BETHEL
Lutheran Church & Preschool

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C.O.O.L. food of the month for November:

Tuna

Voters' Meeting The next Voters' Assembly will be held **TODAY** at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will consider the 2017 budget & elections of Council & Elder positions. Please join us!

Next Sunday To Celebrate our 50 years, we want to Celebrate our Community at both Services!

Rather than just patting ourselves on the back for our 50th anniversary as a congregation, we want to thank God for the ways in which He has blessed us with community partners who help us through their service, business, and commitment to Gurnee and our surrounding area. We could not have reached 50 years of ministry if it wasn't for the partnership and good working relationships with people in our community.

On Sunday, **November 13**, we are inviting representatives from all of our community partners to join us for our regular worship services. During worship, we will pause to recognize our partners and pray for their continued work in our community.

Additionally, we are pledging $50 to be given in the name of each organization to one of three community agencies that we value for their service to the people of Lake County: COOL Ministries, Love INC, or PADS. These funds were allocated from the 2015 giving surplus.

Love INC Clothing Closet

Love INC is sponsoring a clothing closet **Nov. 14-18** at First Presbyterian Church of Waukegan and will be distributing winter coats and other winter apparel. They are still in need of volunteers to assist clients as well as setup and cleanup. To sign up or for questions, contact Love INC's Gap Ministry Coordinator, Mike Stanczak michaels@loveinclakecounty.org or 847-782-8630.

Get your Nov./Dec. Northern Light on the HUB.

Dear Bethel Family, Thank you for the countless ways you helped make Fall Fest a wonderful time of togetherness for our preschool & church families! We appreciate your prayers, donations of thoughtful auction items and baskets, as well the many volunteers. Nearly $3000 was raised supporting the preschool! Thank you to all who bid on auction items. We are truly humbled and blessed by your generosity. We are especially grateful to Lisa Schwarz for her vision for the evening. She spent many hours planning, organizing games, food, door prizes, and obtaining auction items. Special thanks also to Don Wuethrick for documenting the fun and laughter of the evening in photos, and to Pastor for hosting the festivities as our emcee. We are grateful to Donna Stutzman for organizing young children's activities. A huge thanks to Nichole Todd, Chelsi Todd, and Megan Best for graciously enduring sweltering costumes to be our mascots for the evening as Eeyore, Winnie the Pooh, and Tigger! Congratulations to this year's Chili Champ, Shelly Plapp!
With grateful thanks, The Preschool Board

Thank you to Kari Mulley, our Preschool Board Chair, (and her family) for the many hours dedicated, creativity and commitment to Fall Fest.

Babysitting/Volleyball Afternoon The High School youth would like to adopt a family for Christmas through the Battered & Abused Women & Children Foundation (located in Gurnee). We will receive a list and shop for two children, one boy and one girl ages 9-12. To raise funds to do this, we want to hold a babysitting and volleyball afternoon for a freewill donation on Sunday, **November 20** from 1-4 PM. The high school and middle school youth can hang out and play volleyball in the gym, there will be activities and a movie as well for the younger ages. Please fill out a form on the hub if you plan on bringing your child to join us. We are inviting any children ages 2.5 (must be potty-trained) and up. It should be a great afternoon together! Questions? Contact Nichole Todd - ntodd1200@gmail.com.

Crop Walk *I wanted to personally thank you for your support of the 2016 CROP Hunger walk. Whether you walked, made a donation, or supported us with your prayers it was deeply appreciated. The donations for the total walk this year will come in around $25,000. There were also about 150 walkers this year which is down from past years. This year Bethel had 13 walkers who raised $1,625 exceeding our goal of $1,500! The $25,000 that we received this year has thrown us over $2,000,000 collected for the 34 year lifetime of the Northern Lake County, Illinois CROP Hunger Walk. The most important aspect of the walk is that these funds will go on to support local, national, and international initiatives to alleviate hunger in our communities. If you have already personally given me your donation or placed your donation in the collection platter, thank you! I would like to collect all of the donations by* ***TODAY*** *so please see me or place your donation in the offering this week if you have not done so yet. Thank you once again for your continued support of the CROP Hunger Walk.* —*Morrie Cook*

Sunday School At the end of Judges we read, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (21:23) The Israelites asked for a king. They thought that would help them. Saul was anointed, but was that good? Remember that on **November 27**, we will be filling our Bethel Care bags for PADS. This will be an intergenerational activity. Plan to attend.

COOL Holiday Food Baskets This holiday season COOL food pantry is offering two ways to feed our Lake County families who need assistance.

1. Holiday Food Boxes are available for only $20 each. (and)
2. Checks can be placed in the offering plate made out to Bethel and marked "Holiday Gift Basket" on the memo line. If you prefer to do your own shopping the list of items is on the Hub and non-perishables can be placed in the rubber tub outside the sanctuary. If you have perishables, contact COOL (847-662-1230) to schedule a drop off. Thanksgiving deadline is **November 13**.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study The Lord Hides and the Lord Remembers: Zephaniah & Zechariah. These two Old Testament prophets speak God's Word in the books but also with their names. This study is on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. led by Pastor Squires.

Chili Supper St. Mark's Lutheran Church (3350 N. Delany Rd, Waukegan) will sponsor a chili supper on Thursday, **November 10** from 3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. to benefit C.O.O.L. Food Pantry. $10 per person and carry-out orders are available. They will also be accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items.

Next YFM Gift card deadline: Sunday, November 27

This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 7
- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 6:00 p.m.—Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m.—Grace, Fully Bible Study

Tuesday, November 8
- 10:15 a.m.—Mom's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class
- 6:15 p.m.—FEET
- 6:15 p.m.— Genesis Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m.—*When Helping Hurts*
- 7:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

Thursday, November 10
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Friday, November 11 Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, November 12 Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, November 13
- **50 Years in Community Celebration at Worship**
- 8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

Preschool Photos Needed We are looking for preschool pictures from when you or your child attended Bethel. Please forward one or two to Donna (preschool@bethelgurnee.org) with the year and names of who is in the picture.

Next Sunday's Readings: ***Ezra 1:1–8, 11 Nehemiah 1:11—2:8 Mark 11:1–10***

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—**119**
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.—**94**
Sunday School—**119**

Serving Sunday, November 6

	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Elder:	Mike Bandman	*Randy Gifford*
Comm/Asst. Elder:	John Kozlik	*Jack Warneke*
Acolytes:	Katie Kreamer, OPEN	*Jessica Chudy*
Ushers:	JJ Jones, Dave Hoffmeister Sandy Lahera	*John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen*
Lay Readers:	Sandy Lahera, JJ Jones	*David Boyle, Sarah Boyle*
Greeters:	Schaefer Family, Andy & Lynn Barkley	*Monte & Nancy Stoltzman, Don & Debbie Wuethrick*
Fellowship:	Kaiser & Jones Families	
Nov. Altar Guild:	Diane Mundrick	Marsha Somppi
Nov. Counters:	Monte Stoltzman	Bill & Kathy Schwartz

Tuesday Night Greeter: (11-8) Cindy Maag