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A Ministry Assistant could:

- Call on seniors;
- Make hospital calls;
- Help with church administration;
- 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.



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Ministry Assistant Training

• CLASSIC PLUS 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

Required Courses

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

Electives Courses (Choose 3)

- Worship
- Teaching the Faith
- Leadership
- Outreach
- Greek

Costs

- \$350 per class
- Students in the Classic Plus Program will receive a hybrid of both in-person and online training.
- It is estimated that an intentional student could complete the Classic Plus Program in 18 months.



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

