



As members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the ELCA, we are activated to make God's love real. As God's stewards, we have been *equipped* for this by living our baptismal promises as we respond to God's call: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Stewardship is about how we use *all* that God has entrusted to our care (our time, our talents and our resources) to love God and our neighbors, both gathered inside and scattered outside of the church walls and our homes.

*A new Time and Talent form should be completed each year by every member of your household, as your life and availability may change. Check any of the services, ministries, and activities in which you would like to offer yourself, and the abilities God has given you, to serve Bethlehem Lutheran. Please include the areas in which you are currently serving (and wish to continue to do so) and add any additional areas of interest.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! Email my Monthly Newsletters.  Yes! Add my cell phone number to appropriate texting groups.

I am willing to serve at our service of worship:

\_\_\_\_ 10:00am \_\_\_\_ Midweek/Evening

\_\_\_\_ Holidays \_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_ no preference

In the kingdom of God we are entrusted with God-given life so that we might live as Jesus taught us to live. As a baptized child of God, and in the covenant God made with me in baptism, I offer my time and talents in my daily living:

**To live among God's faithful people:**

Live:

\_\_\_\_ I will strive to steward well the body God has given me: sufficient sleep, healthy eating, adequate exercise,

\_\_\_\_ I will strive to make choices that allow time for relationships with family and friends

\_\_\_\_ I will seek to be grateful for my energy and personality and trust that God is present in my life.

Among:

\_\_\_\_ I will strive to consider the importance of my participation in the congregation's life together, especially when I don't want to participate.

\_\_\_\_ I will pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's leading towards reconciliation when I am in disagreement with others.

God's faithful people:

\_\_\_\_ I will strive to remember that I am the same person no matter where I am or who I am with.

\_\_\_\_ God's claim that I am God's beloved child influences my willingness to participate in the worship life of the congregation. I can offer this ability or interest that God has given me:

*Life of Faith*

\_\_\_\_ Share Faith Stories in Worship    \_\_\_\_ Pursue Micro-Moments of Shalom (Radiating God's Love)

*Board of Building and Grounds*

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Cleaning of the church    \_\_\_\_ Carpentry    \_\_\_\_ Yard work/gardening

\_\_\_\_ Electrical repairs    \_\_\_\_ Painting    \_\_\_\_ General repairs/maintenance

\_\_\_\_ Plumbing    \_\_\_\_ Set-up of tables and chairs for church activities

\_\_\_\_ Elves – meet Thursday to help maintain building

*Board of Congregational Care* (paused, with work being led by other groups)

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Work with senior citizens    \_\_\_\_ Easter prayer vigil    \_\_\_\_ host \_\_\_\_ prayer    \_\_\_\_ Prayer chain

\_\_\_\_ Mid-week Bible Study    \_\_\_\_ Visit members-hospitalized, homebound, inactive, new

\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister    \_\_\_\_ Provide transportation to church

*Board of Congregational Life & Activities* (paused, with work being led by other groups)

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)    \_\_\_\_ Basketball – youth & adults

\_\_\_\_ Softball    \_\_\_\_ Bowling – adults    \_\_\_\_ Athletic coaching (sport/age group \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Christmas caroling for shut-ins

*Board of Stewardship & Finance*

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Serve on Endowment Cmte. (elected position)    \_\_\_\_ Serve on Memorial Fund Cmte. (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Counting Team    \_\_\_\_ Auditing

*Board of Education*

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Costume making    \_\_\_\_ Luther League—Sr. High Youth Group

\_\_\_\_ Youth group sponsor/helper    \_\_\_\_ Teach children    \_\_\_\_ Teach adults

\_\_\_\_ Teacher's aide    \_\_\_\_ Teaching Day Camp (VBS)    \_\_\_\_ Day Camp (VBS) aide

\_\_\_\_ Substitute Teacher    \_\_\_\_ Help with children's crafts

\_\_\_\_ Sunday Church School Superintendent    \_\_\_\_ Asst. Superintendent

*Board of Worship Life*

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a Board Member (elected position)

\_\_\_\_ Create seasonally appropriate decorations in or around the church building

