

# The BIG Buzz

~February 2016~

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

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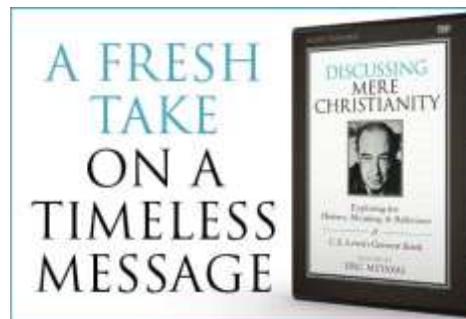
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Information  
for the  
weekly *Buzz*  
is due in the  
office by  
9:00 a.m.  
Thursday.

## MERE CHRISTIANITY

Midweek Lenten Series  
Worship—Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM  
February 10-March 16



Beginning with Ash Wednesday,  
our Midweek series will be based on  
**C.S. Lewis' classic book,**  
*Mere Christianity*,  
his defense of the faith.



Join  
Pastor Squires  
for further  
discussion each  
week after worship  
from  
7:25-8:30 PM.  
Copies of  
*Mere Christianity*  
are available for  
purchase from the  
church office  
for \$10.

## Ashes in the AM



Imposition of Ashes  
on Ash Wednesday Morning  
Wednesday, February 10  
5:30-9:00 AM

By Pastor Squires @ Your Friendly Neighborhood Starbucks (Grand & Dilleys in Gurnee)

### Stop By, Pray, Receive Ashes & God's Forgiveness

On your way to begin the day, stop by Pastor Squires' table at Starbucks. He will have a brief prayer for you to say silently or with him. Then receive ashes on your forehead and hear God's Word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Then, if you desire, grab a cup of coffee, stay for further conversation and prayer as Pastor is available, or head out for the day.

### The Imposition of Ashes

Ashes are a very old custom. When people wanted to show they were sorry for their sins, they would pour ashes over their heads. After putting the ashes on their heads, they would spend the rest of the day praying that God would forgive all their sins. God does forgive our sins. The ashes also help us to remember we are human and we will die and become dust again. At our funerals, the pastor says, "... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Christians also believe that, after we die, God will raise us from the dead to live with him forever.

## President's Remarks from the January Voters Assembly

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I wanted to thank the many individuals and families that came to the Voters' Assembly to help us consider the decisions before us to faithfully steward God's Kingdom. These remarks are intended to keep the entire congregation updated on the church. I wanted to highlight a couple items here as well as provide the details of the decisions that were made on Sunday. I also encourage you to read the separate attachment of reports to inform you of all the great work being done here at Bethel. (Reports are at the end of this Big Buzz. If you receive by mail you can find copies on the Hub.)

Financially speaking, Bethel finished the year with a strong November and December. This pushed the church to an overall surplus for the year. The stronger giving was coupled by spending controls, where leaders and a favorable early winter allowed us to shave approximately \$18K from the 2015 approved budget. Please read the financial information included in the attached reports for a detailed picture, and where the Congregation surplus was deposited. I encourage you to continue to consider your stewardship at Bethel and let's get off to a strong start in January and February so we can avoid the deficits we typically run through the middle of the year.

The decisions from the Voters' Meeting are summarized below:

- A motion was approved to select Chris Mason and Christie Kozlik as auditors of our 2015 financial transactions.
- A motion was approved to select Carla Thompson and Diane Sanders as Sunday School Superintendents starting in the Fall 2016.
- A motion was approved to replace the office copier at a price up to \$5,000.
- A motion was approved to add gutters to the gymnasium, south side of the preschool (over the play yard) and upgrading the gutters in front of the office at a price up to \$8,750.
- A 2/3 vote approved the draft Constitution and Bylaws. A second vote will be required prior to full adoption and is expected in April. The implementation of these new governing documents will be held until a new policy manual can be developed.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the business mentioned above.

Blessings,

Chad Anderson  
Bethel President  
[president@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:president@bethelgurnee.org)

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### ***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS***

Join us on Wednesdays during lent for soup and salad before church. Soup suppers begin at 5:15 p.m. with serving going until about 6:15 p.m. Different groups host them. A free will donation is accepted. This year the donations will help support the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.



### **Hosts for the 2016 suppers are:**

Feb. 10 - Elders  
Feb. 17 - Church Council  
Feb. 24 - Board of Christian Ed and  
Sunday School Teachers  
March 2 - YFM and Youth  
March 9 - OPEN  
March 16 - Choir

***Bon Appétit!***



## Preschool News....

When February arrives we know that the preschoolers will be getting ready for Valentine's Day! They will make special milk carton mailboxes to hold their Valentines. Every year the children enjoy exchanging valentines with their classmates and teachers! The preschoolers will also learn devotion songs focused on love for their monthly devotion with Pastor Squires. They will sing, We Love (because God first loved us), Love, Love, Love, and 1,2,3 Jesus Loves Me. It is a special time of year to talk about our love for each other and our families. It is also a time to learn and talk about the love of God for all people, as evidenced by His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We decided to have our annual food drive for COOL in February this year! Many schools collect at Christmas time so we decided a different time of year may benefit the pantry more. We have chosen to collect in February so we can share our hearts with those in need. We will apply small paper hearts to the items we collect with special messages of love. We will have collection boxes in the preschool hallway highlighting items the pantry is in need of.

