

The BIG Buzz

~March 2016~

**Monthly communication
of events and
reports from
Bethel Lutheran Church**



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VERBAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
for Sunday morning
need to be
submitted to
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 5th**. 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



Preschool Open House

will be held
Tuesday, March 15
10 a.m.—Noon

Please tell your neighbors and friends
with preschool aged children.

**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 ctodd0808@gmail.com 224-944-4816

Nichole at ntodd1200@gmail.com 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 - <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2016> 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 success! Candy donations must be individually wrapped and fit inside a plastic egg. There will be a drop off box in the back of church next week or drop off in the church office.

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.



Join the Property Management Team on Saturday, **March 12th** as they start to "wake up" Bethel's building and grounds for spring! 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!

~ March ~

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

Tuna 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 Grave, 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 Grave 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.



Remembrance

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am - Communion in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in sanctuary	 12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty 7:30 pm - Elders	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Soup Supper-YFM 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship 7:25 pm - Mere Christianity	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 8:30 am - Preschool Rummage Sale 9:00 am - Property Board 9:30 am - Lenten Workshop for NID at Tinley Park
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am - Worship in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in sanctuary 12:00 pm - ReAssess Summit #2	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 6:30 pm - Building in use by Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	10:00 am - Heritage Woods Meadows 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty 7:30 pm - Council	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Soup Supper-Choir 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship in sanctuary 7:25 pm - Mere Christianity	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off 6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Youth Board/oeuvres	Pastor's Day Off 8:30 am - Spring Clean-up 10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting
PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am - Communion in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in gym	5:30 pm - Basketball	7:00 pm - Care in Community 8:00 pm - Disciple Care Elders	6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	1:00 pm - Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm - Good Friday Worship	Pastor's Day Off 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt	Pastor's Day Off 8:30 am - Spring Clean-up 10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting
EASTER FESTIVAL 6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am - Easter Breakfast 8:00 am - Easter Festival Service in gym 9:00 am - Easter Breakfast 10:45 am - Easter Festival Service in gym	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off 6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Youth Board/oeuvres	Pastor's Day Off 8:30 am - Spring Clean-up 10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Meeting



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Celebrations and Membership Updates

Birthdays

- 2 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 Pellettieri

- 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!

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Church office hours

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.**

To: