

Proposed New Organizational Structure for Bethesda Tasks, Projects and Ministry Teams

January 2025

Gather Committee Purpose

Statement of Purpose

As a part of the Bethesda Lutheran faith community, this committee is focused on *gathering* all people into a living relationship with Jesus. Its focus is on the organization of components of worship, the support and promotion of congregation-wide events and the necessary subcommittees that allow an efficient administration.

Specifically, the members of this committee are the co-chairs (assigned by the Council from active Council members), the leaders of the Worship, Music and Arts Subcommittee, Congregational Life Subcommittee and Administration Subcommittee. Other leaders or individuals under a subcommittee may attend as they wish or when requested by the Chair of the Gather Committee.

Gather Committee Structure

Worship, Music and Arts Subcommittee

A/V Production

Greeters

Saturday Hosts

Communion Assistants

Visual Arts

Worship Planning

Children's Choir-staff led

Carillon Choir-staff led

Bethesda Choir-staff led

Saturday Praise Band-staff led

Congregational Life Subcommittee

Congregational Soup Suppers and Meals

Living Water Wednesday meals

Café Bethesda

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Chili/BBQ Cook-off

Older Wiser Lutherans OWLS

Small Groups

Hospital Visitation

Lay Visitation

Prayer Chain

Grief Share

Book Club

Puzzle Club

Administration Subcommittee

Facilities, Grounds and Rentals Ministry Team

Memorials, Gifts and Endowment Ministry Team

Financial Oversight Team

Budget Team

Contributions

Governing Documents Ministry Team

Personnel Ministry Team

Stewardship Ministry Team

Grow Committee Purpose

Statement of Purpose

As a part of the Bethesda Lutheran faith community, this committee is focused on helping each individual of our congregation to *grow* as a disciple through worship, prayer and study of God's Word. Its focus is to facilitate Christian education for all ages and to support intergenerational events.

Specifically, the members of this committee are the co-chairs (assigned by the Council from active Council members), the leaders of the Education Subcommittee, Youth and Family Subcommittee, Adult Subcommittee and Bethesda Women's Ministry Subcommittee. Other leaders or individuals under a subcommittee may attend as they wish or when requested by the co-chairs of the Grow Committee.

Grow Committee Structure

Education Subcommittee

SPLASH Children's Church

OASIS Confirmation-staff led

Mentor Program- staff led

FLOOD High School- staff led

RIVER Young Adults

VOYAGERS Adult Forum

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study

Library

Youth and Family Subcommittee

Vacation Bible School

National Youth Gathering

Children's Christmas Program

Youth Retreats

Youth Summer Camps

Ministries Subcommittee

Scandinavian Coffee

Women's Bible Study

Quilt Sew-ers

Benevolent Funding

Funeral Coordination

Wedding Coordination

Friendship Mailing

Friendship Visitation

Lutheran World Relief

Prayer Chain

WELCA Women of the ELCA

Go Committee Purpose

Statement of Purpose

As a part of the Bethesda Lutheran faith community, this committee is focused on fulfilling our obligation to *go* into the world to share the Gospel in word and deed. It's focus is to highlight and support the multiple team efforts which reach out to the community and the world.

Specifically, the members of this committee are the co-chairs (assigned by the Council from active Council members), the leaders of the Community Outreach Subcommittee and the World Outreach Subcommittee. Other leaders or individuals under a subcommittee may attend as they wish or when requested by the co-chairs of the Go Committee.

Go Committee Structure

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Saving Suds

Food Pantry Ministry

Clothing Closet

Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team

Beer and Carols- staff led

Beer and Hymns-staff led

Easter Egg Hunt

Halloween Carnival

AMOS Ministry Team

Benevolence partner liaisons

Bethesda-ACSD Community Garden

World Outreach Subcommittee

CROP Walk

Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners

Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance

Bethesda-Tanzania Covenant Ministry Team

Bread for the World Ministry Team

Many Hands Sewing