



ST. LUKE'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Elders

- Spiritually mature men who serve the Lord by serving our members.
- They provide Christ-like care that is supportive and relational.
- They assist the Pastoral staff in growing the spiritual life of the congregation.

What does an Elder do?

1. PRAY

- To request prayer, call the church office (407-365-3408), email membercare@slucs.org or write it on your attendance card at worship. At your direction, our church staff will pass your request on to your Elder and/or the pastors. You may request prayers to be handled in any or all of the following ways:
 - Shared confidentially with Pastoral staff only
 - Forwarded to the Prayer Chain
 - Spoken during worship at the altar
- Our Prayer Partners are available to pray after worship services.

2. MEMBER CARE

- You have an elder who wants to be your faithful, caring, Christian friend.
- Elders like to remember special events in your life with a greeting card, postcard or email.
- Elders like to call or text occasionally just to stay in contact. Like a pastor, he is available in times of illness, celebration, loss, loneliness, doubt, or simply to talk.

3. VISITATION

- Your elder will contact you in various ways in order to become better acquainted with you. This makes it more natural to receive his support in time of need.
- Your Elder would like to visit with you to develop a rapport with you. As with pastoral visits, an elder visit can be requested through the church office or by direct contact with him.

4. FELLOWSHIP

- Elders provide social opportunities in an effort to build relationships within their larger Care Group.
- Members can get to know one another in a casual setting to provide mutual care for one another. Such activities might include group outings, meals, game events and the like.

5. WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

- A particular privilege of being an Elder is assisting our Pastors with the Lord's Supper during worship in the sanctuary and at the Lutheran Haven Chapel.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- How can I find out who my elder is?
 - Call the church office at 407-365-3408 or email a request to membership@slcs.org with your name. We will respond by providing your elder contact information. (*Pictures of elders are available in your online member info under Resources.*)
 - Login to our app or myinfo.slcs.org and look under **Involvement**
- When should I contact my elder?
 - Anytime you feel a need for help, physically or spiritually or want to share some news, ask a question, ...
- How can I help my elder?
 - Keep him informed about any changes to your address, phone number, email, family changes, If you're moving or leaving St. Luke's, he will gladly assist you in finding a congregation near your new home.
 - Pray for him Just as with a pastor, your elder's dedication to serving his people and focus on the task consumes both physical and emotional energy. Let your elder know when you have prayed for him. He and his family will be encouraged by your friendship and participation in the Lord's ministry.

Our Mission: By God's Grace alone, St. Luke's exists to awaken and nurture thriving relationships with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To be a Spirit-empowered community that expects, encourages and supports people to actively participate in God's plan to save all people and hasten the renewal of His creation.