**February 3** will be the picture taking day for the kids here at Bethel. E.D. Clark Photography has been taking school pictures of the children for 28 years. The individual and class photos always look great.

Every year, the Lake County Health Department conducts Hearing and Vision Screenings for our Preschool children. This year the screening will take place on Friday, **February 12**.

February is Dental Health Month so we have invited a representative from Children's Dentistry to come to the classrooms and teach the children about taking care of their teeth! It should be a fantastic day!

Registration is under way for the 2016-17 school year for children who will be at least two and one half-years-old by **September 1**. Tell your friends and neighbors about Bethel Preschool and its ministry to young children. For more information on our programs, have them call Judy Richardt in the preschool office at (847)244-9672 or email [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org).

**Picture Day:** Wednesday, February 3

**Bookmobile:** Wednesday, February 10

**Vision and Hearing Screening:** Friday, February 12

**No School:** Monday, February 15 - Presidents' Day

**Dental Health Presentation:** Wednesday, January 17

**Devotion with Pastor Squires:** Wednesday, January 24



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 online at <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2016> or on the sign-up sheets on display in the preschool hallway.

### There are many ways to pitch in:

- Sunday, **February 28** starting at noon after late service: set-up tables
- Monday, **February 29** - Friday **March 4** - pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing 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, people to direct shoppers, and a clean-up crew at the end of the day. There is a delicious, free lunch provided for all workers on Saturday.

**Please consider signing up to help. Our volunteers are critical and make a huge impact to the success of the sale!**

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### Drop-off Rummage

Begins Sunday **February 28** at Noon after late service.

Continues Monday - Thursday morning between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. each evening.

(Drop-off will be unavailable from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. each day and the door to the gym will be locked.) We ask that all items are dropped off by Thursday morning to allow for sorting and pricing items.

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### Accepted Items

Clothes, baby items, toys, games, knick knacks, linens, kitchen items, books, shoes, etc. (No computers or TV's please.) If you have a larger item you wish to donate, such as furniture, we ask that you please contact the Preschool Office at (847) 244-9672 or [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org), to make sure we can accept the item.



## ***Sunday School Prayer Box***

On **February 10th**, the Sunday School will begin its Lenten mission project. Each student will receive a prayer box filled with 40 prayer suggestions for each day in Lent. These will be handed out during Sunday School on **February 7th**. Along with this will be suggestions on how to give a little extra to our mission project during these 40 days. We are continuing to support Love INC's mission to supply beds to those in need. Our weekly offerings are being collected on special "bed" offering boxes so there is a visual to remind us of people who don't have nice, warm beds to sleep in.

If you do not have a student in Sunday School and wish to participate in our Prayer Box mission, we will be happy to give you a box. Please see Carla Thompson or Lynn Barkley.



## ***Layette Ministry***

Bethel's Layette Ministry has been very blessed this Fall and over Christmas. Staff at Lake Forest Hospital collected donations at Christmas for our layette ministry. They delivered an amazing amount of items to Love INC to be passed on to us. Village Church of Gurnee's quilting group donated around 11 quilts that they had made to go to families with new babies that we help. A church in Zion made blankets. Our zone LWML at their Fall gathering made fleece blankets for the new babies and siblings. We made several deliveries around Christmas and have another that should be arriving soon.

Right now we have enough supplies. We are organizing all the new items we've received and will let you know when and what items are needed. Thank you for your continued support in donating items for the ministry. The people who receive them have been very thankful.



## ***Handyman's Corner***



At the January Voters' meeting the congregation voted to make two property improvements.

- 1.) Replacing the office copier at a cost up to \$5,000.
- 2.) Adding gutters to the gymnasium & Preschool at a cost up to \$8,750.

While there are some funds available for these items, additional funds were approved to be taken from savings to pay for these improvements. If you are so moved to give above your normal giving towards these items, please place your donation in the offering and mark it appropriately.

### **Project of the Month:**

Like to organize? The maintenance room in the basement needs someone to put things in their place. If you're interested in helping, contact property at [property@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:property@bethelgurnee.org).

Thank you,  
Property Board



## ***The Lutheran Witness***

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 May, 2016. Find forms to sign up on The Hub.

**Deadline is Sunday, February 14.**

## Poverty Awareness Education Update

The time has come! I will offer the first *Bridges Out of Poverty* training workshops at Bethel in the months ahead. During February I will be training the church staff.

Then, on Tuesday evenings **March 8 - April 26**, 6:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m., the *Bridges* workshop will be available for anyone who is interested. The Tuesday evening classes will be concurrent with Confirmation, 1st Communion, and F.E.E.T. classes. There will also be childcare available for younger children. Details about how to register will be coming soon.

*Bridges Out of Poverty* is a workshop designed to help us recognize the hidden rules of middle class culture and introduce the hidden rules of generational poverty. For example, attitudes about time, types of support systems, and resources can be different. Understanding differences helps us to build relationships with patience, generosity, and without judgment.

