



Madison, WI

Social Services Intern

Bethel Lutheran Church is a historic 170 year old urban congregation located in the heart of downtown Madison, WI, just blocks from the Wisconsin State Capital. Guided by our mission to be a "City-Wide Church with a World-Wide Ministry," Bethel is deeply engaged in addressing hunger, homelessness, and poverty while creating space for spiritual growth and community.

This internship invites students to explore how their academic training can be applied in a nonprofit and church setting. The Social Services Intern will support Bethel's ministries of compassion and justice, building skills in leadership, community engagement, and holistic care. We have six (6), nine (9), or twelve (12) month internship opportunities available. This internship is 20-25 hours per week.

Role Responsibilities:

- Assist with weekly social service programs: Food Pantry and Homeless Ministry (clothing/hygiene distribution, social service connections, and meal service).
- Provide hospitality to community guests in a safe and respectful environment.
- Support volunteer coordination, training, and recognition.
- Help develop and evaluate programming.
- Build partnerships with Madison area organizations like Lutheran Social Services, Luke House, and Jail Ministry.
- Observe and occasionally assist with weekly small group gatherings (worship/prayer circles).
- Summer Component: 1 Week: work alongside Bethel's partnership congregations; Hephatha Lutheran (Milwaukee, WI) and Bethel Lutheran (Puerto Rico), when their youth attend Bethel Horizons Summer Camp in Dodgeville, WI, serving as support and liaison during this week of camp.
- Sunday morning hospitality at Bethel Lutheran Church, weekly watering of indoor and outdoor plants and plantings.
- Perform other responsibilities as assigned based on organizational needs.

Qualification Requirements:

- Current student or recent graduate of an educational setting pursuing social work, psychology, community development, or nonprofit leadership is required.
- Compassionate, empathetic approach to diverse populations.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Openness to a faith-based nonprofit context.
- Completion of a background check is required.

Learning Outcomes:

- Explore how social service skills apply in nonprofit and church contexts.
- Develop leadership skills in community outreach and volunteer coordination.
- Gain hands-on experience with youth from diverse communities.
- Reflect on vocational pathways that integrate faith, service, and professional expertise.

Physical Requirements (with or without reasonable accommodation):

- Climbing, feeling, grasping, hearing, sitting, standing, stooping, smelling, talking, walking, seeing.
- Lifting up to 20 pounds.

In exchange for your talents and service, you will receive a stipend of \$1,000/month, plus free housing and utilities at Bethel Lutheran Church in our private on-site shared 2-bedroom apartment with full kitchen and bathroom. If you are interested in joining our team, please send your resume to employment@bethel-madison.org.