## The BIG Buzz



# Monthly communication of events and reports from Bethel Lutheran Church



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Pastor Squires by
Thursday morning.

reFocusing reAssess
Summit #2
Sunday, March 13 - Noon-4PM



Please register now for Summit #2 as we continue to see where God is leading Bethel in the ministry He has given to us.

## REGISTER AT: tinyurl.com/bethelsummit2

Our facilitator, Gary Janetzke, returns for the second phase of our reFocusing/reAssess process, and we build upon what we gathered from Summit #1 and the Brainstorming Sessions. Youth are encouraged to take part in the Summit.

- Everyone is welcome to attend--even if you haven't attended previous sessions.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Bring your children! Stephanie Bunnell is once again leading our childcare team.

## Easter Breakfast ~ You are Invited!



Breakfast will be served at Bethel after the Sunrise and 8:00 a.m. Easter Services. Sunday, March 27

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, sweets (donated by attendees), juice, coffee and milk.

The breakfast is prepared and sponsored by the Youth & Family Ministry. Donations will be accepted and benefit the 2016 LCMS Youth Gathering.

Please find the breakfast sign-up sheets in the back of church and a donation board. After you fill it out it can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.



## Preschool News ....



As March begins, the teachers will tell the children the stories that lead up to our celebration of Easter. We begin with the story of Jesus visiting the Temple in Jerusalem as a young boy. By starting with this story from his boyhood, we help the children to understand that Jesus was once a child growing up in a family just as they are. We continue with the stories of miracles Jesus did around Galilee: changing water into wine, calming the storm on the sea, and healing the sick. These stories help the children to understand that Jesus is not only a man but also the Son of God. Our storytelling culminates with the greatest story of all: how Jesus suffered and died for us sinners, but rose triumphantly on Easter.

Our friend Mrs. "O" from the Lake County Farm Bureau will visit us once again in March. This time she will present her Pizza Power Presentation. It should be a great day, we really enjoy the Agriculture in the classroom program.

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is open. There are plenty of spots open for 2 1/2, 3, and 4-year-olds in our 2day, 3day, and drop in programs. Help to spread the Good News by helping us to find children who would benefit from early learning classes at Bethel.

Did you know our new website has launched? You can find us through a link on the Bethel website or go directly to the Preschool Website www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org.

Please consider helping at the Rummage Sale on **March 5**<sup>th</sup>. All of the information is on page 3 under Rummage Sale.

### There will be NO SCHOOL:

Monday, March 7 – Casimir Pulaski Day Spring Break, the week of March 21 – March 25

#### Other Dates to Remember:

February 28- March 4 - Rummage Sale Set Up

March 5 – Rummage Sale

March 9 - Bookmobile

March 16 - Pizza Power Presentation

March 30 - Devotions with Pastor Squires



## Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13.



Move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.

## Attention fellow F.E.E.T. friends!!!

We're back!

F.E.E.T. will resume on Tuesday, **March 8th** 

at

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for our 4th and 5th graders in the Fellowship Hall.



We are excited to be starting up again, and we plan on having a great 6 weeks together! We will continue our discussion about *The Parables*. We look forward to having all our friends there!

#### Any questions feel free to contact:

Chelsi at <a href="mailto:ctodd0808@gmail.com">ctodd0808@gmail.com</a> 224-944-4816 Nichole at <a href="mailto:ntodd1200@gmail.com">ntodd1200@gmail.com</a> 847-693-8927

# RUMMAGE SALE

We have a great need for volunteers and are asking for your help! The Rummage Sale is the preschool's major annual fundraiser. Sign up is quick - <a href="http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2016">http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2016</a> or there is a sign-up sheet on display in the preschool hallway. There are many ways to pitch in, absolutely no experience necessary!

- **Friday March 4** sorting, folding, organizing and pricing rummage.
- Saturday, March 5 Rummage Sale Day! Lots of ways to help! We'll need cashiers, baggers, people to carry items, people to fold and organize, and people to direct shoppers. Lots of strong helpers needed for our clean-up crew toward the end of the event: load remaining rummage into trucks for Love INC and Cancer Federation, put away tables and prepare the gym for worship the next morning. Spanish translators also needed. There's a delicious, free lunch and snacks provided for all workers on Saturday.

Please consider signing up here to help!! Our volunteers are critical. Sharing even a couple of hours makes a huge impact to the success of the sale. Additionally, this is always a fun time getting to know our Bethel church and preschool families, practicing spiritual conversations, and catching up with old friends!

## Vacation Bible School



June 13 - 17, 2016 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Jump into a VBS that's all about Jesus

## Volunteers and Students can register at:

http://www.bethelgurnee.org/upcoming-events.html

## Easter Lilies

We will be taking orders for Easter lilies to beautify our worship space on Easter. Sign up sheets are available on the Hub. Deadline is this Sunday, **March 6.** 



## Easter Egg Hunt

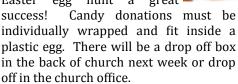
Saturday, **March 26**. 10:00—11:00 a.m.

