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**2022 Ministry Response Areas** - Jesus lived a 3-dimensional life of faith -- one that related closely to the Father, one that taught and lived within a community of disciples, and one that reached out beyond himself and the disciples to love and serve others. At Bethel, we seek to emulate this 3-dimensional life of Jesus. The words we use to help us do so are **UP, IN, and OUT!**

The **UP dimension** are those activities and actions that keep us connected to God, i.e. worship, bible study, prayer, etc. The **IN dimension** is where we find support and learning and growth within our Bethel community of disciples. The **OUT dimension** is when we focus our energies outside our doors and into the world so as to bring the Gospel message of grace to others and to serve with and among those in need. **UP, IN, and OUT** is how we determine if our lives individually and collectively are modeling Jesus. Therefore, we have decided to organize our Ministry Response Form around **UP, IN, and OUT**.

**UP DIMENSION (PRAYER, WORSHIP, READ THE BIBLE)**

- Acolyte** – Before worship, light the candles on the altar area. After worship, extinguish the candles in the altar area. Training will be available for anyone interested. Youth and Adults can both participate.
- After Worship Pick-Up** - After worship, pick up and neaten the sanctuary area, then replenish visitor welcome cards and pew offering envelopes.
- Altar Care** - Care for the altar linens, prepare for Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, change altar paraments, banners, the cross cloth and narthex cloth table toppers in accordance with the liturgical calendar, and generally care for our worship space. Training is provided.
- Bible Study Participant** – For those interested in participating in the Disciple Bible Study series, the Women’s Bible Study, the Men’s Bible Study or the occasional Pastor’s Bible Study.
- Centering Prayer** - A Centering Prayer learning group meets once a week in the Bethel Prayer Room. This group typically meets during the school year on a regular basis, taking the summers off.
- Children’s Sermon** - Team members will share the Gospel with our children in a short, four-minute age-appropriate sermon. Training is provided.
- Closing Building After Worship** - After completion of worship services, assist in closing and locking the facility on Sunday.

**Greeter** - Greet folks at the doors and give them a bulletin as they enter the sanctuary and say, "Good morning, welcome to Bethel." Greeters are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to worship and to remain in the narthex area to assist late arriving parishioners until after the first Scripture Reading is completed.

**Intercessory Prayer Team** - Meet together with others to pray over any prayer requests that have been submitted in the prayer boxes, or on the prayer wall. Individuals will also pray over prayer concerns as well. Join us as we offer the gift of prayer to those most in need!

## Music Ministries

**Worship Choir** – The worship choir leads our congregation in song during worship and prepares music for special seasonal worship gatherings and events. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm and Sunday mornings at 8:30am. While singing pitch is important, no audition or musical training is required. This ministry is open to youth and adults.

**Exaltation Worship Team** – The Exaltation worship team exists as an extension of the worship choir, leading our congregation in praise. Participation in the worship choir and audition with the Director of Music and worship team members are required.

**House Band** – The House Band is the primary instrumental leadership of music at Bethel. Our band consists primarily of a rhythm section (*piano, acoustic and bass guitar, and drums*), often supplemented with other instruments. Participation in this ministry is contingent upon audition with the Director of Music and band members. Regular rehearsal and worship participation expected.

**Instrument Ensemble** – At various times of year, our instrument ensemble prepares special music offerings for worship and special orchestral events. Instrumentalists should have an intermediate to moderately advanced playing ability, including music reading skills. This group rehearses as needed for presentations.

**OffeRings Bell Choir** – OffeRings is our chime and bell choir for high school students and adults. We meet Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-6:15pm, under the direction of Darline DeMott. You do not need to be able to read music to participate. OffeRings plays in worship approximately once a month including special Christmas and Easter selections.

**Nursery & Child Care** - During Sunday morning worship services, childcare is offered for families with infants and young children. Assist our attendant in caring for and watching our children in the nursery.

**Opening Building** - It is extremely important to ensure the security of our church facility. Assist in unlocking and opening the facility early on Sunday mornings.

**Prayer During Worship** - Lead the congregation in prayer on Sunday mornings, including the Gathering Prayer and Prayers of the Church. Guidelines are provided.

**Scripture Reader** - Every week we read from the Bible, using a passage or passages through which God can speak to the hearers. Pray before reading the text and humbly read the selected passage or passages with honor and respect. Guidelines are provided.

