

TRINITY NEWS

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Today's readings speak of God's eagerness to find and forgive; they direct our attention to those who have drifted away from the Church or who have never known it. Seeking them out and gathering them in is a ministry we all share: the Ministry of Evangelism

There are other ministries though that are essential to the spiritual well being of any Christian community, service to one another, ministry to the evangelized. The love we owe one another (by which we are supposed to be known!) must be expressed in action as well as in words.

There are many ways we can and do serve each other: through the ministry of music, fundamental to our tradition, that you can perform either by joining in with gusto from the pew or better, joining the choir; the ministry of teaching, – Sunday School, Confirmation classes, adult study groups, all essential for the survival of the church; the ministry of hospitality, greeting one at all as they come in, ushering and helping with snacks and such; the ministry of reading, central to our worship.

Then there is service at the altar either as an acolyte – an especially appropriate ministry for young people - or as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, an awesome privilege. One ministry I think would be very useful in a 'geographically challenged' community such as ours is that of Lay Eucharistic Visitor, charged with bringing the reserved Sacrament to those that are sick or house-bound, a very special task indeed.

Then there are the administrative ministries, such as serving on the Vestry, committees, organizing special events and so forth that require a special kind of commitment and not a little sacrifice.

You'll have guessed by now that this is a not-so-subtle recruitment drive – it is. There's a sign up sheet for those who want to be Lay Eucharistic Ministers; others will be coming over the next few weeks. Please give some thought to what might be right for you.

Of course the most fundamental ministry is the ministry of faithful presence, just showing up Sunday after Sunday – but of course, that's one we've already signed up for- no need for a sheet.