



# Do one thing!

EVERYONE WHO COMES THROUGH THE DOORS OF BETHLEHEM HELPS MAKE US THE CHURCH THAT WE ARE. THE CHURCH IS NOTHING LESS AND NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT GOD DOES THROUGH US WHEN WE BRING OURSELVES, OUR GIFTS, OUR PASSIONS, AND OUR CALLINGS TOGETHER. LOOK THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO DISCOVER WHERE YOUR GIFTS CAN CONNECT WITH BLC'S MISSION. THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE IN OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER!

## Outreach Ministries

### LAZARUS HOUSE

**Time Commitment:** Bethlehem supports Lazarus House the second Saturday of every month. Time commitment can be anywhere from 10 min (buying and dropping off milk/juice) to 1 hr, 30 min (depending on the main dish one chooses to make) to 9 hrs (overnight shift, most of which is spent sleeping).

**Opportunity:** Lazarus House in downtown St. Charles offers shelter, education, and meals to people who are living in homelessness. Bethlehem supports Lazarus House the second Saturday of every month by providing a ready-to-eat dinner for approx. 60 men, women and children. Bethlehem divides this up by asking each volunteer to provide a main dish/vegetable/dessert/fruit for 10 people. We also provide 16 bag lunches and an overnight volunteer. When you sign up, a detailed instruction letter is provided. You can sign up online (link on Bethlehem's website under Outreach/Homeless Ministries) and in the Building Community insert.

**Contact:** Emily Bicking, emily.bicking@gmail.com

### SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

**Time Commitment:** Minimal - pick up non-perishable food when you're at the grocery store and bring them to church.

**Opportunity:** Contribute to Bethlehem's weekly donations to the Salvation Army. Food collection baskets are located in the narthex outside the sanctuary. Wondering what food/items to bring? Check out the Friday email blast and the wkly "Community Life" bulletin. These are updated regularly. Shopping lists are located next to the donation basket.

**Contact:** Michelle Fisher, michelle@bethlehemluth.org

### HESED HOUSE

**Commitment:** Service dates: Oct. 25 & Dec. 27

On-site commitment: usually 3-hour shifts, beginning at 4:00pm Friday until 7:00am Saturday morning. Commitment behind-the-scenes: 1-3 hours; make breakfast sandwiches (recipe provided) or dessert bars at home and bring to BLC on Friday morning, or shop for and deliver groceries from BLC to Hesus House on Friday afternoon.

**Opportunity:** Please join us in providing food and shelter to those living in homelessness. BLC has had a strong commitment to this ministry, and we could use some more people and helping hands to continue to support this important outreach to our community. There are ways to support Hesus House in person in Aurora; there are also behind-the-scenes options that help fully support this ministry.

**Contact:** Steve Grimm, sfgrimm@gmail.com, 630.853.2960 or John Maisch, jmaisch@optonline.net.

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## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN QUILTERS

**Time Commitment:** Once a month on Thursdays, Sept. through June. People come for 1-4 hours, depending on their schedules. We meet from 4:00-8:00pm.

**Opportunity:** Come to stitch and tie quilts. We also have precut quilting packs to take home and sew the tops that are then returned for us to put together. Quilts and tied fleece blankets are blessed once a year and then delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

**Contact:** DeAnn Miller, deannmiller7@comcast.net

## MERCY & JUSTICE TEAM

**Time Commitment:** Meets once a month or as needed. Very open to new members.

**Opportunity:** This team convenes to set strategy and direction for BLC's outreach to the community and world.

**Contact:** Judy Hanson, juyo46@gmail.com

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## Congregational Care Ministries

### HOME COMMUNION MINISTER

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours/month

**Opportunity:** Serve communion to our homebound - some care receivers live at home and some in assisted living facilities. Volunteers will be trained and assigned to a care receiver.

**Contact:** Jean Duran, rjduran5@att.net

### CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS TO BLC HOMEBOUND

**Time Commitment:** Twice a year, on Palm Sunday and on the weekend before Christmas, a small gift is made and a nametag is attached to each gift.

**Opportunity:** Gifts are placed outside the worship areas and congregational members are asked to choose one and deliver it before Easter and before Christmas to a homebound member. Anyone is able to participate in this ministry. A great ministry for families to do together.

**Contact:** Jean Duran, rjduran5@att.net

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

**Time Commitment:** Two hours/month

**Opportunity:** Join one of our teams who bring worship and communion to three different facilities in our community once a month. If you would like to be a part of this care ministry, contact the team leaders.

