

What is Stewardship?

- Stewardship is having the wisdom to understand that everything we have is a gift from God and we should be the absolute best caretakers.
- Stewardship is a way of life, honoring God with everything we do with the gifts He gives to us. Living a God-centered life rather than being self-centered and thinking first what God wants before thinking about what we want.
- Stewardship is living life with the understanding that someday God will ask each of us what we did with the gifts He gave us.
- Stewardship is a lifelong faith journey that brings us ever closer to Jesus, following the path He so perfectly laid out for us through the example of His life.
- Stewardship is life altering and its rewards last for eternity.

*God has given each of you a gift from
his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)*

*I Thank My God
Every Time I
Remember You*

Name: _____

**I would like to share my time and talents
or would like more information about the
checked groups.**

***Note: Please return this completed booklet on
Commitment weekend with your pledge card.***

2024 Ministry Opportunities

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BETHEL CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS

President—Elected leader of the congregation who oversees:

Medical Team
Mutual Ministry Team
Personnel Team
Stephen Ministry Team

Vice President—Assists the council President and oversees:

Congregational Life
Outreach Ministry Team

Treasurer—Provides guidance in all church financial matters including accounts payable, audits, budget preparation and investments, and oversees:

Check Signers
Check Writers
Endowment Team
Finance Ministry
Financial Secretary & Counters
Investment Policy Oversight Team

Secretary—Records meeting minutes and oversees:

Security Team
Technology Team

At-Large Council Member #1—Oversees:

Inreach Team
Funeral Team
Youth Ministry

At-Large Council Member #2—Oversees:

Bethel Preschool
Stewardship Ministry
Second Family Ministry

At-Large Council Member #3—Oversees:

Worship & Music
Jacob's Ladder
Building & Property

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BUILDING AND PROPERTY TEAM

- Bethel Work Days—Be part of the team to do general cleanup around the outside and inside areas of the church. Fall and Spring.
- Building Lockup—Perform a nightly sweep of the church building after hours, checking doors, and setting the alarm.
- Columbarium Care—Clean area and maintain plants, etc.
- General Building Maintenance—Volunteer to keep the church in working order.
- Lawn Care/Mowing Team—Join the team to care for Bethel's landscaping.
- Snow Removal—Join the snow removal team to keep our sidewalks and parking lot safe during the winter months.
- Trades—Let us know if you have expertise/ability in any of these areas:

Asphalt	Drywall	Heavy Equipment	Painting
Carpet	Electrical	HVAC	Plumbing
Concrete	Gen Contracting	Landscaping	Roofing

NOMINATED, ELECTED, SPECIAL APPROVAL POSITIONS

- Audit Team—Three-year commitment. Perform informal audit of financial activity. Accounting background necessary.
- Church Council—Elected by congregation at annual meeting.
- Mutual Ministry Team—Confidential support and encouragement for the lay or professional ministers at Bethel. Membership by appointment only and approval of the Congregational Council.
- Nominating Team—Recruit and nominate members for council positions. Elected by congregation at annual meeting.
- Personnel Team—Oversee staffing concerns, policies, procedures and job descriptions.

Bethel's Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the love and grace shown through the Word of God, by inviting ALL to embrace God's message of salvation in order to be committed followers of Christ who boldly carry their faith into the community and the world.

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church.

The purpose of this booklet is to highlight the connection and service opportunities here at Bethel Lutheran Church. We strongly believe that serving is a way to develop and use our God-given gifts to serve each other and to accomplish God's purpose in our city, nation, and around the world. We have found that through connecting and serving together, we can build community and lasting relationships as we join our hearts and hands with one another.

Our church can only properly function when all of us are given the opportunity to use our talents to worship, connect, and serve. Whether you volunteer as an usher, greeter, teacher, mentor, or with one of our ministry or outreach teams, you have a part to play and we invite you to join with us.

Whether you're looking to help lead or simply wanting to connect with others, you'll find all the info you need to get started right here. If you have any questions, need more information, or want to join any of our groups, please send an email to Engage@BethelLutheran.net.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John Witkop
Senior Pastor

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Youth and children are always welcome to volunteer in areas of interest and gifting.
(Parental permission may be required within certain groups)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Acolytes—3rd through 8th graders who are trained to assist during worship by lighting and extinguishing the altar candles and carrying the cross.
- Altar Care Volunteers—Trained individuals who attend to the altar and prepare for communion & baptisms.
- Greeters—Greet all worshippers as they enter the church and direct visitors to the Welcome Center.
- Readers—Read the scripture lessons during the services.
- Ushers—Assist people in finding a seat, count and record the attendance, release rows for communion and assist in straightening up the sanctuary after services.
- Welcome Center Host—Welcome all worshippers to Bethel. Answer questions, provide general information, room directions, and usher visitors to the sanctuary. Distribute visitor bags and gifts.

