

2011 BETHEL CHURCH COUNCIL

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2011 COMMITTEES

BETHEL BBQ

* John Adams
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* Kay Herrala (Quad)
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Eileen Bonetti
* Sandra Cittadino
* Anne Giroux
Katie Mechling
Shannon Mutka
Steve Nelson
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ENDOWMENT FUND

* Sandra Cittadino
Tom Fleury
* Gerald Millimaki
* Todd Penrose
Marlys Roberts

EVANGELISM

* Sandra Cittadino
Marilyn Mahoski
Mary Poirier
Lisa Rautio
Tom Wickstrom

FINANCE

Karen Champion
* Anne Giroux
Bud Hart
* Ann Kulju
Bernie Mattila
Beverly Nelson
Duane Palomaki
* Todd Penrose
Bill Stream

HUNGER

Cheryl Fleury
* Kay Herrala
Rita Palomaki
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MEMORIAL FUND

Carol Brown
Clare Champion
Connie Kangas
* Brian Niemi
Mary Poirier
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NOMINATING

Earl Eliason
Christi Etelamaki
Cheryl Fleury
Steve Nelson
Lisa Rautio
Linda Wommer

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bud Hart
* Pastor Maki
Duane Palomaki
* Jack Rauch

PROPERTY

* John Adams
Earl Eliason
George Emanuelson
* Donald Hamari
Bud Hart
John Heidemann
Harlen Heikkila
* Warren Heikkila
Shirley Kallatsa
Marv Kantola
* Phil Kempainen
Bernie Mattila
Brad Nelson
* Brian Niemi
Steve Nurmela
* Todd Penrose
Doug Perttunen
Ron Rantanen
John Solomon
Gary Thibeault
Michael Vial
John Wiitanen
Dave Wommer

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Clare Champion
* Sandra Cittadino
Earl Eliason
Jean Eliason
Sandra Etelamaki
Cheryl Fleury
* Warren Heikkila
* Kay Herrala
Laura Kantola
Darley Kempainen
Maxine LaParche
Julie Luehmann
Karen Marietti
Sharon Millimaki
Deanna Nurmela
Amy Poirier
Dave Wommer
Linda Wommer

STEWARDSHIP

Bud Hart
* Pastor Maki
Steve Nelson
* Todd Penrose
Tom Wickstrom

VAN

Earl Eliason
Marv Kantola
* Steve Laitinen
Bob Lake
Gary Thibeault
Dave Wommer

YOUTH

Bonnie Brewer
Christi Etelamaki
Bud Hart
* Kristen Mariuzza
* Saige Matson
Katie Mechling
Shannon Mutka
Steve Nelson
Nicole O'Brien
* Jack Rauch
Lisa Rautio
Marla Riutta
* Jennifer Uuro
Abby Walimaa

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

* John Adams
Jason Annala
* Sandra Cittadino
Christi Etelamaki
* Ann Kulju
* Jack Rauch

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Shirley Aho
Karen Champion
* Pastor Maki
Steve Nelson
Sue Pohlman
Marlys Roberts



* 2011 Council Member

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2011 CHURCH COUNCIL

Your Church Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Council members are elected at the Annual Meeting & serve 3-year terms. Two consecutive terms can be served. Each Council member serves on one or more committees & serves as teller for one or two months each year. There are also one or two youth representatives that serve 1-year terms.

BETHEL BBQ

This group plans for the Bethel Barbecue each year, as well as prepares for, serves at & cleans up after the BBQ. Volunteers are always welcome to help even though not on the committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This group generally meets 2 to 3 times a year to discuss the Sunday School curriculum & Vacation Bible School.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Special Benevolent Mission & Outreach support is done through the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund Committee, elected by the congregation, manages the Fund & makes distribution recommendations to the Church Council. The Fund has been able to help many organizations, ministries, and agencies throughout the community & the world, including Fortune Lake Camp, Lutheran Campus Ministry, & Seminarian Support. Distributions are listed in each year's Annual Report.

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee bakes cookies & bars that are brought to local businesses & public service agencies as a thank you. They also

prepare & deliver a gift to local visitors that attend more than one service with no home church. The Evangelism Committee also prepares for & serves at the New Member dinner held each year. Bible studies have also been sponsored.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee meets in the fall to go over the Treasurer's recommendations for the upcoming year's budget. From this a proposed budget is developed that is included in the Annual Report & voted on at the Annual Meeting.

HUNGER

The Hunger Committee addresses hunger needs in our area & throughout the world. Through this Committee the Friendship Dinner was started.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund Committee reviews special needs at Bethel. Gifts to Bethel through the Memorial Fund can be designated for needed items and ongoing ministries at Bethel. Undesignated gifts have been used to purchase such items as computers, office equipment, carpeting, new vans, music & radio broadcast support, etc. The Memorial Fund Treasurer lists donations in the Evangel & maintains the account.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meets once per year. They are elected at each year's Annual Meeting for the following year. Their job is to find nominees interested in serving on the Council before the Annual Meeting & election.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meets to discuss personnel issues such as when staff position openings occur. They advertise for, interview candidates, as well as change job descriptions as necessary.

PROPERTY

The Property Committee meets to discuss the property issues of the Church. The Committee generally meets in the fall & work bees are scheduled for outdoor & indoor maintenance. There are many areas that Bethel members can volunteer their talents to in this area even when not serving on the Committee: carpentry, electrical, general labor, landscaping, painting & plumbing, etc.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee meets about 4 times each year. They handle Bethel blood drives & highway clean-up twice per year. They also work jointly with St. Joseph's Church to hold the monthly Friendship Dinner. They help with the Thanksgiving meal served at Bethel each year.

They send Easter cards & a small gift to nursing home residents each spring & birthday cards to members 80 years & older.

The Social Ministry Fund also supports meals, lodging, transportation, groceries, power, water, car repair, medical or rent assistance to those meeting certain criteria. A Social Ministry Fund Policy is in place that provides guidance in distributing funds, with limits on the amount & frequency set.

The Christmas cookie platters for shut-ins & recently bereaved

families of Bethel members, gifts for the Giving Tree & Christmas baskets for those in need are also prepared by the Social Ministry Committee.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee meets several times in the late summer & fall to plan for the following year's stewardship campaign & drive. Materials are provided through the ELCA & the Synod office.

VAN

The Van Committee is responsible for maintaining the van with members assigned by month. Many on the committee are also volunteer drivers that pick up members requiring a ride on Sunday mornings at 10:30 & for the Friendship Dinner each month.

YOUTH

The Youth Committee meets 3 to 4 times per year & plans for youth events. Youth Committee members are occasionally called to make soups, bars, etc. for certain events; & sometimes to help chaperone.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

The Website Committee was formed to plan Bethel's web page. They meet as necessary to discuss additions or changes to the site.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The Worship & Music Committee meets to discuss worship & music for the Sundays & Seasons of the Church Year. The committee enlists lectors, greeters & ushers, & arranges for special music for regular worship & festivals.

If interested in serving on one of these committees, please let the church office know.