\_\_\_\_ Design/create wall hangings/banners    \_\_\_\_ Acolyte    \_\_\_\_ Altar Guild (set up/clean up communion)

- Assisting Minister       Communion assistant       Greeter at worship service  
 Lector/Lay reader       Usher       Play in the Handbell Choir       Sing Solos  
 Sing in the Senior Choir       Sing in the Junior Choir       Play an instrument (instrument: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Video Production/Recording       Sunday Morning streaming  
 Sunday morning sound system operation       Funeral sound system operation

*Board of Outreach Ministries*

- Serve as a Board Member (elected position)  
 Helping assemble Holiday baskets       Helping deliver Holiday baskets       Trunk or Treat  
 Neighborhood Outreach & Family Activity  
 Produce       Registration       Setup/Clean Up       Snacks       Services Information Area

*Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Women (BELCW)*

- Women of the ELCA Circle      Funeral dinner:  set-up       provide food  
 Wedding Committee       Blanket/Quilt making  
 F.A.B. – Fiber Artists of Bethlehem – knit/crochet group

*Mobile Food Pantry*

- Helping with distribution (loading food)       Registration       Entrance Guide       Line Management

*Church Office*

- General Office help       Web and social media       Helping with mailings  
 Writing for Newsletter, etc.       Electronics/computers

*Elected Congregational Offices*

- Financial Secretary       Secretary       Treasurer       Congregation Council

*Miscellaneous*

- Church historian       Church librarian  
 *Other*—(Write in where you would like to volunteer) \_\_\_\_\_

**To hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper:**

- There is time in my life to come to worship  
 For the well-being of my soul and the well-being of the congregation, I am willing to make it a priority to worship God with the congregation regularly.  
 God is at work in Holy Communion to strengthen my trust in God’s goodness and my ability to allow that goodness of God to be evidenced in my life all week.  
 God’s desire to love me is at the heart of a relationship. I will claim time and ways that are meaningful for me to be with God in listening and talking with God, in silence with God, and in reading/learning more about Jesus and what it means to live as a follower/disciple of Jesus every day.

**To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ In my speaking, I will give God credit when credit is due to God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God has given me the ability to listen and others seek me out as a listener.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will recognize the opportunities God has given me to act in caring ways when they arise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God has given me the ability to pray for others, and I pray for others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No matter where I am, if asked about Jesus, I'd be willing to have conversation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any place I am is a place where others can see the love of Jesus in my actions.

**To serve all people, following the example of Jesus:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ When I become aware of a true need someone has, I am willing to do my part in assisting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are times when my heart is moved to act in extraordinary ways to care for others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My daily work contributes to the web of life and provides me with income to support my life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My understanding about people and their ways needs to grow as I listen to their stories.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God's will for my life is written into my very abilities, interests, energy and creativity so that I can care for others in all that I do.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daily work, play and rest provide the opportunities for living with care for others as well as myself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ People are always looking for people to do things. I recognize that my time and energy are limited and that at times the Holy Spirit will lead me to say "no" to invitations and opportunities so that I have time for rest and renewal – maybe even going out to the mountain to pray, as Jesus did!

**To strive for justice and peace in all the earth:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ God has entrusted the earth to me as my home, as well as the home of the 8.2 billion other people living on earth. I seek to have my personal choices contribute to the wellness and promotion, and not the destruction, of the health of the earth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advertising messages promote personal comfort and desires. Following Jesus means that advertising messages will often numb me to the concerns of others in order to get what I want. I will pray for wisdom to recognize this effect and a heart that has the courage to limit my wants more to my needs so that I am freer to share with others of my time, money and energy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daily news brings the world into my home. I can "pray the news" seeking to care about others and hear where God may call me to action on behalf others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God created a great diversity in humankind. Our communities include only a large portion of that diversity. Seeking out relationships with people different from oneself breaks down the "me/us –them" categories and contributes to building peace. I'm open to getting to know people different from me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wealth is a tremendous responsibility and easily lures one into self-centered living. I pray that God will lead me in stewarding well the resources of money, land and belongings that are in my control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is always going ahead of us into the challenging and hard places of life. I will seek to grow in trust that I might be willing to follow Jesus beyond my personal comfort level into new ways of caring about and for others.