

## **Board of Fellowship**

### **Faith Lutheran Church**

Bylaws Description: The Board of Fellowship should consist of a minimum of four (4) members plus the elected Chairperson of the Board, to include representatives from women's, men's, youth, and seniors' fellowship areas.

The basic objectives of this Board are to promote a spirit of fellowship (koinonia) by planning supervising, and implementing gatherings of the congregation throughout the year, to include various social events, dinners associated with assembly meetings, food for congregational gatherings, and other such fellowship events. Acts 2:42

### **Description of Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of the Board of Fellowship fall in the following categories, with the corresponding tasks:

1. Family Fellowship – Work with the Board of Education and Family life to provide fellowship events to support families with young children (e.g., Easter egg hunt; Trunk or Treat; other)
2. Food Fellowship – Work with the LWML (especially the Hospitality Committee) to support the use of food for fellowship (e.g., fellowship snacks after 1<sup>st</sup> service; fellowship snacks before 2<sup>nd</sup> service; Meal Train, Wednesday night meals). This support includes assisting the Hospitality Committee with inventory and ordering kitchen supplies (cups, plates, coffee, etc.).
3. Men's Fellowship – fellowship events to build the community of men (e.g., men's breakfast, Advent by bonfire, men's retreat, men's service activities)
4. Seniors' Fellowship – Work with the Faithful Servants (formerly Seniors of Faith) to provide fellowship events to build the community of senior members (e.g., seniors' retreat, church picnics)
5. Women's Fellowship – Work with the LWML to provide fellowship events to build the community of women (e.g., Advent by Candlelight; LWML, women's retreat)
6. Youth fellowship events – Work with the Board of Young People's Ministry to provide fellowship events to build the community of young people (e.g., Easter breakfast, trivia night, other).
7. Seasonal Decorating – Decorating the facility to enhance the celebratory mood of the fellowship of believers (e.g., Family houses; Decorating for the Holidays; Fellowship table decorations) [Advent candles, Advent wreath stand, and stage design are part of Altar Guild]
8. Annual Congregational Gathering – Work with Board of Stewardship to provide an annual celebration of our congregation, to include a servant fair for recruiting new volunteers.

Note. Though not officially a part of the Bylaws description, the members of the Board of Fellowship should include a representative from the LWML (such as the president or Hospitality

chair), a representative from the Board of Education and Family Life, and a representative from the Board of Young Peoples' Ministry, a representative from Faithful Servants (the seniors group), and a man to represent the men's fellowship needs.

### Meetings and Reports

The Board of Fellowship should minimally meet six times a year, corresponding to the calendar of Church Council and Voter's meetings. The chair of Fellowship should prepare a brief written report for each meeting of the Church Council, to also be presented at the subsequent Voter's meeting. These reports should include a report of recent and upcoming activities; the content of these reports will help align the fellowship functions with activities and needs of other boards.