

## 2023 BETHEL PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITES

Please complete 1 form PER PERSON

Name

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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 that help us to do so are **UP, IN, and OUT!**

The **UP dimension** includes 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, learning and growth within our Bethel community of disciples. The **OUT dimension** focuses 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** are how we determine if our lives individually and collectively model the life and ministry of Jesus. This Ministry Participation Form provides you with opportunities to serve in these three areas.

### UP DIMENSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### Worship Service Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Acolyte</b> – Before worship, light the candles on the altar area. After worship extinguish the candles in the altar area. Youth (aged 7 and up) can participate, and training is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>After Worship Pick-Up</b> - After worship, remove items left by worshipers and replenish visitor welcome cards and offering envelopes in the pew racks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Altar Care</b> – Wash and iron altar and sacramental linens as needed, set up Holy Communion and Holy Baptism elements, change seasonal altar paraments, banners and the cross drape and generally clean and care for the altar area. Training is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bread Baker</b> - Team members bake the bread used during communion. Recipes are provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Children’s Sermon</b> - Team members will share the Gospel with our children in a short, four-minute age-appropriate sermon. Training is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Communion Assistants</b> – Serve as a host of the Lord’s Supper by distributing bread and wine to all who seek the gifts of God. Training is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Liturgical Arts Team</b> – The team members enhance the narthex and worship space with special displays that complement scripture or the church season.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Nursery &amp; Child Care</b> - During Sunday morning worship services, assist the nursery attendant in providing childcare for families with infants and young children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Opening Building</b> - It is extremely important to ensure the security of our church facility. Assist in unlocking and opening the facility early on Sunday mornings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Prayer Leader During Worship</b> - Lead the congregation in prayer on Sunday mornings, including the Gathering Prayer and Prayers of the Church. Contact Pastor Dave for training.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scripture Reader</b> – Scriptures are chosen for worship specifically to highlight the unique and saving ministry of Jesus Christ, and they work with the church year to unfold that reality. Preface reading the selected scripture with a prayer located on the lectern. Humbly read the selected passage or passages with honor and respect. Contact Pastor Dave for training.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Worship Greeter</b> - Greet folks at the doors and give them a worship bulletin. Be cordial and welcoming. Point out the location of restrooms and childcare if needed. Prompt guests to fill out a visitor card. Team members are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to worship and to remain in the narthex area to assist late arriving worshipers until after the “Gathering” song is completed. Training is provided.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Worship Usher</b> – Assist all worshipers in locating seats in the sanctuary. Pass the offering plates to worshipers and bring the total offering forward to the altar area. Direct those who wish to receive Holy Communion to go forward row by row to the proper location. Team members are expected to arrive thirty minutes prior to worship and to remain available to assist late arriving worshipers until after the first Scripture Reading is completed. After completion of worship services, ensure all doors are closed and locked. Training is provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Worship Technology Team</b> – From sound to video recording and livestreaming, and 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 basic computer skills are helpful, hands-on training is provided for this expanding ministry. This is a prefect role for anyone who likes to work “behind the scenes” from youth to adults!

### Prayer & Study Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bible Study Participant</b> – For those interested in expanding their understanding of scripture by participating in the Disciple Bible Study series, the Women’s Bible Study, the Men’s Bible Study or the occasional Pastor’s Bible Study.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Centering Prayer</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Intercessory Prayer Team</b> - Meet with others to pray over any prayer requests and concerns that have been submitted in the worship and the prayer boxes. Join us as we offer the gift of prayer to those most in need!

### Music Ministries Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Worship Choir</b> – 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 on pitch is important, no audition or musical training is required. This ministry is open to youth and adults.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Exaltation Worship Team</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>House Band</b> – The House Band is the primary instrumental leadership of music at Bethel. Our band consists primarily of a rhythm section ( <i>piano, acoustic and bass guitar, and drums</i> ), 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Instrument Ensemble</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OffeRings Bell Choir</b> – 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.

## IN DIMENSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Children & Youth Planning Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Infant &amp; Toddler Planning Team (infant-5)</b> – Help plan activities for our youngest members. Events would be held at least monthly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Little Lutherans Planning Team (K-3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> – Help plan events for this age group. Events would be held at least monthly. In addition, Team members will act as chaperones for events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Junior Luther League Planning Team (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b> – Help plan events for this age group. Events would be held at least monthly. In addition, Team members will act as chaperones for events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Luther League Planning Team (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b> – Help plan events for this age group. Events would be held at least monthly. In addition, Team members will act as chaperones for events.

### Property Committee & Facility Usage Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Property Committee - Exterior</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Property Committee - Interior</b> – Help maintain the interior of Bethel by performing routine maintenance and other minor projects as needed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Furniture Set-Up/Take-Down</b> - Whenever there is a large gathering or special event, assist in setting-up, moving and taking-down chairs and tables.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IT/Tech Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Safety and Security Committee</b> – This committee meets periodically to formulate plans and policies related to helping our congregation remain safe and secure during activities at Bethel.

### Fellowship & Event Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Advent Traditions Coordinator</b> - Help organize and order materials for this congregational activity of making wreaths and learning about the traditions of Advent and the Advent wreath.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Craft Show Event Team</b> - Assist in planning our NEW event. You will be part of the planning and leadership team as we begin what we hope is an annual event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fat Tuesday Fiesta Event Team</b> - Assist in cooking pancakes and sausage, making King Cakes, and organizing activities of making Mardi Gras masks and other adornment for all in attendance, held on the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fellowship Team</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Receptions and Hospitality Team</b> - Assist in providing light refreshments after worship services for special occasions such as Graduation, First Communion, New Members and Confirmation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Shrimp Boil Event Team</b> - 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. This event is typically held in mid-September.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yard Sale Team</b> - Assist in organizing, sorting donations and/or working on the day of the annual Bethel Yard Sale which is normally held in July.

### Learning & Sunday School Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Adult Forum Session Leader</b> – 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.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sunday School Planning Team</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sunday School Teacher/Substitute</b> – Help teach the Word of God and the Bible to our young members. Training and support are provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Vacation Bible School Planning Team</b> – Help plan Vacation Bible School. Members will work together to select a curriculum and recruit and support Volunteers.

### Other Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Building Faith Boxes</b> - Help build Faith Boxes that are given to our children at Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Care Package Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Greeting Card Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Health &amp; Wellness Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Men's Planning Team</b> - Be a part of the Planning Team, praying about, discerning, and discussing God's vision and mission for Men's Ministries at Bethel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Shepherd/Mentor Volunteer</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Social Media Team</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Women's Ministries Planning Team</b> - Guide and coordinate applicable activities, while, together with others, praying, discerning, and discussing God's vision and mission for Women's Ministries at Bethel.

## OUT DIMENSION OPPORTUNITES

### Bethel Based Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Driver</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Funeral Reception Preparation Team</b> - Assist with dressing the tables, setting out food and beverages, then cleaning up afterwards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Funeral Reception Side Dish</b> – When requested, prepare a side dish to be served a funeral reception held at Bethel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>God's Work Our Hands Day Team</b> – 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Harvest Sunday Helper</b> - 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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hoe Down Planning and Coordination Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Knitting Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Quilting Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Returning Thanks Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Shut-In Visitation</b> - 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.

### Community Based Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bethel Representative to CCAP</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bright Futures Coordinator</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Northern Valley Climate Solutions Team</b> – Assist with activities to educate and address climate change issues within our community
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WATTS Planning and Coordination Team</b> - 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 work with Bethel's WATTS Coordinator to lead Bethel's participation with WATTS.

### Global Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Global Missions Steering Team</b> - 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In India, in association with Bethania Kids, we care for orphans.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In Tanzania, we support Selian Lutheran Hospital and the Massae Girls School, as well as financially supporting students seeking higher education.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.