It is time again for the annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt is for families with children from birth through grade 3. Please sign-up on the list on the Hub so we know how many children to expect.

Young people in grade 4 through grade 8 are invited to help hide the eggs and assist with the crafts. If you are interested in assisting from 9:00 -11:00 am please contact Karen Kozlik at karenkozlik@gmail.com or call 847-613-7756.

## **Candy Donations**

Easter candy donations are needed to make our annual Easter egg hunt a great



Deadline is Sunday, March 20.

## Volunteer Opportunities

On Sunday, **March 27** volunteers are needed for the Easter Breakfast. We need cooks, servers, table attendants, and friendly faces to greet and seat our guests!

Register on the YFM sign-up board at the back of each service if you would like to volunteer. We are especially looking for all and any youth to help out if you are in town.



Ioin Property Management on Saturday, March 12th as they start to "wake up" Bethel's building and grounds for We'll start at 8:30 a.m. with a prayer and run to approximately 11:30 a.m. Outside projects will be weather dependent. Coffee, donuts and juice will be provided along with tools and supplies. A project list will be posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Can't be there at 8:30 a.m. or for the whole time? Come when you can, stay as long as you can, many hands make for quicker work. Let us know you'll be there with a quick note to property@bethelgurnee.org so we can have a donut count.

## **SOUP SUPPERS**

Wednesday soup suppers will continue until the end of lent followed by the Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. The hosts are:

March 2—YFM & Youth
March 9—Volunteers organized by
Kathy Schwartz

March 16—Choir

# Annual C.O.O.L. Plant Sale Spring is Coming!



## Now is the time to order your plants from the 17th Annual COOL Plant Sale.

This is one of COOL's biggest fundraisers to help support the Food Pantry and Transitional Housing.

The pickup date is Saturday, **May 7** (the day before Mother's Day, so think gifts!!) at Bethel from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Order and payment are due **March 20** 

Order forms are available in the back of church or outside the church office. Contact Carol Cook (carol@bethelgurnee.org, 847-249-5037 - home, or 847-244-9647 - church) with any questions. We have many people who can give you a testimonial as to the quality of the plants!

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C.O.O.L. Food of the Month

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Place
non-perishable
items
in the box
in the sanctuary
hallway.

## **WORKSHOP AT BETHEL in the Fellowship Hall**



Saturday, April 2
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (come for an hour or 5!)

We are making "Little Britches" to go with the 100 little dresses that we already have done. These are to be sent with missionary teams scheduled by Lutheran Church Charities to go to Ghana and Guatemala later this year. We hope to invite someone from these teams to come tell us about their experiences on these trips.

You don't need to know how to sew. We would like to encourage moms and daughters. We will be sorting and cutting fabric, sewing seams, and inserting elastic so there will be plenty of training and fellowship.

Please bring with you a sewing machine, sergers if you can sew. Any fabric suitable for boys shorts. We will provide scissors, ironing boards and irons.

Lunch will be provided so please sign-up on the Hub or contact Kathy Schwartz (847-975-9637) so she has an idea of how many to serve. Also "Coffee Hour" treats will be available in the morning. Please come even if you don't get a chance to sign-up.

## Save the Date:

## All Member-New Member Potluck

Sunday, April 10

## **Bethel Pictorial Directory**

April 27 - 30

More information about these events will be on the website and in the Buzz as it becomes available.



## Friday, April 8 - Saturday, April 9 Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers

Sign-up for a 'mini-Gathering' at Trinity Lutheran Church Community Center in Roselle, IL. The Crave, as its called is an overnight event as we join a hundred or so young Christians in fun filled fellowship. Cost will be \$50 per person. This includes the cost of admission, dinner Saturday night (not included with the admission fee) and transportation Friday night from Bethel to The Crave and back to Bethel Saturday night.

Parents must fill out and sign the Consent Form available here and drop payment off in the Bethel Church office by Wednesday, **March 30th**. Forms along with a schedule are available on the YFM bulletin board.



### **Bob Cuilla**

Former Bethel member, passed to eternal life on January 7, 2016.

Memorial service was held at Bethel on January 25.

We keep his wife Linda and family in our prayers.

## Judy Winckler

Bethel member, passed to eternal life on January 10, 2016.

Funeral was held at Bethel January 16.
We keep her husband Don and sons Jaison & Darin and their families in our prayers.

### Joanne E. Heidlauf

Bethel Member, passed to eternal life on February 13, 2016. Funeral was held February 19 at Matz Funeral Home, Mt Prospect. We keep son Don and his wife Joanne V. Heidlauf in our prayers.

#### Mary Ann Schweigerdt

Bethel member, passed to eternal life on February 18, 2016.

Funeral was held at Bethel on February 25. We keep her husband Bob, daughter Susan and family in our prayers.

# Are you a Sunday Driver?



Drivers are needed to <u>occasionally</u> give rides to church for members or friends who can't drive. Please let the church office or Dave Ross (<u>daveross945@comcast.net</u>) know if you are willing to be a Sunday Driver.