**Usher (at least 18 years old)** - Help families and individuals locate seats in the sanctuary for worship, collect the weekly offering and direct those in the congregation who wish to receive Holy Communion to the proper location. Ushers are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to worship and to remain in the narthex area to assist late arriving parishioners until after the first Scripture Reading is completed. Training is provided.

**Worship Technology Team** – From sound to video recording and livestreaming to running the video displays in worship, this Team works behind the scenes to bring the gospel to life and enhance our worship gatherings. Although computer skills are necessary and helpful. Hands-on training is provided for this expanding ministry. This is a perfect role for anyone who likes to work “behind the scenes” from youth to adults!

### **IN DIMENSION (RELATE AND GIVE)**

**Adult Forum Leader** – If you are interested in leading a session or two during our Adult Forum (currently 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month, immediately following worship), please sign up here. Pastor Dave will contact you.

**Advent Traditions Coordinator** - Help organize and order materials for this congregational activity of making wreaths and learning about the traditions of Advent and the Advent wreath.

**Building Faith Boxes** - Help build Faith Boxes that are given to our children at Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation.

**Care Package Team** - It is important that those individuals attending college receive Bethel's support during this phase of their lives. One way to do this is to prepare and deliver care packages to them prior to exams. We also provide care packages to our members serving in our Armed Forces.

**Facility Upkeep - Exterior (General)** – With the size of our facility and surrounding grounds, there is always required routine maintenance, as well as special projects that are required during the year. With the variety of tasks, all are welcome to assist in this very important ongoing activity.

**Facility Upkeep (Gardens)** - Help maintain the exterior of Bethel by assisting with weeding, picking up downed tree limbs and other projects as needed.

**Facility Upkeep - Interior (General)** – Help maintain the interior of Bethel by replacing light bulbs, cleaning windows and other minor projects as needed.

**Facility Upkeep (Playground)** – Help keep our playground as a usable area. Upkeep includes weeding, minor repairs and in general making sure it's a safe area for our children to play in.

**Fellowship Team** – Help organize events that allow Bethel members to enjoy time together. Events would be determined by the Team, but some ideas are Progressive Dinners, Movie Nights, Game Nights, etc.

- Furniture Set-Up/Take-Down** - Whenever there is a large gathering or special event, assist in setting-up, moving and taking-down chairs and tables.
- Greeting Card Team** - Through sending cards, we can share a word of joy and/or hope with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Address envelopes and send Greeting Cards to members and friends of Bethel, letting them know that others are praying for them, to wish them get-well and/or to celebrate special accomplishments. Birthday cards are only sent to non-adults.
- Health & Wellness Team** - In an effort to be good stewards of our health, join in providing ways to take care of our bodies and minds both physically and spiritually. Assist with organizing athletic opportunities and seek to provide the congregation with information regarding healthy habits for daily living.
- IT/Tech Team** - Bethel has internet fiber back-haul, routers, servers, office desktops and laptops, CAT5 cabling and Wi-Fi hot-spots. Please consider assisting with occasional IT needs on this important team.
- Little Lutherans Planning Team (infant-5)** – Help plan activities for our youngest members. Events would be held at least monthly.
- Junior Luther League Planning Team (K-7<sup>th</sup>)** – Help plan events for this age group. Events would be held at least monthly. In addition, Team members will act as chaperones for events.
- Luther League Planning Team (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** – Help plan events for this age group. Events would be held at least monthly. In addition, Team members will act as chaperones for events.
- Men’s Planning Team** - Be a part of the Planning Team, praying about, discerning, and discussing God’s vision and mission for Men’s Ministries at Bethel.
- Receptions and Hospitality Team** - Assist in providing light refreshments after worship services for special occasions such as Graduation, First Communion, New Members and Confirmation.
- Safety and Security Committee** – This committee meets periodically to formulate plans and policies related to helping our congregation remain safe and secure during activities at Bethel.
- Shepherd/Mentor Volunteer** – Are you good at welcoming new people? Or keeping connections with those you already know? This team serves to “keep us connected” by mentoring new members and shepherding groups within the congregation.
- Shrimp Boil Event Team** - Help take a lot of shrimp and boil it together with corn, sausage, potatoes, onions, and seasonings. The result is our annual Shrimp Boil. A favorite gathering for years, there is no one who leaves the table being hungry.
- Social Media Team** – This team serves to strategize and promote Bethel’s ministry via social media. You may be invited to post pictures from an event, serve as a “Digital Ambassador” who shares Bethel posts regularly or be the one who is “going live” from an event. This is for all ages and skill levels. Training is available.

