

### Update from the February 3 Voters' Meeting

A longer version of this summary was sent out by email. Contact the church office if you didn't receive it.

### New Treasurer: Steve Freehling

Steve Freehling volunteered to step down as Congregational President and become the Treasurer. Steve already had been familiarizing himself with a new software for our budgeting and finances, so it made sense to have Steve in this role. The Voters agreed. Thank you, Steve! And thank you to Tony Brazda for his 4 years of service. This is a role that requires a lot of time, attention to detail, and carries a lot of responsibility. He's served YOU as a congregation in this way.



**Nominations for President** We are accepting nominations for Congregational President. Please be prayerfully considering if you or someone you know would be a good fit for this role. See "Leadership by Definition" article for more info.

**Pastoral Sabbatical—Fall 2020** The congregation approved Pastor Squires taking a 3-month Sabbatical in the Fall of 2020.

**2018 Finances** We ended 2018 with a giving deficit just under \$18,000. Fortunately this could be offset by savings. We are also very thankful for the congregation's generosity in December which helped reduce the giving deficit from a high of somewhere near \$40,000.

### Preschool Rummage Sale Information



Many of you have been dropping your rummage in the storage area in the basement & it is now FULL. We will be taking donations again on

**March 3** at 10:30 a.m. and would like help bringing those items up from the basement and setting up tables. On **Monday, March 4 - Friday, March 8** - we will be pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage. **Saturday, March 9** is Rummage Sale Day which starts at 8:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided for volunteers. **Please sign up to volunteer online at:** <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2019> or in the preschool hallway. The preschool greatly appreciates your donations & all you do to make this sale a success.

**The new Our quarterly newsletter is available on the Hub.**

**The Lutheran Witness** Deadline is tomorrow, **February 18**. Subscribe to the monthly news—and—feature color magazine of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It will help you to keep up, see what makes us Lutheran, be inspired, learn prominent names and hear from church leaders. Get a yearly subscription (11 issues) for \$15.96 per year beginning in May. Forms are on the Hub.



**Attention all High Schoolers: Great news!** There has been a change of plans and we are going to the LCMS National Youth Gathering this summer. You are invited to come. The Gathering takes place in Minneapolis, **July 11 - 15**, with the theme, "Real. Present. God". It is a great opportunity to get to know the other youth in our church and time to grow in our trust of Jesus. You should have received an email earlier this week with more detailed information. Time is of the essence. We need to register by March 1 to avoid paying a higher rate. For planning purposes it would be helpful to know by today if you are at least considering going to the youth gathering. Please let Karen Leicht, Ann Souza, or Katrina Johns know of your plans or if you have any questions.

**FREE TABLES!** It is time to reduce the number of tables here at Bethel. Anyone interested? The tables are the 8 foot wood top folding banquet tables. Great tables for your garage, basement or backyard parties. The tables will be used for the March 9 Rummage Sale and then available for pick up by you. Take one, take two or more. If interested, sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen. There are approximately 20 tables. Questions, call the church office.

### Women's Basketball - High School and Older

On Monday nights starting **February 18** from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. we will have an open gym playing basketball and having a blast! It will be for high school aged ladies and older. Hope you can come shoot around! Questions? Contact Nichole Todd at [ntodd1200@gmail.com](mailto:ntodd1200@gmail.com) or 847-693-8927.



**Pickleball coming to Bethel** Have you heard of America's fastest growing game? Are you curious? Keep watching the Buzz for times and dates to learn the game and enjoy playing with others as they learn.

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**Sunday School News** Something new this week! Kids tell your parents the story you learned today in your words!!!

**Leadership by Definition** Are you willing to accept the important position of President of our congregation? The President is charged with carrying out the operations of the Church and representing the Church in all official matters. The President leads the Council in development of budgets and conducting the Church's business, including developing appropriate policies to guide the actions of the Church and staff. Are you willing to serve in this capacity? For more information on this vital role to Bethel's congregation and its fulfillment of God's mission in our community, please contact Pastor Squires or Katrina Johns at 847-244-9647.

**Equipping Moms** Equipping Parents is changing to Equipping Moms! If you are a mom of a 'tween or 'teen-aged student, join us at 6:15 p.m. while FEET, 1st Communion, and Confirmation are in-session. Use this time on Wednesdays to seek solace with other moms, learn ways to connect with your student during times of teen-angst, and how to keep seeking God's Will for you and your family. Any questions? Please contact Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns.



**VBS News—SAVE THE DATE! June 21-22-23** Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to take a leadership role. We are in the planning stages for our weekend VBS. Soon each leader will be searching for team members. We need adult volunteers for the following areas: Bible story, Bible challenge, games, teen activities, meals/snacks, crafts, and decorations. Keep checking the Buzz and the Sunday school/VBS bulletin board in the hall by the fellowship hall for how to sign up. Our next deadline for making this happen will be April 30. We need many capable adult volunteers to make this happen.

**It's St. Baldrick's time again!!** Help raise funds to conquer children's cancer. Put a pledge on a head to get it shaved! Team Bethel will be represented at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI on Saturday, **March 2**. Funds from all St. Baldrick's events go to St. Baldrick's Foundation to help fund research to find a cure for children's cancer. A donation box will be available through Sunday, March 3 to drop donations or you can donate online - just ask us how. Please make checks out to St. Baldrick's Foundation. If you would like to be a part of the team or volunteer at the event, please contact us at [patjolly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patjolly@sbcglobal.net) or 847-219-4064. We thank you for your continued support. ~ Lance and Pat Rasmussen



**Explore God Discussion Guides** If you are looking for Explore God discussion guides, they can be found in the plastic wall file outside of Katrina Johns' office. Please use these to continue to connect with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.



**LWML Quarterly** Our order for the 2019-2020 Quarterly is due on **March 1**. If you would like to receive the 4 issues please sign up on the clipboard on the side of the Hub. Please pay \$5 to Kathy Schwartz or put it in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. There are mite boxes to support the mission projects of the NID and national LWML on the Hub. You may return your mites (coins/bills) anytime in the large mite box on the Hub.



## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, February 18

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting  
5 p.m.—Explore God Group-Lincoln Barber Shop  
6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.—Bethel Women's Basketball  
7:30 p.m.—Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's

### Tuesday, February 19

11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship  
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

### Wednesday, February 20

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Lounge  
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation, Equipping Moms

### Thursday, February 21

7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in Basement  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

### Friday, February 22 Pastor's Day Off

12:00 p.m.—Explore God at Starbucks

### Saturday, February 23 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.—Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use

### Sunday, February 24

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  
12:00 p.m.—What it means to be a Leader

## Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 AM—104, 10:45 AM—96  
Sunday School—87

## Serving Next Week

### Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

### Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

### Ushers:

### Greeters:

### Fellowship:

Feb. Altar Guild:

Feb. Counters:

Wednesday Night Greeter: (2/27) Ellen Dalrymple

### Sunday 8:00AM

JJ Jones  
Mike Bandman  
Holly Faitsch, Ellie Kreamer  
Tim Faitsch, Lynn Faitsch  
Don Heidlauf, Al Diercks  
Al Diercks, Sue Frendreis  
Kozlik Families  
Margie Tatgenhorst  
Chris Mason

### Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza  
Randy Gifford  
Kate Kruse, Jake Kruse  
Kelley Dörner, Suzanne Fowler  
Scott Mundrick, Jay Souza  
Peters Family, Traynor Family  
  
Dawn Werfelmann  
Diane Sanders