**Contacts:**

1. Brighton Gardens: Becky Aldrich, rllaldrich@sbcglobal.net
2. River Glen: Barb Ourada, broulada@aol.com
3. The Reserve: Lorraine Kautz, 630-232-0282
4. Presence/Pineview: Barb Ourada, broulada@aol.com

### PRAYER NETWORK

**Time Commitment:** Periodically you will receive an email message containing a specific prayer request from our coordinator, Judy Hanson.

**Opportunity:** Currently, over fifty Bethlehem disciples are joining together in prayer for members of our congregation, and for people around the world. Your responsibility is to lift up the requests that come via email whenever you are able.

**Contact:** Judy Hanson, juyo46@gmail.com

## FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour - if you make a salad or dessert at home and deliver it to the church. 2-4 hours - if you're able to be at church to help prepare, serve, and clean up after the luncheon.

**Opportunity:** You can help grieving families by contributing food ahead of time, or by helping to serve the luncheon on the day of the funeral or memorial service. Contact Marlys or Donna to be put on either list or to get more information.

**Contact:** Donna Hopkins - dhopkins1421@yahoo.com; Marlys Anderson - mlanderson426@gmail.com or 630.377.3819

## HOSPITALITY TO NEWCOMERS

**Time Commitment:** 2-3 hours, twice a year

**Opportunity:** On the Sundays each year (usually twice a year) when we welcome newcomers into our community, we want to welcome them warmly! We're looking for two or

three disciples who would be willing to welcome newcomers when they arrive, give them their welcome packets, and set up a simple table of goodies for a time of fellowship afterwards.

**Contact:** Michelle Fisher, michelle@bethlehemluth.org

## SPONSOR NEWCOMERS

**Time Commitment:** Three 1-hour newcomer classes

**Opportunity:** Joining a new church community is an exciting and often overwhelming endeavor. This is an opportunity for current BLC disciples to come alongside our new members and welcome them personally to our congregation. Sponsors would be asked to attend the newcomer classes and to help orient new members to the life and mission of our congregation by attending worship together with new members, giving a tour of our building, inviting them to a church event, etc.

**Contact:** Pastor Sarah, pastor\_sarah@bethlehemluth.org

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## Children's Ministries

### KIDQUEST

**Time Commitment:** Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00pm, Sept-May (can come weekly or as often as you're available)

**Opportunity:** KidQuest is our midweek Bible Study and Music program for K-3rd Graders. Kids learn meaningful Bible stories and discuss how these apply to their own lives, while supplementing lessons with lively music, crafts, games, service projects, science experiments, and tasty snacks.

### Ways to serve:

- Be a Bible Study Leader for children (weekly or monthly)
- Be a Music Leader for children (weekly or monthly)
- Provide snacks for children (monthly)
- Donate materials needed for ministry (one time, or as needed)

**Contact:** Mara Little, ride4life736@gmail.com; or Pastor Sarah, pastor\_sarah@bethlehemluth.org

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## LAUNCH (PRETEEN MINISTRY)

**Time Commitment:** Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00pm, Sept-May

**Opportunity:** 4th and 5th Grade students learn to love serving others while finding their strengths in this exciting new 'tween program. Kids will take part in off-site service projects twice a month at local nonprofits and worthy organizations. The rest of the time will be filled with fun games, and meaningful small group discussions.

### Ways to serve:

- Be a Service Project Leader for children (weekly or monthly)
- Provide snacks for children (monthly)
- Donate materials needed for ministry (one time, or as needed)

**Contact:** Sandy Leitsch, sandyleitsch@gmail.com; or Pastor Sarah, pastor\_sarah@bethlehmluth.org

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Time Commitment:** Sundays, 9:30-10:30am, Sept-May

**Opportunity:** Children who are 2 years old-5th Grade are invited to be a part of our weekly Sunday School classes. Our curriculum focuses on important Bible stories chronologically through the year. K-5th Grade meets in Education Hall, and Preschool classes take place in preschool classrooms on the 200 Level. Music is incorporated into class time each week.

### Ways to serve:

- Be a weekly Sunday School Teacher (2-3 hrs wky - prep + class)
- Be an Adult or Youth Sunday School Aide (1 hr/wk, or as available)
- Be a substitute teacher - able to be "on call" should a teacher not be able to make it (as needed/as available)
- Be an Office Runner during Sunday School (1 hr/week)
- Be a Music Leader (1-2 hrs/wk)

**Contact:** Karen McGee, mcgeebk@aol.com, Leslie Blount, leslie@bethlehmluth.org, or Pastor Sarah

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TEAM

**Time Commitment:** 5-6 Events, Year-Round

**Opportunity:** The Family Fellowship Team works to plan and put together events for Bethlehem's families with children. Each year, we put on events like trunk or Treat, Advent Fair, Indoor Drive-In Movies, the Easter Egg Hunt, and more. These events are free to families and allow our community to connect in a fun, stress-free environment.