This winter I have been teaching *When Helping Hurts* at Faith Lutheran Church in Lake Forest. We are having a great conversation about poverty. I thank God for their openness to let me spend these 6 weeks with them.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. I am glad to be on this journey with you.

Susan Squires  
[susan@musicspectrum.org](mailto:susan@musicspectrum.org)



V O L L E Y B A L L

Volleyball here at Bethel will be cancelled for the Spring. It will start back up in the Fall, watch for announcements in the Buzz.

### Save the Dates:

#### Assess Summit 2

Sunday, March 13 ~12—4 pm

All Member—New Member

#### Potluck

coming in April

#### Church Picnic

Sunday, August 21

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

### Breakfast Items

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

## St. Baldrick's Fundraiser



The mission of St. Baldrick's Foundation is to raise awareness and funds to "Conquer Kids' Cancer" by shaving heads at St. Baldrick's events worldwide. We invite you to share in this experience by joining us on **March 5** at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI for our 10<sup>th</sup> year of hosting a St. Baldrick's event. This year, we are hoping to cumulatively reach the \$1,000,000 mark in funds raised over these 10 years of service to this great organization. Bethel has been a proud supporter in having heads shaved, volunteering, or just coming to see what it is all about. We are again asking for your support. As in the past, our goal is simple – to obtain \$1 from each family unit of our Bethel congregation. There will be a donation box in the back of the gym/sanctuary in which you can deposit donations. We will gladly provide a receipt for any donation you wish by putting your donation in an envelope provided and just make sure you have put your name on the envelope. If you would like to join Team Bethel by shaving your head or volunteering for an hour or more at the event, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you for your support.

Pat and Lance Rasmussen  
[patjolly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patjolly@sbcglobal.net)



## **Help Wanted: Childcare Coordinator**

We would like to provide a childcare option on Tuesday evenings, **March 8-April 26**, 6:00 p.m. —7:30 p.m., especially to allow parents to attend *Bridges Out of Poverty* training. The Childcare Coordinator will be responsible for organizing these 7 weeks of childcare, recruiting volunteers, planning activities, and being responsible on those evenings. Childcare would be available for children up through grade 3 (these weeks are when F.E.E.T., 1st Communion, and Confirmation all run concurrently). A small stipend is available for the coordinator and other program costs.

This arrangement would be a trial to see if this could be the approach to offer more robust, organized, and safe childcare at many different times during the year. Childcare is going to be an essential ingredient as we change our structure, allowing for a wider group of people to be in leadership, but acknowledging many people will not be able to be leaders or participate on teams if childcare is not provided

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send an email to Pastor Squires ([pastor@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:pastor@bethelgurnee.org)) with a short explanation of what would qualify you for this position.



## **Workshop Dresses and Britches**

On **April 2nd**, Bethel will be having a workshop making dresses and britches for children. Lutheran Church Charities is sponsoring two mission trips and these items will be sent with them on the trip. Please save the date and look in the March Big Buzz for more details. If you have questions contact Kathy Schwartz at [kathyschwartz123@gmail.com](mailto:kathyschwartz123@gmail.com).



***“Hello you have reached  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of Lake County. Please press  
1 for the Help Center.”***

Don't you just despise those annoying auto attendants that say press 1 for this, 2 for that, etc. Well, so do our clients, churches, agencies, and donors! On average our phone rings over 1,500 times in a month, but only 15% are answered by a receptionist. I am praying that this will change in 2016 -- and it cannot change without you.

Would you please help recruit volunteer receptionists from your church to serve at Love INC?

### **The ministry needs:**

- ◆ One person, three hours once a week
- ◆ Morning or afternoon shifts,  
Monday through Friday
- ◆ Morning: 9am to Noon and  
Afternoon: Noon to 3pm

Please see position description posted outside the church office for more details.

Help us find real people (not just an automated machine!) to share a caring voice with those in need in our community. Call Spark at 847-782-8630 ext. 114 or email [carlsparkb@loveinclakecounty.org](mailto:carlsparkb@loveinclakecounty.org) for more information or to get connected. Praying!

## **SAVE YOUR CANS!**

Bring your rinsed, empty aluminum cans (pop can type) to the marked container outside the church main doors.



Ed Bergmann turns the cans in for cash, which purchases apple juice for coffee hour, most of the white 8-foot tables in the fellowship hall and many other unbudgeted expenses.

THANK YOU ED!

# Yes COOL is Moving!!

After almost a year of uncertainty COOL has finally received our Business License and has begun moving. The Administrative Offices relocated January 13, 2015. Pantry East will open in the new building on February 16, 2016.



Our New Home at 800 W. Glen Flora Ave,  
Waukegan, IL

You are invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house!

Ribbon Cutting: Friday, February 12, 2016 at 3:00

Open house and tour of the new facilities from 3-5 PM.

Please RSVP to by February 10, 2016 if you plan on attending the ceremony. Call 847-662-1340 or email [dthackston@coolministries.org](mailto:dthackston@coolministries.org).

**Moving is expensive & the bills are still coming in!**

**Our pantry volunteers can't wait to work in a space where food can be unloaded indoors and stored in a walk-in freezer and refrigerator.**

***The walk-in freezer and refrigerator will cost \$37,000!***

**Additional costs include paying for movers, electricians, technology, equipment, partitions, and more!**

**We need your help!** Please consider sending a donation to COOL Ministries, 800 W Glen Flora Ave, Waukegan IL 60085 - or donate by credit card at [www.coolministries.org](http://www.coolministries.org).