WORSHIP SUPPORT

- Altar Care Bread Bakers—Bake and bring communion bread to the church on a rotating basis. (The bread recipe is provided.)
- Audio Operators—Operate the audio systems for services, concerts, and dramas, as needed.
- Bethel Adult Choir—Sing weekly from September to the end of May and other special services. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 6:30pm.
- Cantors—Lead the congregation in singing the liturgy during traditional services.
- Drama Group—Help with large-scale dramas performed throughout the year especially around Holy Week (For example—Passion Play, Last Supper Drama).
- Jacob's Ladder Worship Team—For singers & instrumentalists aged 16 and up, lead the congregation in musical worship during the contemporary service. Audition required.
- Video Operators—Operate the video computer and the broadcast/streaming systems during weekly and other services, as needed.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:

- Church Phone/Office Front Desk Coverage—Take messages or transfer calls, admit visitors, and assist with other office functions when needed.
- Sanctuary Straightening—Restock pew card holders and straighten the chairs in the Sanctuary.

- Lutheran World Relief—Help Bethel support the Fair-Market coffee growers.
- Mercy's Gate—Volunteer to help with administrative duties or help in food pantry. Mercy's Gate is located at 4360 Montebello Dr. Suite 300.
- Mercy's Gate Thursday Ministry—Prepare breakfast & lunch at Bethel once a month for Mercy's Gate clients and/or serve the meals at Mercy's Gate.
- Mosaic—Volunteer to assist and help mentally challenged people of all ages.
- One Child—child-sponsored ministry in Honduras
- Operation Christmas Child—Be part of a team to plan, coordinate, and oversee annual shoebox ministry to send supplies and toys to children overseas.
- Prison Ministry—Be part of a team that helps prisoners with life skills as they prepare to transition.
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets—Be part of a team to plan, coordinate, and oversee distribution of holiday food baskets.

SPECIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Christmas Bake Sale—Participate in Annual Christmas Bake Sale which funds our aid to members of the congregation in need.
- Christmas Decorating—Assist with the setup and takedown of the church's Christmas decorations.
- Finance Team—Prepare & present annual budget to council, monitor monthly income & expenditures & identify consequences of unplanned expenditures to council & ministry team.
- Hoe Down Team—Planning and implementation of Western-style worship service and dinner.
- Library Team—Meet to process donated books, tapes & videos into the Church Library. Keep the library in order.
- Medical Team—Share your medical skills with the team and respond to any minor or emergency incidents using Bethel's medical equipment. Updates on CPR and AED use are available. Help with blood pressure screening.
- Photographers—Take photographs for church functions (i.e., special events, confirmation & new members), the website, and small group activities.
- Prayer Group—Join the Prayer Group and receive the church pray list by email and pray for Bethel family members and loved ones as concerns are shared on a weekly basis.
- Security Team—Help with security & awareness.
- Stewardship Team—Help with annual stewardship drive, in the Fall.

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INREACH TEAM

- Adopt the Kitchen—Check upstairs and downstairs kitchens to ensure they are neat and orderly. Organize and dispose of old, unmarked food in fridge on the last weekend of the month.
- Card/Email Writers—Send notes of encouragement for difficult times and notes of celebration for milestones reached.
- Coffee Making and Clean Up—Help make coffee before services on Sunday morning, or with help with cleanup after.
- Funeral Team—Provide baked goods, assist with set-up, clean-up, and light food preparation (no cooking required) for funeral receptions.
- New Member Spaghetti Dinner—Help with new member spaghetti dinners. Help set up, clean up, and coordinate. Fall and spring.
- Pie Social—Provide pies for the after-Thanksgiving Eve service fellowship.

OUTREACH TEAM

- Adult Mission Trips—Travel to perform mission work/assist people in need.
- Comfort Makers—Make quilts for distribution through Lutheran World Relief and local non-profits.
- Feed My Starving Children—Annual event to help pack food to send to people in developing nations.
- Fostering Hope—Be part of a team that supports local foster families.
- Habitat for Humanity / Faith Builds—Work on homes in the Colorado Springs area.
- Outreach Leadership Team—Join the leadership team and help manage Bethel's stewardship funds. Attend monthly meetings and update the group on the programs and needs that we support.
- Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)—Assist homeless families with children by providing meals and overnight lodging for a week. Training is provided.
 - ❑ IHN Evening Host—Greet guests, dine with families, and provide fellowship from 5:30-8:30pm.
 - ❑ IHN Meal Provider—Help cook main course, side dishes, and/or desserts and bring to church.
 - ❑ IHN Overnight Host—Completes meal clean-up, visits with guests and stays overnight at church from 8:30pm to 7:00am.
 - ❑ IHN Set Up & Take Down—Prepare guest rooms and assist cleanup. Both Sundays of IHN week.
- LFS Backpack and School Supply Drive—Collect and deliver school supplies for Lutheran Family Services annual drive.
- LFS Foster Care and Safe Care Angel Trees—Collect gifts for needy foster care and safe care children.