### Ways to serve:

- Be a Family Fellowship Team Member (Meet bi-monthly, help organize and get supplies for bi-monthly events)
- Donate supplies for events (As needed)

**Contact:** Becky Jordahl, rjoy7@hotmail.com or Pastor Sarah

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time Commitment:** Varies - see below. All kinds of ways to help and all kinds of time commitments!

**VBS dates:** July 20-24, 2020; 8:30am-12:00pm

**Opportunity:** VBS is one of the most exciting weeks of the year! Our building fills with children and leaders who will learn about God and his amazing love for us all. There's Bible study, crafts, games, science experiments, and snack stations.

### Ways to serve:

- Co-Coordinator to plan and prep VBS curriculum, program, schedule, and coordinate volunteers; etc. (3-4 hrs/week throughout May and June)
- Decorating building with VBS theme (7-8 hours)
- Group Leaders for Grade Groups (4 hours daily during VBS week; little prep needed)
- Snack and Cinema Station Leaders (8 hours prep work in June/July, 5-6 hours daily during VBS week)
- Station Helpers (5-6 hours daily during VBS week)
- Large-group music leader (4 hrs prep; 1 hr during VBS)
- Nursery Leaders (5 hours daily during VBS week)
- Prep Help (cutting, organizing, etc) in weeks prior to VBS (As available and needed)

**Contact:** Pastor Sarah - pastor\_sarah@bethlehmluth.org

## BETHLEHEM NURSERY (INFANTS-AGE 3)

**Hourly Paid Position:** \$15/hr

**Time Commitment:** Sundays, 8:15am-12:15pm

**Opportunity:** Your role is to provide safe, secure, nurturing, and efficient care to youngest disciples! Your ministry

responsibilities include playing with the children, or directing their play, reading to them, singing with them, and exhibiting Christ-like patience and love.

**Contact:** Deacon Heather Feltman, [heather@bethlehemluth.org](mailto:heather@bethlehemluth.org), or call 630.584.2199 to request an application.

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## Youth Ministries

### CONFIRMATION (6-8TH GRADE)

**Time Commitment:** Sundays, 12:00-1:30pm, Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm (make-up day), Sept-April

**Opportunity:** We are focused on charging our middle school student's faith through learning what it means to belong to a community of faith. Through a variety of lessons and weekly activities—from eating and praying together, to playing games, we explore the foundations and expressions of our relationship with God and one another. This journey of spiritual growth brings students to their Confirmation at the end of their eighth grade year.

#### Ways for Students to be involved:

- Serve in Worship
- Summer Events
- Retreats
- Mission Trips
- Easter Breakfast
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Assist in Sunday School/KidQuest/Launch/VBS

#### Ways for Adults to be involved:

- Host a meal at Confirmation (as avail, weekly - 30 min)
- Mentor a Small Group (Sept-Apr, 1-3 hrs/wk)
- Shopping for food/supplies (Sept-Apr, 1-2 hrs/wk)
- Help at various events (time varies per event)

**Contact:** Bobbi Jo Cyr, [bobbj@bethlehemluth.org](mailto:bobbj@bethlehemluth.org) or 630.584.2199 x228

### YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH GRADE)

**Time Commitment:** Sundays, 6:00-8:00pm, Sept-April

**Opportunity:** We seek to connect our high school students closer together, to our community, and to God. At Youth Group on Sunday nights, we look to challenge what the students know, believe, and question. The curriculum is developed through conversations with students and adult leaders to keep topics and issues that are relevant to their lives. From Sunday night small groups to various events, different mission trips, and service projects, we seek to challenge ourselves to grow closer to God and to one another.

#### Ways for Students to be involved:

- Serve in Worship
- Mentor Confirmation
- Summer Events
- Retreats
- Mission Trips
- Leadership LAB
- Easter Breakfast
- Nat. Youth Gathering
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Assist in Sunday School/KidQuest/Launch/VBS

#### Ways for Adults to be involved:

- Provide a meal for the Youth Group (as available)
- Mentor a Small Group (weekly: Sept-Apr, 2 hrs/wk)
- Shopping for food/supplies (wkly: Sept-Apr, 1-2 hrs/wk)
- Help at various events (time varies per event)
- Mentor a trip (time varies per trip)

**Contact:** Bobbi Jo Cyr, [bobbj@bethlehemluth.org](mailto:bobbj@bethlehemluth.org) or 630.584.2199 x228

# Church Property Committee

## PROPERTY VOLUNTEER

**Time Commitment:** 5-8 hours every 3 mo. This committee meets 4 times a year - Mid-day, at 11:00am -12:30pm

**Opportunity:** The committee completes a variety of projects that fix and enhance the use of the building. A variety of skills are welcome - painters, woodworkers, handy-persons that like to fix or repair anything from office furniture to pews to toilet paper dispensers!