Mark the envelope **COOL Moving Fund** to help with the move expenses and renovations, or **COOL Walk In Fund** to help with the coolers.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DO JUSTICE</b> <b>LOVE</b> <b>MERCY</b> <b>WALK HUMBLY</b> <b>WITH YOUR GOD</b>	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:30 pm - Elders	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - YFM	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 9:00 am - Property Board
<b>TRANSFIGURATION OF LORD</b> 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 6:30 pm - Building in use by Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:30 pm - Elders	5:30 am - Ashes in the AM 5:15 pm - Soup Supper 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service in gym 7:25 pm - Mere Christianity	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 6:30 pm - Preschool Board 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 6:00 pm - Parent's Night Out Youth Fundraiser
<b>1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 8:00 am - Worship in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in sanctuary	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	10:00 am - Heritage Woods Worship 11:00 am - Gurnee Meadows Worship 6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:30 pm - Council	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Soup Supper 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 7:00 pm - Youth Board'oeuvres	Pastor's Day Off
<b>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 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 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:00 pm - Care in the Communities 8:00 pm - Disciple Care Elders	5:15 pm - Soup Supper 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	Pastor's Day Off
<b>3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 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 - Set-up for Preschool Rummage Sale	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:00 pm - Care in the Communities 8:00 pm - Disciple Care Elders	5:15 pm - Soup Supper 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	Pastor's Day Off

# February

**February 2016**

**Service Roster**

	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM</b> <b>FEBRUARY 10</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	<b>LENTEN SERVICE - 6:30 PM</b> <b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
<b>ELDER</b>	Matt Messmer	Paul DeLassus	Paul DeLassus	Mike Bandman
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	John Kozlik	Tim Faltsch	Matt Messmer	Tim Faltsch
<b>ELDER</b>	Steve Best		Paul DeLassus	
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Jack Warneke		Jack Warneke	
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Lily Erwin, Katie Kreamer <i>Brennen Hautzinger, Allyson Adams</i>	Joshua Leicht	Ellie Maag, Lauren Best <i>Jessica Chudy, Kelly Kruse</i>	Jay Souza
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Tim Faltsch Lynn Faltsch <i>Joan Blasko</i> <i>Ellen Dalrymple</i>	Joanne Heidlauf Bill Schwartz	Diane Boehm Karen Kozlik <i>Claudine Rayos</i> <i>Karla Stewart</i>	Mike Bandman Sue Bandman
<b>USHER 1 - 8 am</b>	Chuck Johnson	Cook Westendorf	JJ Jones	Scott Mundrick
<b>USHER 2 - 8 am</b>	Bob Paulson	Bill Schwartz	Don Heidlauf	Diane Mundrick
<b>USHER 3 - 8 am</b>	John Paulson		Bill Ratzburg	
<b>USHER 1 - 10:45 am</b>	Larry Peters		Lance Rasmussen	
<b>USHER 2 - 10:45 am</b>	Linda Peters		Karen Kailer	
<b>GREETERS</b>	Stutzman Family Chelsi & Nichole Todd <i>Diane Perkins</i> <i>Ziegler Family</i>		OPEN	
First name listed for service greets at the front door, last name listed greets back door			Carla Thompson <i>Cook &amp; Marilyn Westendorf</i> <i>Karla Stewart &amp; Dylan Love</i>	
<b>TUESDAY GREETER</b>	(2-9) Mike Hautzinger		(2-16) Cindy Maag	
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Faltsch & Bandman Families		S. Frendreis, K. DeLassus, D. Gerkin	
		<b>LENTEN SERVICE - 6:30 PM</b> <b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	
<b>ELDER</b>	Mike Bandman	Bob Souza	Mike Bandman	
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Matt Messmer	John Kozlik	John Kozlik	
<b>ELDER</b>	Bob Souza		Bob Souza	
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Randy Gifford		Jack Warneke	
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Nathan Stutzman, Logan Rosenthal <i>Dane Peplow, Lexi Darner</i>	Sam Squires	Alyssa Buttler, Nathan Faltsch Tanner Swanson, Hillary Fleming	
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Clint McDonald Samantha McDonald Bob Souza <i>Jack Warneke</i>	Randy Gifford Ann Souza	David Ross Cheryl Ross <i>Becky Lanzito</i> <i>David Ziegler</i>	
<b>USHER 1 - 8 am</b>	Al Diercks	John Zilligen	Sandy Lahera	
<b>USHER 2 - 8 am</b>	Morrie Cook	Tom Schultz	Bob Paulson	
<b>USHER 3 - 8 am</b>	Dave Hoffmeister		John Paulson	
<b>USHER 1 - 10:45 am</b>	Tom Schultz		Cook Westendorf	
<b>USHER 2 - 10:45 am</b>	John Schultz		Bill Schwartz	
<b>GREETERS</b>	Squires Family Dawn Werfelmann <i>Stoltzman Family</i> <i>Zilligen Family</i>		Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst Vana Family <i>Traynor Family</i> <i>Nick &amp; Jenny Witter</i>	
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<b>TUESDAY GREETER</b>	(2-23) Sue Best		(3-1) OPEN	
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Sanders & Schill Families		Thrivent	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Margie Tatgenhorst and Dawn Werfelmann			
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Mary Kay Ams & Joan Blasko			



