

# A Season to Serve

What do we celebrate during the Christmas season? We celebrate that Jesus left perfect fellowship in heaven to go to Earth and serve a lost humanity. This year, we want to get to the heart of Christmas and imitate Christ: we'll leave our comfortable world, go where people are hurting, and serve them. Therefore, we challenge every family at Anchor Point to serve in the community at least once this holiday season.

Why are we making this challenge? Because we want to add one more thing to an already busy season? Of course not. We're making this challenge because:

1. **This is Anchor Point's vision**—We are a church that serves the city and meets its needs.
2. **God calls us to imitate Him**—Serving hurting people is at the heart of who Jesus is.
3. **People need Christ**—As the economy tightens, simply coming alongside people will go a long way toward pointing people to Jesus.
4. **Service blesses us**—Serving others, especially those beyond our world of family and friends, will do a work in us.

"This is a way we can love on people this holiday season and show them we're different from the world," Paul said. "Let's sacrifice our time and resources to bless someone else. In reality, we'll end up more blessed than they do."

On the next page is a list of opportunities. Find one that appeals to you—or something else in the community not on the list—and go. It's our hope that for many of us, this'll be not a one-hit wonder but rather the beginning of something wonderful. "If you discover a passion for that ministry," Paul said, "go back. Bring people in. Keep blessing that ministry."

Paul's excited about "putting in hours with a red kettle" and going to a nursing home. "I don't sing, but I like yakking with people and praying for them." So, if you're putting a group together, call him—he's in. Jeff knows he's doing Operation Christmas Child; "but we do that every year." He's eager to read



the list with Michele "and pick something new."

As you go, look for what God is doing, and tell us about it! Email [julie@anchorpointchurch.org](mailto:julie@anchorpointchurch.org) with your story, or tell Jeff or Paul what happened. We'll celebrate with you what God does through you as we all go and serve.

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- **Go Together:** grab a friend and serve in the same place at the same time!
- **Train Up a Child:** Find something your whole family can do together—it'll train your children that this is "normal" Christianity.
- **Worth 1,000 Words:** Take a picture and send it to [julie@anchorpointchurch.org](mailto:julie@anchorpointchurch.org).

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## Philippians 2:5-7

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

## 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

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<b>Lakewood School</b> Wendy Roff 525-6770	Make a Christmas care package for a family (gifts and/or food)	
<b>Salvation Army</b> Jill 722-7934	<i>Red Kettles:</i> serve 2-hour minimum, any age, Nov 10-Dec 24 <i>Toyland Express:</i> buy toys for any ages; drop off Oct 12-Dec 15 Buy & drop off new hats, gloves, mittens, for kids in need Serve at gift wrap booth at the mall Serve at or donate to food shelf	
<b>DECC Thanksgiving Dinner</b> Volunteer line 723-6774	Serve a meal for the community	
<b>Chum</b> Meg Kerns 720-6521	Help Mon evenings at food shelf (stock shelves, interview people) Mon or Thurs—serve meals	
<b>Union Gospel Mission</b> Sharren Bergren 722-1196	Serve a meal	
<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>	Pick up shoe boxes at church, fill them, and drop them off at KDNW Nov 17-24	
<b>Bethany Crisis Nursery</b> Dawn Schikes 626-1479	Do yard work/painting/clean-up/adopt a bedroom & fix it up Organize a drive for diapers/duffle bags/luggage/hygiene items Be on newborn call; rock, hold, care for kids (need a background check)	
<b>Safe Haven Women's Shelter</b> Amanda 730-2468	Provide child care Lead projects or activities Help cook a weekend meal	
<b>Bayshore Nursing Home</b> Stacy Oakland 727-8651	Sing carols Help with Bingo or other special events	
<b>Mentor Duluth</b> Randy Roff 525-6770	Mentor a boy or girl	
<b>YMCA</b> Nell Rickard 591-3742	After-school programs (hang out with kids, ten schools involved) Academic mentoring opportunities with kids	
<b>Hands in Service</b> Ricky Neilson 722-4107 x153	Serve elderly people in their homes with handy work, snow removal, shopping, or transportation	
<b>Teen Challenge</b> Rachel Wickstrom 740-5506	Academic help (correcting assignments, tutoring students); administrative help (in the counseling dept, reception area); Help graduates transition into society (gather resources, call employers & landlords, help with resume/interview skills) <i>For men only:</i> Be a mentor, appointment driver, or supervisor	

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**Ephesians 5:1**  
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**If Someone Asks, "Why are you doing this?"**  
You can say, "Jesus came to serve, not be served, and this is our way at Anchor Point to be more like Jesus and serve the community."

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