**Contact:**Deacon Heather Feltman, heather@bethlehemluth.org, or call 630.584.2199

# Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER

**Time Commitment:** 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:00-7:30pm

**Opportunity:** In conjunction with the Congregation Council, Treasurer, and the Director of Operations, the purpose of the finance committee is to provide financial oversight of the congregation. This includes monitoring the church budget, financial recording and reporting, disbursement, and receipt of gifts. As an advisory committee, they also, at times, make recommendations to the Congregation Council on financial matters as deemed appropriate by the Committee.

**Contact:**Deacon Heather Feltman, heather@bethlehemluth.org, or call 630.584.2199

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# Worship & Music

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Opportunity:** Weekly worship at Bethlehem involves many loving hands and voices that support our liturgy - the work of the people. Everyone has a place in worship outside of the chair or pew you sit in. Where can you lend your hands or voice in worship?

- **Altar Guild** - Participate in a small group, one month a year, in preparing communion (iron cloths, setup or baskets and chalices, etc.). Meets Saturdays to prep and Sundays after service(s) to clean up.

**Contact:** Debby Klapmeier, dklapmeier@att.net

- **Flowers** - Do you have a green thumb? Have an eye for floral arranging? Assistance is typically needed in this area during festival seasons (Advent or Easter).

**Contact:** Lynne Hepler, lynne@theschachtgroup.com

- **Art & Environment Team** - Colors, arranging, fabric, paint - they all combine to move us to a new realm of worship. Do you sew, paint, cut wood, etc.? Join this creative team that meets and works on a seasonal basis.

**Contact:** Dori Erwin Collins, dorierwincollins@sbcglobal.net or John Volkening, johnvolkening@yahoo.com

- **Greeters** - Share a smile and say a 'hello' as folk enter for worship! Sign up (as available) to stand outside the worship venue entrance and greet 15 minutes before worship.

**Contact:** Bill Warner for 8:30 worship, ww0680@comcast.net or Anita Clark for 10:45 worship, clandr8@aol.com

- **Ushers** - Distribute bulletins, collect registrations and offerings, assist with communion, and care for our congregation during worship. Join a team that serves two months a year. Arrive 20 minutes before worship to prepare and stay for a few minutes afterwards to help clean up.

**Contact:** Gary Faqan, gary.a.faqan@gmail.com

- **Lay Readers** - Use your voice to lift up scripture in worship. Schedules are issued quarterly throughout the year. Please arrive 10 minutes before worship. The first reading occurs within the first 15 minutes of each service.  
**Contact:** Michelle Fisher, michelle@bethlehemluth.org
- **Worship Assistant** - Use your voice to lead the prayers in worship. Sign up online as available.  
**Contact:** Rob Blount, robblount@uclabruins.com
- **Communion Assistant** - Assist in serving the bread and wine in worship. Any disciple can serve in this way! Guidelines and training are available. Sign up online.  
**Contact:** Christie Griffin for 8:30 worship, mrsgriffin13@gmail.com or Rick Beato for 10:45 worship, rickbeatophoto@comcast.net
- **Prayer Authors** - Do you have the gift of writing? Help compose the prayers of the people for weekend worship. Guidelines and advice is available and the schedule is flexible.  
**Contact:** John Volkening, johnvolkening@yahoo.com
- **Saturday Worship** - Do you prefer a more intimate or casual environment for worship? Become involved in our Saturday evening worship - worship and communion assistants, readers, greeters, ushers are all areas of need.  
**Contact:** John Volkening, johnvolkening@yahoo.com
- **Praise Team & Band** - Rehearsals as scheduled. Participates at 8:30am (as assigned) Contemporary worship. Sunday call time is 7:45am.  
**Contact:** Joshua McClure, joshua@bethlehemluth.org
- **Adult Bell Choir (Sounds of Joy)** - Wednesday rehearsals from 6:00-7:00pm. Rings monthly at 10:45am worship. Sunday call time is 10:00am.  
**Contact:** Michelle Fisher, michelle@bethlehemluth.org
- **Youth Bell Choir (6-12th grade)** - Wednesday rehearsals from 5:00-6:00pm. Rings monthly at 10:45am worship.  
**Contact:** Linda Culley, linda@bethlehemluth.org
- **KidQuest Music (K-5th)** - Wednesday rehearsals from 4:30-5pm. Participates in Sunday worship once a month.  
**Contact:** Monica Corbett, monica@bethlehemluth.org
- **Christmas Music Program (K-12th)** - Rehearses Wednesdays (Nov. 13, 20 & Dec 4, 11) from 4:30-6:00pm. Participates in Annual Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 15. Sign up online.  
**Contact:** Monica Corbett, monica@bethlehemluth.org
- **Instrumentalists** - Use your talents on your orchestral (i.e. violin, flute, etc.) or band (i.e. saxophone) instrument in worship throughout the year. Scheduled as needed and available to play.  
**Contact:** Joshua McClure, joshua@bethlehemluth.org

## MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Opportunity:** Bethlehem enjoys a diverse and active music program. Our music program is one of our core strengths, and we invite all who are interested to find an ensemble that brings them joy through the power of music!

- **Senior Choir** - Wednesday rehearsals from 7-8:30pm. Sings weekly (as available) at 10:45am Traditional worship. Sunday call time is 10:30am.  
**Contact:** Joshua McClure, joshua@bethlehemluth.org

# Adult Fellowship

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

**Opportunity:** Join a small group with other BLC disciples!

**Women's Circles:** As a community of women, we are created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We honor our valued traditions while striving to be open to new ways of connecting, growing and living in faith together.

**Time Commitment:** 2 hours/month (usually once monthly)

- **Naomi Circle** generally meets on the Saturday following the first Tuesday of the month at church at 8:30am for Bible study, fellowship and support. Occasionally we meet off-site. Our Bible study is from the Gather magazine and this fall we will be studying Esther until Advent.

**Contact:** Olive Leckbee, oleckbee@aol.com

- **Hannah Circle** meets the first Tuesday of the month from Sept. through May, 6:30-8:30pm. Hannah Circle has a casual, come-when-you-are-able feel. We use the Bible study from the Gather magazine.

**Contact:** Linda Culley, lculley4@hotmail.com or Julie Brown, juliebrn81@aol.com

- **Abigail Circle** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm year-round. Sept-May we meet in members' homes to share an evening meal and a lively discussion based on Gather Magazine. June-Aug. we meet in local restaurants to learn from Scripture and each other's lives.

**Contact:** Sarah Belinski, sbelins3@hotmail.com

- **Ruth Circle** - meets the first Tuesday of the month and is made up of senior ladies who share a devotion together and sometimes meet off-site for lunch or service projects.

**Contact:** Naomi Walker, nomiww39@gmail.com

**Mom's Ministry:** We are excited to continue offering ways for moms to be engaged at BLC! We are looking forward to meeting for a variety of events this fall (please see Fall Guide). Further details to come via email.

**Time Commitment:** 1 gathering/mo - usually meet for 2 hrs the last Thursday of the month

**Contact:** Shannon Von Essen, shannonvonesen@gmail.com

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** This is a Bible study for men and women that is led by Deacon Heather on Thursdays at 10:00am. We enjoy learning from one another each week, as we focus on studying different books of the Bible.

**Time Commitment:** once a week

**Contact:** Deacon Heather Feltman, heather@bethlehemluth.org

**Men's Bible Study:** We are a group for men that meets Friday mornings at church for a time of fellowship and learning in God's Word.

**Time Commitment:** meets Friday mornings, 6:30-7:30am

**Contact:** Craig Blomquist, jcbloomquist@gmail.com and Andrew Packman, andrew.m.packman@gmail.com

**Dads Ministry:** Group of dads who gather for informal conversation, prayer, and support; all dads welcome!

**Time Commitment:** meets once a month in homes

**Contact:** Ryan Bicking, ryanbicking@gmail.com

**Adult Fellowship:** Want to help plan opportunities for adults to gather in fellowship throughout the year? Want to test the dinner that will be used for this year's Progressive Dinner?

**Contact:** Sarah Belinski, sbelins3@hotmail.com.

**Senior Advisory Team:** A ministry with and for older adults. The team's focus is advocacy, service, education and fellowship. We meet quarterly over lunch at the church, but there is also subcommittee work based upon interest and availability.

**Contact:** Mike Corbett, michaelcorbett@comcast.net or Lynne Hepler, lynne@theschachtgroup.com