**Wednesday**  
**Lenten Services**  
**begin**  
**February 10 -**  
**6:30pm**

Regular type denotes early service servers. *Italic type denotes late service servers. Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.*

# ~February~

## Celebrations & Membership Updates

- 1 Joseph Kaiser  
Tricia Summerson
- 2 Jeff Ams  
Lydie Weinberg
- 3 Lukas Redman
- 5 John Leicht
- 6 Scott Mundrick  
Jenny Witter
- 8 Aaron DeLassus  
Cassandra Kiser  
Katie Thompson
- 9 Sara Jakolat
- 12 Justin Kaufmann
- 13 Stephanie Grover  
Kelsi Mulley
- 14 Sara Pipia  
Karen Kailer

### Birthdays



- 14 Dennis Robb  
Kay Starkweather
- 15 Michael Lahera  
Richard Pavletic  
David Piepenbrink
- 16 Ellie Creamer  
Zachery Ratzburg

- 17 Jill Siragusa
- 18 Erik Hoornstra  
Jay Souza
- 19 Gail Tatgenhorst
- 21 Madison Best  
Elizabeth Blasko  
Kateryna Kozlik  
Nicholas Mink  
Sarah Rosenthal
- 23 Bill Comerford
- 24 Donald Heidlauf  
Cody Summerson
- 25 Tom Schultz  
Janelle Winter
- 26 Kyle Livingston  
Ella Silasiri
- 27 Pastor Ben Squires



### Wedding Anniversaries



Edward & Theresa Fugelseth February 6, 1960  
Anthony & Michelle McDowell February 12, 2000  
Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst February 13, 1971

Dick & Kelley Dorner February 14, 1987  
Matt & Kiwol Messmer February 22, 1992

### Membership Updates

#### Change of Address:

Stephen Irish	The Daluga Family
903 W. S. 2nd Street	1115 Tracy Lane
Shelbyville, IL 62565	Libertyville, IL 60048

#### Departing Bethel:

The Comerford Family

#### New Members:

Kevin & Michelle Kruse  
Children: Kelly, Katie & Jake  
355 Devon Ct  
Grayslake, IL 60030

\*\*\*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

Bethel Lutheran Church  
5110 Grand Ave.  
Gurnee, IL 60031



*Worship  
Schedule*

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

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



# VBS Announcement!

Barnyard Roundup is scheduled  
for the  
week of **June 12th.**



The barnyard animals have gathered to say,  
we want ewe to join and pray!

More information to come!

## Questions?

Email Sara Pipia or Shannon Swanson at [vbs@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:vbs@bethelgurnee.org).

To:

# Bethel Lutheran Church Board Updates

January 24, 2016

January Voters Assembly



## President – Chad Anderson

The congregation really came through in 2015. It was phenomenal to see where we were and to come out this far ahead is a true blessing. January meetings are so much better when we are in a position to identify how to spend a surplus. I also wanted to commend the leaders on controlling spending. The Surplus was only made by the fact that we came in under budget by a little more than \$18K.

Year-end financials.

Church: \$11,647 Favorable  
Preschool: (\$4,491) Unfavorable  
Total: \$7,155.78 Favorable

Council Elected use of Funds.

- \$3,000 was taken from preschool Special fund (placed there from the fall fundraiser) to cover a portion of the deficit. (Remainder was covered from Church Surplus).
- \$2,410.64 to NID to restore 2016 District giving to 2015 Budget level (as directed by Voters Assembly).
- \$2,500 to Special Funds (\$1K Youth Special, \$1K to Cap. Imp., and \$500 for Bridges out of Poverty).
- \$500 to Redeemer Lutheran in honor of their planting of Bethel, and our 50th Anniversary.
- \$2,000 to fund 50th Anniversary activities (\$500 to event planning, and \$1500 to use as part of giving back to the community), any funds not spent will revert to savings.
- Net to Savings (approximately \$2745.14).

Lastly, please give all your effort to attend the Re-focus event as we seek to develop a vision for the future of the Youth and Family Ministry program here at Bethel. This will occur next Sunday, immediately after second service.

In Christ,

*Chad*

[president@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:president@bethelgurnee.org)



## Have Been Working On

### ⇒ **GO! Pastors Retreat, Sunday, January 10-Monday, January 11**

- Tremendous time to renew partnership among pastors
  - Dan Weyerhaeuser (Lakeland), Terry Erickson (GO! Director / Lakeland), Matt Kearney (GO! Evangelist), Mark Roggensack (Life), Todd Habegger (Village), Chris Stephens (Gurnee Community), Mark Borgetti (Joy!)
- Goals for 2016:
  - Establish a Strategy Team
  - Host 6 evangelism trainings for our congregations during year