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## Celebrations and Membership Updates

## Birthdays

- Stacy Levinson John Paulson
- 3 Helen Moore
- 4 Theresa Fugelseth Michael Francis
- 5 Joanne E. Heidlauf Crystal Kueker Sharon Maatta
- 7 Suzy Lietzau-McCahey
- 10 Paul DeLassus Vicki Francis
- 11 Michaela Rosenthal
- 12 Jessica Chudy
- 14 Susan Buttler Katie Pellettiere

- 15 Nathan Faitsch Paul W. Werfelmann
- 16 Cindy Ellwein Shannon Jaronik Pat Rasmussen Laura Sabaj Sabrina Billings
- 17 Karla Stewart Patricia Weber
- 20 Philip Nuechterlein
- 21 Bill Ratzburg Monte Stoltzman
- 22 Kristine Lindsey Sheila Bunnell Kathy Hipsher



- 23 Debbie Wuethrick Kiwol Messmer
- 25 Heather Redman Al Schaefer
- 26 Karen Leicht
- 27 Paul Groh Bill Smith
- 28 Linda Peters
- 29 Sharon Bartelt
- 31 Dave Hoffmeister Cheryl Ross



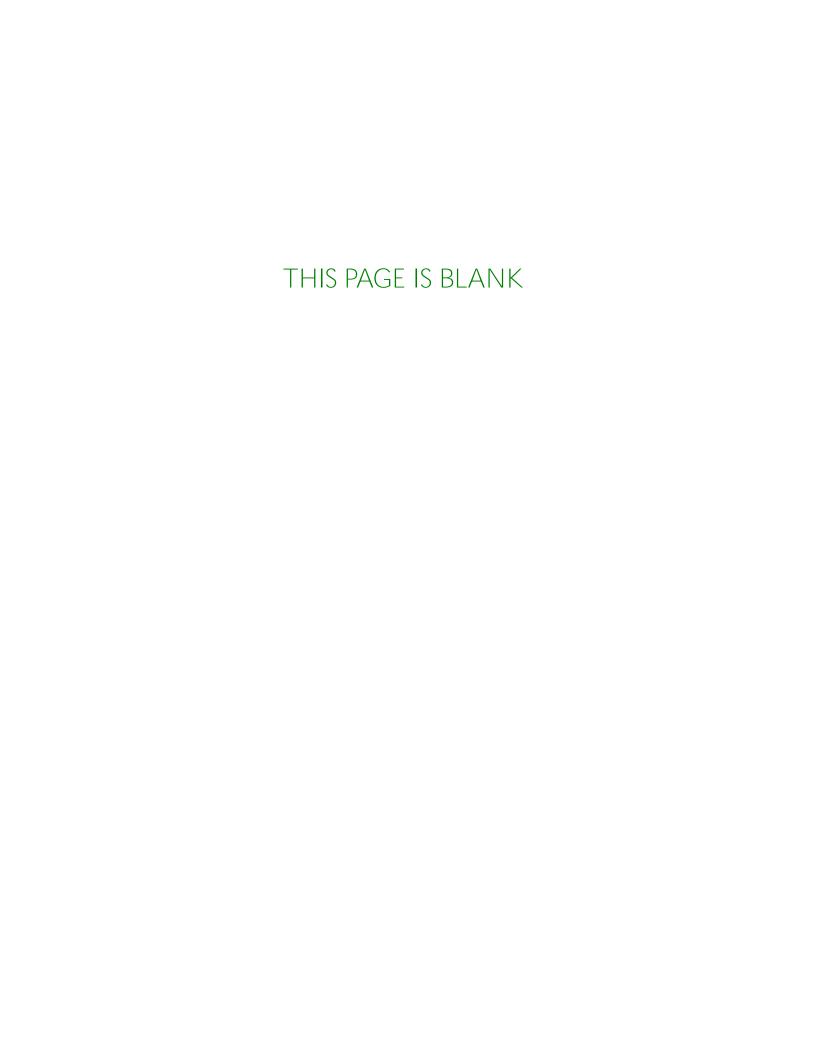
## Wedding Anniversaries

George & Suzan Lietzau-McCahey ~ March 15, 1995 Kevin & Cindy Maag ~ March 21, 1998 Ed & Rhoda Bergmann ~ March 24, 1946 Clint & Sam McDonald ~ March 29, 2014

## Membership Updates

Departing Bethel: Doug Hilgendorf and daughter, Emily

\*\*\*Please contact the church office by phone, email or Sunday's attendance cards if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. Also, if you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office so that we can correct our records. Thank you!





Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.—12 noon

**Pastor's weekly hours** are posted outside his office door

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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays



## **Worship Services**

**Palm Sunday March 20** ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. **Maundy Thursday March 24** ~ 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday
March 25 ~ 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 27 ~ Sunrise 6:00 a.m.,

Festival Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 p.m.

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