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TECHNOLOGY TEAM

- Audio Systems—Configure, manage, and operate audio systems to include sanctuary, assisted listening, and classroom areas.
- Video Systems—Configure, manage, and operate video systems to include sanctuary, streaming, and classroom areas.
- Lighting Systems—Configure, manage, and operate lighting systems in the sanctuary for Bethel's drama productions.
- Office Automation—Manage, in conjunction with our vendors, Bethel's computer, printer, and other office automation systems.
- Collaboration Services—Manage the video and audio conferencing systems; coordinate support for team needs and assist teams in scheduling.
- Display Systems—Manage the creation and activation of content for the narthex display systems.
- Network Management—Configure, manage, and monitor wired and wireless network services as well as Bethel's connection to the internet.
- Social Media Services—Manage and sustain social media content such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- Web Services—Manage and sustain various web services such as Membership (e.g., CCB), Media production, Office subscriptions, etc.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- Bible Study Leader—Help lead or facilitate a Bible Study small group that meets during the week or a class on Sunday mornings.
- Lay Ministry Group—Take communion to homebound or shut-in members.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry—Knit or crochet prayer shawls, lap robes, hats, etc. to be shared with the Bethel community and the Rocky Mt. Cancer Center.
- Second Family Ministry—Provide confidential Christian support to senior members of our congregation without family members present or capable of assisting them in everyday living tasks. Serve as a care coordinator or on the financial, meal preparation, medical, minor maintenance, visitation, or transportation teams.
- Stephen Ministry—One-on-one completely confidential Christian ministry led by trained, caring lay ministers to those in times of need (i.e., loneliness, illness, hospitalizations, crisis situations, grief, divorce). ****Note: A 50-hour training program is provided for new ministers, with group meetings twice a month for continuing education and support.**

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SENIOR ADULT GROUPS

- Cards & Games—Join us each Thursday for Bridge, or on Thursday or Friday for Pinochle.
- Leadership Team—Help plan monthly potluck luncheons and daytrips, concerts, shows, hikes and other events.
- Potluck Luncheons—Bring a dish to share and join us on the 3rd Friday of every month in the Christ Center at 12:00 noon.

CONNECTION GROUPS

- Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)—City-wide women's Bible study group that meets at Bethel on Monday evenings throughout the school year.
- Book Review Group—Women's group meets the 3rd Thursday at 1:00pm..
- Connections—Boomers and Beyond—Monthly meeting to connect with adults: empty-nesters & pre/early retirement on a Friday evening.
- Dining Out Group—Enjoy a meal with friends at a local restaurant on the last Monday of the month.
- Financial Peace University—Join a class and learn to manage your finances.
- Fly Fishing Group—Annual men's retreat to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp for a weekend of fun, fellowship and fishing.
- L.I.F.E. Bible Study—The Living in Faith Everyday women's Bible study group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening at 6:45pm.
- Men's Ministry Breakfast Group—Join the Bethel men one Saturday a month.
- Microbrew Crew—Join the crew once a month at a local microbrewery.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry—Knit shawls for the Rocky Mt. Cancer Center.
- RUTH Bible Study—Women's Bible study meets twice a month on 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00am.
- Travel Group—Travel with Bethel friends to various places around the world.
- Up & Adam Men's Bible Study—Meets in the Bethel Library every Wednesday morning at 6:30am.
- Variety Dance Group—Ballroom and Line-dancing group meets each Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm & 4:00pm.
- WEB Women's Bible Study—Women Exploring the Bible meets twice a month on 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings from 10:30am-12:00 noon.
- WEST Bible Study—Women Earnestly Seeking Truth meets each Wednesday morning from 10:30am-12:00 noon.

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****Adults participating in Youth and Children Ministries are required to pass a criminal background and/or a motor vehicle check ****

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Age 3 through 5th Grade)

- Children's Activity Team Volunteer—Help plan monthly events for families with children.
- Sunday School Teacher—Lead a class of same-age children.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)—Assist with this one-week, summer program.
- Sunday School Volunteer—Assist the teachers with lessons, crafts, games, etc.

YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6 through 12)

- Confirmation Teacher—Receives training and support to teach or facilitate the confirmation class during Sunday education hour. Help develop the schedule, syllabus, and curriculum.
- Special Project/Event Coordinator—Assist the Youth Minister by helping with service projects, parent equipping events, making phone calls, and planning and/or set up for youth events.
- Youth Mentor—Develop a relationship with youth and their parents. Support the youth and parents by praying for them regularly, accompanying the youth for church activities and events, and supporting the youth at their extracurricular school events.
- Youth Ministry Adult Leader—Assists the Youth Minister by engaging the youth in conversations during youth gatherings.
- Youth Ministry Intercessors—Pray daily/weekly for the people and ministry efforts of Bethel's youth.
- Youth Ministry Partners—Help formulate strategies to meet the goals of the Youth Ministry Team, and support the implementation of action steps (open to all members of the congregation regardless of family status).
- Youth Sunday School Teacher—Engages middle and high school youth in conversations centered around the Bible during the Sunday School hour.

COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

- College Kid Correspondence—Card ministry created to support Bethel's out-of-town college students.
- College Students and Young Adult Group Leader—Develop relationships with Bethel's college-age students and young adults centered around the Bible; Coordinates special events, service projects, and regular gatherings.

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