

Council FAQ's

So, just what does the Council do, anyway?

Among other things, the Bethel Congregation Council:

- Is responsible for **general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation**, and in particular its worship life.
 - States the mission of the congregation, sets goals and priorities.
 - Seeks to involve all members in worship, learning, service.
 - Works to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill.
- Is responsible for the **financial and property matters** of the congregation.
 - Prepares an annual budget and supervises the expenditure of funds.
- Is responsible for **oversight of the educational work** of the congregation.
- Is responsible for **submission of a comprehensive report** to the congregation each year.
- Likes to **laugh** and **have fun!**

Source: Bethel Lutheran Church Constitution
(Except for that last one; the constitution does not specifically refer to laughter or fun.)

And who are the current Council members?

- President-Brett Deutscher
- President Elect-Tony Stieber
- Communications Officer-Ann Marie Kenitzer
- Fiscal Officer-Dave Larsen
- Ministry Liaison-Sue Lampkin
- Project Manager Advisor-Lisa Laxson
- Human Resources Advisor-Jamie Laughlin
- Two Members at Large-Dianne Stauffer and Andrea Teed
- Youth and/or Young Adult Member at Large-Ryan Brown

How long are Council terms?

Most positions have two year terms but the President, President Elect and Youth/YA Representative(s) serve one year terms.

Could I be on Council?

Yes! If you're a voting member of Bethel you are eligible to stand for election. Elections will be held in *January 2023* for the following roles:

- President Elect
- Communications Officer
- Fiscal Officer
- Ministry Liaison
- Human Resources Advisor
- Member at Large

What if I want to learn more?

Just ask! Contact any of the council members or Pastor Ben. We'll all be happy to tell you all about it.