



Making and Maturing Disciples of Christ to Minister

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FUNDRAISING POLICY

Policy Statement: This policy has been developed to outline and regulate fundraising activities conducted at Bethel Lutheran Ministries. Enforcement of and changes to this policy are the responsibilities of the Board of Elders.

Approved organizations:

- 1) Ministries or organizations, which are part of Bethel Lutheran Ministries and operated in accordance with the vision and objectives of the church.
- 2) Ministries or organizations that are sanctioned by the LCMS or LCMS CID and are approved by the Senior Pastor and Elders.

Unapproved organizations:

Many members own or work for businesses that provide products or services to the public and are willing to donate part of their profit from sales of these products/services to the church. However, offers of this type are not allowed for tax exemption reasons and so there is no appearance of partiality or favoritism towards a particular business.

Approved fundraising events:

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| 1) Festivals | 6) Concession stands |
| 2) Bazaars | 7) Bake sales |
| 3) Raffles | 8) Craft/consignment sales |
| 4) Breakfasts, lunches, dinners | 9) Script sales |
| 5) Fundraising sales items (Sally Foster, Bike candy, etc.) | 10) Golf outings |

General Guidelines:

- 1) There are no limits on the number of fundraising events held by Bethel Lutheran organizations or ministries.
- 2) Approved organizations outside of Bethel will be allowed no more than 2 fundraising events a year.
- 3) No fundraising activities can take place during worship services.
- 4) Fundraising events should not interfere with the normal flow of traffic in the church nor be of a nature that disrupts other activities going on at the same time.
- 5) Fundraising activities should not require or involve any physical changes that would result in the damaging of church property.
- 6) Alcohol may be served only at off site events by vendors holding a current liquor license.
- 7) Fundraising events conducted off of church property by approved groups are also governed by this policy.