- Sunday School Planning Team** – Help plan the Sunday School program for ages birth-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Members will work together to select a curriculum, and recruit and support Sunday School Teachers.
- Sunday School Teacher/Substitute** – Help teach the Word of God and the Bible to our young members. Training and support are provided.
- Vacation Bible School Planning Team** – Help plan Vacation Bible School. Members will work together to select a curriculum and recruit and support Volunteers.
- Women’s Ministries Planning Team** - Guide and coordinate applicable activities, while, together with others, praying, discerning, and discussing God’s vision and mission for Women’s Ministries at Bethel.
- Yard Sale Team** - Assist in organizing, sorting donations and/or working on the day of the annual Bethel Yard Sale which is normally held in July.

#### **OUT DIMENSION (SERVE)**

- Bethel Representative to CCAP**- Help respond to the needs of our community. Coordinator will communicate with CCAP to help Bethel organize to help through giving of food and other basic needs.
- Bright Futures Coordinator** - Help respond to the needs of children at local schools. Coordinator will communicate with Bright Futures to help Bethel organize to help schools and needs of children through giving of food and other basic needs.
- Driver** – Provide transportation to help fellow Bethel members attend services on Sunday mornings. May also be contacted to help members get to medical appointments as needed.
- Funeral Reception Preparation** - Assist with dressing the tables, setting out food and beverages, then cleaning up afterwards.
- Global Missions Steering Team** - The Global Missions Steering Team oversees Bethel’s involvement in missions beyond the borders of the United States. This activity serves and supports ministries in four different countries, including India, Tanzania, the Philippines, and Guatemala. In India, in association with Bethania Kids, we care for orphans. In Tanzania, we support Selian Lutheran Hospital and the Massae Girls School, as well as financially supporting students seeking higher education. In the Philippines, Concordia Children’s Services responds to the needs of abandoned and neglected babies and children in the metro Manila area. It also offers a Street Crisis Intervention Program providing a Christian-based learning program for children. In Guatemala, our goal is to build a long-term relationship between the youth of Bethel and the people of Antigua through the Escuela Integrada School. During Advent, Global Missions offers an alternative giving program to assist in raising money to fund our missions. Members of the Steering Team plan and organize mission trips to the above countries.

- God's Work Our Hands Day Team** – Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September, decide the activities Bethel will do to help others in our community and work with Staff to provide the supplies needed. The Team will also deliver items to community groups after the event.
- Harvest Sunday Helper** - This ministry seeks to share with our parish and community, the beauty and bounty of God's creation. Assist in selling produce and homemade goodies on Harvest Sunday to raise money for world hunger.
- Hoe Down Coordinator** - Our annual "Hoe Down" serves clients from the Northwestern Workshop, which provides employment opportunities for adults in our community who are mentally challenged. Coordinate with Northwestern Workshop about the event. Organize volunteers, cooking, hosting, music, set-up, and clean-up.
- Knitting Team** - Through knitting or crocheting, use your hands to reach out to those in our congregation with comfort, solace, and strength in times of need. As these baby blankets and prayer shawls are made, we are praying for the recipient and hoping that when the item is wrapped around them, they will be reminded of God's promise that he is always with us.
- Quilting Team** - Can you imagine putting your children to bed at night with no cover to keep them warm? Working with others, by cutting, knotting, and sewing, make gifts that will provide comfort and warmth to folks across the seas. Lutheran World Relief knotted quilts are easy to assemble and there are ways to be involved even if an individual doesn't sew. This team also makes quilts for our high school graduates, so they make take a piece of Bethel with them.
- Returning Thanks Team** - Bethel offers a special service opportunity to "love our neighbor," called Returning Thanks, where we perform light yard work and other tasks for those in need. We typically offer these outings on Good Friday (March/April) and/or the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November). The Team will coordinate assistance and volunteers.
- Shut-In Visitation** - Working with Pastor Dave, bring Holy Communion to our home-bound members and friends. The expectation is that you will visit with the person to whom you are assigned at least once a month. No one will have more than two people assigned to them at any given time.
- WATTS Onsite Volunteer** - Activities include attendee intake, meal preparation, after dinner activities and/or staying overnight.
- WATTS Planning and Coordination Team** - Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) is a collaboration among local churches to provide shelter for homeless people during winter nights. Churches take turns hosting guests from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., either themselves, or in partnering with other congregations who are unable to house guests. This team will lead Bethel's participation with WATTS.