

# Board of Elders

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## Paws with a Purpose Ministry Coordinator

**Mission Statement:** Paws with a Purpose Ministry brings warmth, comfort, companionship and joy to those at a nursing home through interaction with dogs and sharing the message of Jesus' love.

**Description:** The Paws with a Purpose Coordinator oversees the activities of the Paws with a Purpose Ministry and serves as the contact person for the Board of Elders.

**Qualifications:**

- Member of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
- Experienced in dog training and handling
- Organized
- Has a heart for spreading Jesus' love to nursing home residents

**Responsibilities:**

1. Schedule, facilitate, lead, and contribute to regular planning meetings.
2. Oversee the monthly nursing home visits.
3. Invite, schedule, and train Dog Handlers.
  - a. Ensure that dogs are capable of handling nursing home environment.
4. Act as liaison to Board of Elders.
  - a. Provide monthly updates on the ministry.
  - b. Submit budget requests.
5. Oversee publicity and awareness of the ministry.
  - c. Submit articles for Trinity's monthly newsletter.
  - d. Submit annual report.

**Time Commitment:**

- 3 - 4 hours per month
- 2 year commitment.

**Relationships:** The Coordinator works with the Paws with a Purpose Site Coordinator, the Paws with a Purpose Trinity Ambassador, nursing home residents and the other ministry members and their dogs, under the guidance of the Board of Elders.

**Training:** It is recommended that the Coordinator be professionally certified by Therapy Dog International.