

SCOPE OF MINISTRIES

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria [and Horicon, Juneau, Lowell; throughout the whole country and world] to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b, CEB

Ministry happens in so many different ways. Here are a few of the ways ministry has happened at the Shared Covenant Ministries in the past year.

PRAISING GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of who we are as a church. Rev. Allie preaches sermons that bring our scripture alive for our modern world. Each week we come together in three different communities to praise God and pray for each other in ways that are organic to who we are.

In **Horicon**, we are beginning to find new ways to celebrate God's goodness. Worship is creative and upbeat, like our new "praise song" opening to worship, and sensory – we're not afraid of a little mess.

In **Juneau**, fellowship matters. We gather as a community to share our lives before worship, and converse with each other during the service about how God is at work in our lives and in our community.

In **Lowell**, we have a rich tradition of using the gifts God has given us to honor our Maker. Our choir sings praise to God, and our members share their musical talents through special music whenever they can.

The SCM holds services together four times a year to remember that we are a diverse, but unified, community – a body with many parts that is better and stronger because of each other.

TEACHING AND EQUIPPING BELIEVERS FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE AND MINISTRY

The Shared Covenant Ministries equips people to serve Jesus and the world through Bible Study and Sunday School for all ages. Our Bible Studies allow us to ask questions about what is written in Scripture and how that should inform how we live our lives today. We're hoping to hold more education opportunities for all our members!

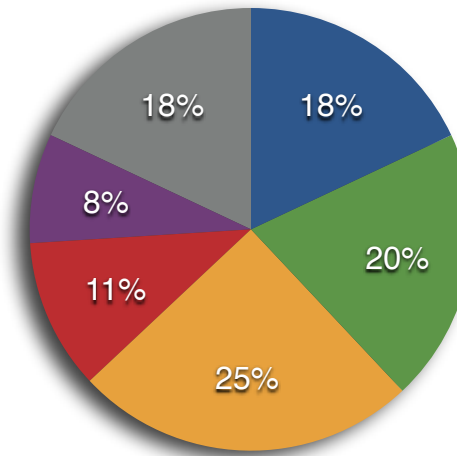
DIRECT SUPPORT FOR MINISTRIES

We care for children through weekly Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Youth group for teens meets monthly in Horicon. United Methodist Men and Women hold mission events and raise funds for our churches and our communities. Community Café meets weekly in Juneau for seniors. Additionally, Rev. Allie brings communion to our homebound members every month.

Our ministries reach people of all ages at different levels of faith and need. Through all of these programs, we connect with God and with each other so we can be strengthened to be the hands and feet of Christ throughout our communities.

MISSION AND OUTREACH REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

Our faith compels us to care for all God's people. We collect school supplies for students and Christmas gifts to families who are struggling. We support missionaries Jane and Larry Kies at Africa University through yearly financial giving, and consistently pay our apportionments in full!



DAILY MINISTRY SUPPORT

Our church is a seven-day-a-week-congregation, providing support for all ministries in times of joy and crisis. Whether communications, preparing worship tools, coordinating volunteer efforts, or tending to the daily details that equip ministry, our desire is to be supportive. We have updated our technological support to include a website and Facebook page for our church, and all our sermons are posted online so that others around the community may see what we're up to at the Shared Covenant Ministries. We print weekly bulletins – including extra for our homebound members – so that all are able to participate in the worship service, even from home.



GENEROSITY AND FINANCIAL GIFTS CREATE MINISTRY

This description is not intended to replace the tools used by our Finance Committee. If you want to see a detailed line item statement of how ministry funds are used, come by the church office.

PLACES FOR PEOPLE AND MINISTRY

Providing appropriate, welcoming, and accessible facilities is a crucial part of our ministry. The church is more than facilities. Places for gathering, fellowship, worship, and education are important. Our church facilities are a launching pad for many ministries, which meet people in times of need. We have been entrusted with our buildings and hope to maintain them well so that ministry can continue to be done in each of our communities without hindrance.

In **Horicon**, we are dreaming of transforming one of our empty rooms into a Prayer room.

In **Juneau**, we are undergoing large maintenance projects – this year we have begun a multi-year process of repairing our windows. We also hope to become handicap accessible so that all people can enter and feel welcome in our space.

In **Lowell**, we are looking forward to renovating our kitchen and making capital repairs to our building so our building is in excellent shape for our ministries and events throughout the year.

EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS OF GENEROSITY

Your actions allow others to experience God's love through you. Look for ways to express your faith.

- ♥ Say "yes" to volunteer roles that make ministry happen
- ♥ Mentor a child through our school connections
- ♥ Assist older adults with unmet life needs
- ♥ Be a part of the visitation team
- ♥ Serve as a youth leader
- ♥ Teach or join a Sunday School class
- ♥ Spearhead a one-time event at church
- ♥ Offer your musical talents in worship
- ♥ Participate in intentional prayer efforts
- ♥ Help organize a mission trip for next summer
- ♥ Adopt a family in need
- ♥ Join a committee that helps keep our church going
- ♥ Invite neighbors to attend church with you
- ♥ Greet and welcome people on Sundays
- ♥ Need an idea? Talk to Rev. Allie!

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OUR SCOPE OF MINISTRIES



GAME-CHANGER

God is always at work in our lives and in our church. Even when we don't know how, or can't see why, God is working and moving in, through, and among us. This Scope of Ministries shows us how we are the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus in our community and around the world.

There are so many ways to embody Christ in our communities. Maybe you can't be as directly involved in the nitty-gritty as you once were, but you are still essential to our Shared Covenant Ministries. In fact, each and every one of you can greatly impact every ministry that's on this sheet and more. Through your generosity, you have given so that God's work can be accomplished here and now.

Our Scope of Ministry plans are entirely dependent on God's grace and provision through you. How do you see God at work in our lives and in our communities? How will God lead you to be a significant part of real, life-changing ministry through your generosity?

Please join me in praying for what our Shared Covenant Ministries can accomplish in our communities. A great way to start our prayer is by asking this game-changing question: "If everyone at the SCM gave like me, would my church be alive with exciting, life-changing ministries, or would it be tired and worn out, ready to give up?"

There is no limit to what God can accomplish in our lives and in our church. I am so excited to see what God is going to do with us in the next year, if you and I let go of our self-imposed expectations and let the Holy Spirit move. Will you join me in dreaming a holy dream?

SEEING GOD AT WORK AND EXPERIENCING GOD'S PROVISION

Thanks to your generous giving, in the past year the SCM has:

- ◆ Hosted Vacation Bible School for nearly 30 children
- ◆ Gave 90 children from our community Christmas gifts and enough food for a Christmas feast
- ◆ Raised over \$3,000 for Imagine No Malaria
- ◆ Fed our communities through seven different free-will-offering meals
- ◆ Made over 5 dozen kits for the Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee
- ◆ Began a Strategic Planning process to look at the future of where God is leading us

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