

PADS Homeless Ministry

Purpose: SPLC partners with the "Journeys: The Road Home" organization, where volunteers provide food and shelter to the homeless in our community via a program called PADS. This ministry contributes to our church mission of leading people to a full life in Christ by helping them to serve the Lord by helping others.



Responsible to and supported by: The St. Peter PADS volunteer organization is responsible to the Director of Equipping, Karen Kogler. Pat Polerecky is the Ministry Coordinator and is also supported by the Community Partners team.

Job duties: The PADS program operates from the beginning of October through the end of April. St. Peter volunteers serve, along with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church members, on the third Saturday of each of those months. Prepare or assemble dinner for the homeless. Prepare entrees, vegetables, side dishes or desserts at home and/or assemble the meals at OSLC. Social distance and Covid 19 protocols in effect. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated including boosters and masks must be worn. Sign-up can be accessed through our newsletter, the Pulse.

Time requirement: The amount of time required is from 4:00-6:30 pm if you sign-up to assemble dinners.

Length of commitment: There is no set commitment. A volunteer can sign-up to work one time, or each month. St. Peter volunteers serve at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road, just two blocks east of St. Peter.

Training: No training necessary - all volunteers must be over 16 years of age.

Skills/qualifications: No special skills required, only a heart to serve the Lord.

Benefits to the volunteer: This ministry provides multi-generational serving opportunities and builds fellowship among the volunteers as we serve the Lord together.