

BLACKHAWK BETHLEHEM CHURCH, INC.
S10174 County Road C, Sauk City, WI 53583
MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM

(To be completed by persons interested in becoming Members of Blackhawk Bethlehem Church)

Name: _____ Spouse Name (if married) _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Year of Birth _____
Name/Grade of Children _____
Have you been Baptized _____? Are you a Member of another church _____? Areas of interest in Serving _____?

Article 8 of the Blackhawk Bethlehem Church, Inc. Bylaws states: This church is comprised of persons who believe in the Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. Baptized Members profess faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and freely welcome Him as Lord and ultimate authority of their life.

Article 8.1 Reception of New Members. A person may be received for Membership by any of the following ways:

1. **By Profession of Faith.** A person may take their place as a Member of the Church once they have proclaimed a personal faith in Jesus Christ and have publicly declared their intent to live out that faith by God's grace, as stated in the following **Membership Vows**:
 - As a professing Christian and Member of this Church I will be a faithful witness and live a life consistent with a disciple of Jesus Christ as found in the Holy Scriptures.
 - I will regularly gather with the Church for Sunday worship.
 - I will commit to regular personal prayer and Scripture study.
 - I will regularly take my place in the Church's spiritual development and discipleship opportunities.
 - I will support this Church with my tithes, gifts, and offerings.
 - I will faithfully participate in the life, mission, and ministry of this Church with my God-given gifts and graces to the glory of Almighty God.
2. **By Letter.** Any person from another church of like faith and order may be received into Membership upon receipt of letter of transfer from that respective church and by proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ and declaring publicly their intent to live out that faith in Blackhawk Bethlehem Church by committing to the Membership Vows listed in 8.1.
3. **By baptism from another church.** Any person who professes a personal faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and actively follows the Lord Jesus Christ in discipleship and has been baptized by any method found in the New Testament may become a Member of this body upon proof of such baptism, and upon committing to the Membership Vows listed in 8.1.

Article 8.2 New Member Orientation. New church Members will be expected to participate in the Church's New Member Orientation program as developed and implemented by the Church.

Article 8.3 Voting Rights of Members. Every Member of the Church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the Church Conference, provided the Member is present. Proxy voting is prohibited.

Article 8.4 Rights of Members. Every Member of the Church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the Annual Church Conference, provided the Member is present. Every Member of the Church is eligible for consideration by the Membership as a candidate for the elective offices in the Church. Every Member of the Church may participate in the Sacraments as administered by the Church.

Article 8.5 Termination of Membership. Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) Death, (2) Transfer by letter to another church of like faith and order, (3) Acknowledgement when a Member joined a church of another faith and order and requested such action, (4) By action of a Church Conference after a two-year lack of involvement

Having read and understood the Membership Vows of Blackhawk Bethlehem Church, and having prayerfully considered the personal responsibility of Membership; I desire to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and take my Vows to join the work of Jesus Christ and His Church as embodied through Blackhawk Bethlehem Church.

New Member Signature _____ date _____

Please complete Form and send to: BLACKHAWK BETHLEHEM CHURCH
S10174 COUNTY ROAD C
SAUK CITY, WI 53583

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(this portion to be completed by pastor)

Pastor's Signature _____ date _____

Date Membership Vows were taken at Blackhawk Bethlehem Church _____

Method of receipt: _____ New Member _____ Transfer Member/From _____