

September 7, 2025 – Vision in Motion event (NEW LIFE TOGETHER)

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Additional ideas to add to “Possible Activities/Ministries:”

- **Expand Christian Care:** visit homebound, home communion distribution, Grief Group, sharing of flowers, hospital visits, offering rides, assistance with various home projects for members (assist men’s group that has been doing some of this)
- **Develop internal Facebook page for Bethlehem members:** enhance communication as to needs of members, health issues, deaths, etc.
- **Emphasize Social activities:** wine tasting, small groups of varying types, seasonal Bible Study with specific duration as well as topic, multi-generational groups, a mentor system where two families/households are linked for a period of time to get better acquainted, etc.

The date of the next New Life Together meeting is Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at BLC.

The following concerns were voiced by the New Life Together team, but they are really applicable to all 3 Core Teams moving forward:

Please note: we are beginning, just getting started. The many ideas that are being offered and discussed are ideas at this point. It will be the work of the team to determine which ideas will be pursued first, how that will be organized, etc., We may have project managers for various activities/ministries, while some may be time sensitive and others could be for the long term.

Though we are putting all of the information on this webpage, the team wants to emphasize that ALL of this is not absolute...and we know that we cannot do it all.

A concern regarding the timing of meetings...We have interested people for “New Life Together” who still work full-time jobs, and this often involves our younger to mid-age members/attendees. *(By having more and more meetings and activities during the daytime, we have to be careful that we are not giving out the message that you are included only if you are retired, do not work, and/or are available during the daytime. We are sensitive to those factors and always want our congregation to have diversity in age and other demographics to reflect our vision: that ALL are WELCOME – to worship, work and everything in between.*

SUMMARY OF VISION IN ACTION SIGN-UP SHEETS

For God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday, September 7th, 2025 (Core Team 2)

FOCUS #2: New Life Together

Description: Identifying ways Bethlehemers can grow deeper in relationship with one another. This could range from structured discipleship (i.e. evening bible study or other interest group) to interactions much less formal (i.e. dinner "pods" etc.)

People who expressed interest at the May18th gathering (additional members are WELCOME!):

Forrest Bowling
Nancy Ammann
Aaron Thomson
Lindsav Susalski
Amy Haara
Carl Lehto
Sherri Helman

Kristen Rivard
Steve Kramer
Tom Christensen
Dave Susalski
Inga Nyquist
Peggy Burns
Tim Goebel

Possible Activities/Ministries:

- 2 Develop greater opportunities and unique ways to welcome
- 3 Build up small group ministries — developing deeper "connectiveness"
- 0 Expand use of social media, facebook, include daily devotionals, Bible Verse, etc.
- 0 Expand use of outdoor signage board located on Garfield Avenue
- 7 Increase service to one another such as rides, helping with home projects, visitation, meals, etc.
- 0 Develop a system of sharing members talents, lending a hand to one another, publicize, make the ministry evident, public, and easy to access
- 5 Expand the ministry of the Men's Group to include both the working on various projects within the needs of the parishioners of Bethlehem and a Men's Bible Study
- 3 Expand Christian Education especially for children and teens
- 4 Host musical performances held at BLC — open to public
- 2 Initiate a Gift Inventory Program...helping to identify strengths and spiritual gifts of members/visitors in order to better match people to areas of service and enhance self confidence in serving
- 5 Expand Christian Care Giving beyond sharing of flowers
- 0 Expand the use and visibility of the Caring Board