## Other Information

Cost is \$300/course plus books, travel, and food. Classes usually meet once-a-month on Saturdays. Scholarships are available.



# Instructors

The instructors are pastors, commissioned ministers, and LCMS trained deaconesses. Some already serve as instructors in the Deacon and Pre-SMP training program.

Upon completion of the training program, the Ministry Assistant should fulfill the following additional requirements to be recognized:

- Commencement with certification;
- Have an ordained pastor as supervising pastor;
- Have a supportive congregation;
- Can serve as a volunteer, part-time or full-time staff;
- Attend Deacon Conferences annually to earn CEUs; and
- Interview for certification.

*"The Ministry Assistant Program has been a benefit in my professional life as a paid church employee as well as a blessing in my faith life. I am now better equipped and trained for serving my church and I cannot tell you how much I have grown spiritually over the course of the program."*

Mindy Kisser, Ministry Assistant  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saginaw