### ⇒ **reFocusing / Youth Ministry Assessment Plan**

- Working with Shannon Swanson on logistics for Jan. 31 Summit
- Results of Natural Church Development Survey from December not significantly different from 2011 results; major differences seem to be a product of having many more take the survey (60) and a more diverse group (whereas 2011 we focused on leaders and long-time members)
- **I am URGING all to attend the January 31 Summit.**
- **Goal: Leave that day with a sense of what we want in Youth & Family Ministry leadership/staff, especially Visionary type or Coordinator type. There will then be an Action Team who will work to bring those ideas together into a job description to present at a later date.**

### ⇒ **Sunday AM Adult Bible Study**

- **The Arts of Spiritual Conversation – January 10-March 13**
- 7 tables of adults plus 1-2 for high schoolers discussing how to enter into conversation with others about spiritual things, following the model of Jesus
- If you haven't joined us yet, please do so this week.
- We have a great set of table coaches who are guiding the conversation each week at set tables—where we'll help newcomers get connected to a group
- Table Coaches: Steve & Sue Best, Paul & Karen Krueger, Chad Anderson & Jose Rayos, Sue Bandman & Marsha Somppi, Dan Novacek & John Zilligen, Tom & Sara Pipia, Donna Gerken, High School: Aaron Fleming & Doug Mulley

### ⇒ **LCMS Hispanic Ministry in Lake County**

- December meeting had to be rescheduled due to Pastor Alex Merlo, Aurora, having 2 deaths in the family
- Next meeting: TBD

⇒ **Asian Indian Ministry**

**Two goals: 1) Ministry to Christian Indians in our midst  
2) Ministry to Hindu Indians in preschool**

- Need to be back in touch with Sam Thomas on next steps
- Our Christian Indian families welcomed to Waala's home for Christmas!
- One of our former preschool families, Gandhi, lost their 2½ year old daughter last week; Donna Stutzman, Judy Richardt, Susan Boardman & I attended the Visitation on behalf of Bethel

**Looking Ahead**

⇒ **Boy Scouts**

- Will work with Spiritual Oversight Elders to develop Building Use Policies, etc.
- Need to request District to look into this issue as well
- There are different approaches we could take for our Building Use Policy that will allow us to continue to reach out into the community, share the gift of our building, but protect our congregation from being forced into letting our building being used for religious purpose not in line with our confession.

In Christ,

*Pastor Squires*

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**Financial Secretary – Morrie Cook**

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Here is the final Financial Secretary report for 2015. Overall, for the fourth quarter, we had an increase in total gifts to finish slightly ahead of the previous year and drew close to same level of 2014 Budget Donations.

2015 Total Donations - \$686,954

2014 Total Donations - \$681,879

2015 Budget Donations - \$562,805

2014 Budget Donations - \$563,968

We have 20 families that are currently utilizing the Joyful Response electronic giving program. For 2015, 21% of the budget donations (\$120,665) came through the Joyful Response program. We also have 2 families that contribute through their Charitable Trust Funds and 4 families that make their donations with programs that automatically generate checks through their bank accounts.

Distribution of the 2016 envelopes is almost complete. Of the 165 giving units, 144 have picked up their envelopes.

The 2015 giving statements will be available on Sunday January 24.

Bethels Financial Giving 2015 statement is on the following page.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

*Morrie*

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	YTD	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Above the line donations	589,176.32	134,767.36	140,019.65	127,773.92	186,615.39
Current Expenses	404,569.06	90,468.22	96,890.50	85,988.00	131,222.34
Joyful Response - Electronic Gifts	120,665.00	30,695.00	31,775.00	30,675.00	27,520.00
Altar Guild	3,163.00	911.00	535.00	495.00	1,222.00
Bethesda	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COOL	1,614.00	390.00	175.00	266.00	783.00
Crop Walk	795.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	795.00
Easter Breakfast	390.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gideons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lutheran Child and Family Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lutheran Church Charities	373.00	61.00	232.00	39.00	41.00
LWML Mission	195.00	50.00	145.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial General Fund	1,050.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Preschool Special	5,159.46	2,495.46	50.00	50.00	2,564.00
Youth Special	10,311.19	2,375.00	4,196.19	1,945.00	1,795.00
Shepherd mission - Sunday School	491.94	255.78	93.40	122.76	20.00
Voice of Care	30.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
Seminary Fund	222.00	0.00	110.00	55.00	57.00
K-9 Comfort Dogs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Baldricks	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ladies Monday Night BS	79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pastor Galifu - Adult Bible Class	833.47	284.00	392.00	137.47	20.00
Chennai Flood Relief	382.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	382.05
Mortgage Principal / Debt Retirement	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Capital Improvement	13,685.00	4,005.00	3,450.00	3,205.00	3,025.00
Miscellaneous	10,098.15	1,907.90	1,975.56	4,780.69	1,434.00
Loose Plate Donations	37,570.89	11,742.10	12,214.91	11,601.22	2,012.66
Sunday School / VBS	2,200.95	0.00	1,228.61	0.00	972.34
Adult Bible Study (SS Special)	845.72	252.00	140.00	0.00	453.72
In/Out Total	15,928.03	544.20	819.32	724.14	13,840.37
Preschool Tuition	41,232.00	14,864.00	5,983.00	5,352.00	15,033.00
Deposit	560,933.45	126,119.20	128,630.49	114,776.28	191,407.48
Budget Donations	562,804.95	132,905.32	140,880.41	128,264.22	160,755.00
In/Out Total	15,928.03	544.20	819.32	724.14	13,840.37
All Other Items	108,220.93	28,720.14	18,705.76	16,462.92	44,332.11
<b>Total with Electronic Gifts</b>	<b>686,953.91</b>	<b>162,169.66</b>	<b>160,405.49</b>	<b>145,451.28</b>	<b>218,927.48</b>
	Weeks	52	13	13	13
2015 Total Gifts	686,953.91	162,169.66	160,405.49	145,451.28	218,927.48
2014 Total Gifts	681,879.40	158,041.96	162,960.36	155,047.14	205,829.94
Total Diff (2015 vs 2014)	5,074.51	4,127.70	-2,554.87	-9,595.86	13,097.54
% change from 2014	0.7%	2.6%	-1.6%	-6.2%	6.4%
2015 Average per week	\$13,211	\$12,475	\$12,339	\$11,189	\$16,841
2014 Average per week	\$13,113	\$12,157	\$12,535	\$11,927	\$15,833
2015 Budget donations	562,804.95	132,905.32	140,880.41	128,264.22	160,755.00
2014 Budget donations	563,967.87	134,079.05	142,810.15	126,285.30	160,793.37
Total Diff (2015 vs 2014)	-1,162.92	-1,173.73	-1,929.74	1,978.92	-38.37
% change from 2014	-0.2%	-0.9%	-1.4%	1.6%	0.0%
2015 Average per week	\$10,823	\$10,223	\$10,837	\$9,866	\$12,366
2014 Average per week	\$10,846	\$10,314	\$10,985	\$9,714	\$12,369

## Treasurer – Tony Brazda

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### **December Month Results:**

Church: Favorable \$12,147  
Preschool: Favorable \$354  
Total: Favorable: \$12,771

### **2015 Year End Results:**

Church: Favorable \$12,647  
Preschool: Unfavorable (\$4,491)  
Total: Favorable \$7,156

### **Key Year End Balance Sheet Balances**

Capital Improvement Fund: \$4,230  
Savings: \$113,379 (Reflects full return of float plus interest accrued during year)  
Youth Special: \$9,597

Preschool Special: \$30,858  
Preschool Emergency: \$5,000

Bethels Financial are attached on the following pages.

In Christ,

*Tony*      [treasurer@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:treasurer@bethelgurnee.org)

**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
**Profit Loss Actual vs. Budget**  
**December 2015**

	TOTAL				
	Dec 15	Jan - Dec 15	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Offerings</b>					
Electronic Giving	8,405.00	120,590.00			
Weekly Offerings & Plate	50,863.01	444,257.98			
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<u>59,268.01</u>	<u>564,847.98</u>			
<b>Other Types of Income</b>					
Interest from Checking	0.89	7.76			
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	407.49			
Thrivent Dollars	0.00	3,134.00			
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>3,549.25</u>			
Preschool Tuition	4,383.00	41,232.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>63,651.90</u>	<u>609,629.23</u>			
<b>Expense</b>					
Total 02A Elders - Personnel	19,456.53	248,238.74	252,631.31	-4,392.57	98.3%
Total 02C - Elders	485.90	2,610.89	3,738.80	-1,127.91	69.8%
Total 03 - Elders Worship	822.44	3,931.05	3,965.00	-33.95	99.1%
Total 04 - Elders Office	-42.46	3,161.15	3,000.00	161.15	105.4%
Total 05 - Christian Education	859.28	5,458.82	6,600.00	-1,141.18	82.7%
Total 06 - Preschool	4,029.04	45,723.30	45,944.45	-221.15	99.5%
Total 07 - Property	7,257.84	88,252.69	96,785.00	-8,532.31	91.2%
Total 08 - Mortgage Payment	14,320.23	171,842.76	171,842.76	0.00	100.0%
Total 09 - Stewardship	515.01	515.01	840.00	-324.99	61.3%
Total 10 - Young People	268.15	4,734.57	6,860.00	-2,125.43	69.0%
Total 11 - Council	2,909.22	27,360.64	27,360.64	0.00	100.0%
Total 12 - Fellowship	0.00	643.83	950.00	-306.17	67.8%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>50,881.18</u>	<u>602,473.45</u>	<u>620,517.96</u>	<u>-18,044.51</u>	<u>97.1%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>12,770.72</u>	<u>7,155.78</u>			
<b>Church</b>	12,416.76	11,647.08			
<b>Preschool</b>	353.96	-4,491.30			

## Board of Elders – Jose Rayos

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### TEAM UPDATES

#### Worship Team:

- Bob Souza spoke with Brian Waala about changing a pew for handicapped seating. Paul will follow up with Property Management to get their insight.
- We discussed the bent chalice. Everyone will review it and we will discuss what to do at our next meeting.
- We discussed the gym sound system. We are taking no steps at this time.
- A call will be put out to recruit new ushers
- We talked about Christmas Eve attendance (255) and discussed if we might need that many chairs on an Easter service. We discussed buying a more mobile chair rack so we can move them more easily. Mike to discuss with

#### Property Management.

- We discussed adding a speaker in the youth room. Paul to discuss with Pastor.

#### Disciple Care Team:

- Discussed welcoming visitors. We have been doing much better at this in recent months.

#### Spiritual Oversight Team:

- Will discuss building use policy at next meeting.
- Last payment has been made for Chris Drager's healthcare deductible. We will fund his healthcare premium through August or until he gets a full time job providing health insurance.

In Christ,

*Jose*

[elders@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:elders@bethelgurnee.org)

## Property Board – Monte Stoltzman

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### Current/Completed Issues

- Appliance Xperts have ordered parts to repair worn out pilot light system on kitchen stove. Will follow up with them to schedule since holidays are over.
- Thor Peplow painted North and South walls of sanctuary. Above window panels on East and West walls will be done when he has down time from work schedule.
- Spotlights in front of sanctuary will be outfitted with LED spots and readjusted.
- Pew in front of organ in sanctuary will be replaced with a shorter one (currently in the narthex) to provide wheel chair space for services.
- Rusting sump cover in the maintenance room has been sanded and rust treated. Cover will be painted week of 1/17.
- Suburban Elevator has brought the pit latter up to code and performed quarterly maintenance. Inspection is scheduled for end of month.

### Upcoming/Ongoing Items

- Correct roofing has provided quotes for gutters on gym end of addition that are currently not so equipped. Total for coverage would be \$7500. \$3300 was quoted for just the South side of the building which would keep heavy water and ice off the rooftop units increasing their life.
- Some tree trimming/removal will need to be done in 2016 due to crowding and storm damage issues. Care of Trees arborist has identified needle blight, pine moth and spider mite damage on various pine trees around property. These will have to be sprayed to prevent loss of trees. Scheduling with Garth Tree Service “in process” for competing bids but has been delayed due to him having knee surgery.
- Comcast has provided a bid for replacement of the current aged phone system. System is based on current VOIP technology and will be able to work wirelessly. Previous VOIP bidders such as TDS had not been able to provide wireless type of service at time of bid but may be able to do so now. This is an ongoing process.
- Property board would like more participation. Recruitment of new members will be ongoing in 2016. The property table on 1/10 netted two interested parties that would like further information.

In Christ,

*Monte*

## Board of Christian Education (BOCE) – Lynn Barkley

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No report – meeting occurred after Council meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Lynn Barkley at [education@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:education@bethelgurnee.org).

## Youth and Family Ministry – Bob Paulson

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### Past Events

Gift Card Fundraiser has earned \$782.87 to date. Please continue to support the youth fundraiser for your everyday expenses for groceries and more.

### Pending Events

#### National Youth Gathering Update

Nichole has booked our airfare. 17 participates including Pastor Gary Scharrer, his son Oscar and another youth from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Antioch. Waiting to hear if Tony Young will be a YAV.

#### Progressive Dinner - Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>

We are set for Bethel's Sr High Schoolers annual Progressive Dinner event. Sign up is on the YFM board and announcements have gone out. Hungry participants will be leaving Bethel at 12:15 – after late service for appetizers at the first house. We should be back at Bethel by 6:15pm. We pushed back the end time so that it's closer to the Voter's Meeting.

#### Winter Jam 2016 Lock-in – Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>

We will be bringing a group of Jr. & Sr. Seniors to Allstate Arena. Cost will be \$15 per participate. We will be leaving Bethel at 4:30 returning late after the concerts for pizza and to sleep. Pickup will be Saturday morning at 8:00am. Sign-up forms are now available on the YFM board and announcements have gone out.

#### Date Night Out – Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

YFM will be sponsoring a parent's Date Night from 6-9PM. Attendance is mandatory for any youth going to the gathering. Jr/Sr. High Schoolers will entertain your young children ages 4-12 (no diapers) so parents can enjoy a early Valentine Dinner. Any donations received will go to the National Youth Gathering. Forms are available on the YFM board.

In Christ,

**Bob**     [youth@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:youth@bethelgurnee.org)

### Pre-school Board – Kari Mulley

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The rummage sale will be held Saturday March 5, from 8:30 - 3:00. Our parent representative, Melissa Wettstein, is graciously serving as our chairperson for the event. Her many years of experience with similar sales proved invaluable last year, and we are grateful she is serving in this way. Set-up in the gym will be February 28 after church, and tear-down will immediately follow the sale at 3 p.m. Each year we are in great need at both of these times for strong helpers to set up and tear down tables, and pack up items and load the Cancer Federation truck at the end of the sale. Love INC will again be invited to take any items they can use. More soon to follow regarding sign-up and donation information in the Buzz.

Looking ahead to next year, we will again offer the 5 day program for the 4 year old class, listing T/Th as an enrichment format as it has been this year. This allows us to have students both from the 4 year old class and as well as others from the community looking for a T/Th class. This will be offered 'pending enrollment' in order to make the determination as to whether there are enough students enrolled to sustain operating costs to keep the preschool open for those two days. Tuition was increased in fall 2015 for the first time in 6+ years, and will remain the same for 2016 - 2017 (2 day - \$152, 3 day - \$217, 5 day - \$320).

In Christ,

**Kari**     [board.preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:board.preschool@bethelgurnee.org)