

God's Generosity At Work in You

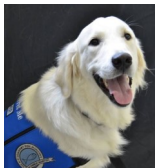
We give thanks to God for His generosity to us, and how He works that generosity in you. To help Roberto, Bert, and Jenny move to New York, over 45 people gave donations totaling more than \$3000. Knowing that this family served the congregation as custodians, faced health and financial difficulties, it is so heartening that God allowed us to help them in this way. Please continue to pray for them as they begin looking for work, a place to live, etc.



COOL Plant Sale Order forms are available in the back of church. Deadline to order is Sunday, **March 26**. Pick up is Saturday, May 13 (the day before Mother's Day) at Bethel. Flowers make great mother's day gifts. Proceeds from the sale benefit COOL's food pantry and transitional housing ministries.



All Member/New Member Potluck TODAY is the All Member - New Member potluck at Noon. New members from the past year will be recognized. Our program this year will be Asher, a LCC Comfort Dog. Bethel member Linda Gifford will be going through training in March to become one of Asher's handlers. We will learn what it takes to be a handler and also about Asher's adventures. Meat, beverage and all table service will be provided.



Bridges Out of Poverty A new session of *Bridges Out of Poverty* is coming up: Wednesdays, **April 19, 26 & May 3** at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Register online at www.livingjustly.us/register.

Bridges Out of Poverty is a workshop designed to help us recognize the hidden rules of generational poverty, middle class, and wealth. This workshop will be of particular interest if you volunteer with COOL, PADS, Love INC, or another ministry to people in economic need.

- Susan Squires (susan@livingjustly.us)

Deadline for putting an article in the Buzz is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Equipping Coordinator Candidates

The Call Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for the position of Equipping Coordinator. During their respective visits to Bethel, the congregation will be given opportunities to meet and greet them. If any member has reason to believe that a candidate should not be considered, please contact the Call Committee or Pastor Squires.



Ingrid Lewis will be visiting Bethel on **March 18 and 19**. Ingrid currently serves as Director of Youth Ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio. She is a graduate of Concordia University Chicago. Ingrid has 31 years of experience in Youth Ministry, Christian Education and as a grade school teacher.

Cynthia (Cindy) Twillman will be visiting us from Wichita, Kansas, where she is a DCE for Education and Family Ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church. Cindy will be at Bethel on **March 25 and 26**. She is a graduate of Concordia University - St. Paul, MN. Cindy also has a Master of Arts degree from Friends University in Wichita. Cindy has 20 years of church work experience as a DCE.

Caitlin Amick will visit Bethel on **April 1 and 2**. Caitlin will be graduating this spring from Concordia University in Mequon, WI with a degree in Lay Ministry. Caitlin completed her Internship in ministry at Brookfield Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. Caitlin calls Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin her home.

Sunday School

Dear parents of children in the younger preschool Sunday School Class. We're offering you the chance to enjoy some time in your child's classroom. Mrs. Brazda and Mrs. Vana do a fantastic job with leading the class each week so there is no preparation that is needed from you! We are just asking for your extra pair of hands and smiling face to join the teachers and children for some fun! There is a sign-up sheet on the glass window to the classroom. Please take a look at your schedule and sign-up for one of the days! We thank you in advance for your help!



Diane Sanders & Carla Thompson
(Sunday School superintendents)

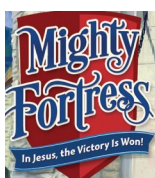
Spring Clean Up Join the Bethel Property Board on Saturday, **April 1** as we wake up the building and grounds from the winter months and prepare for spring. There will be a variety of chores both inside and out. Lists will be posted so you can see what you might want to do. Regardless of weather, we'll start at 8:30 a.m. with prayer, coffee and donuts and then get to it. Many hands make light the work!

Lenten Soup Suppers Join us at 5:15 p.m. during lent for soup and salad before the 6:30 p.m. worship service. (Clarification to Big Buzz—the 4:30 p.m. service was only for Ash Wednesday not through out Lent.) Different groups will be hosting and a freewill donation will be accepted. The hosts are: March 15-Choir, March 22-Council, March 29-LWML, April 5-YFM & Youth



Join the Easter Breakfast Team! Become part of the behind-the-scenes crew that makes sure our Easter celebration includes a wonderful opportunity for fellowship during breakfast. Easter is Sunday, **April 16**, and we need many helpers to assist with donations, preparing, cooking, and cleaning up. Please sign-up in the back of church if you are able to help serve. We are looking for helpers of ANY AGE from middle school up to adults!

Vacation Bible School Hear ye! Hear ye!



Welcome to Mighty Fortress, where kids learn that God is their refuge and strength.

Corrected Dates: Monday, **June 12**, - Friday, **June 16**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration is open for volunteers & students at: <http://www.vbsmate.com/bethelgurnee>.

Choice Dollars Thrivent Members—You have until **March 31, 2017** to direct your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing to Bethel.

Care in Community Meals Sign-up on the Hub to take Tuesday meals to Dave and Ellen Dalrymple. Contact Carol Cook (carol@bethelgurnee.org) with questions.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 13

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in Building
- 7:00 p.m.—Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:15 a.m.—Mom's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m.—Genesis Study
- 7:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Choir
- 6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship
(Confirmation Students attend)
- 7:25 p.m.—7:25 Course

Thursday, March 16

- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Friday, March 17 Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, March 18 Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, March 19

- 8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Get your March/April Northern Light on the HUB.

Serving Wednesday—6:30 p.m.

- Elder: Bob Souza
- Asst Elder: Tim Pipia
- Acolyte: Lily Erwin
- Lay Readers: Jose Rayos, Randy Gifford
- Ushers: JJ Jones
- Greeter: Pipia Family

Scripture Readings for Wednesday:

Psalm 150:1-6 Matthew 25:31-36



Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.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.—149
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.—105
Sunday School—109

Serving Next Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

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| Elder: JJ Jones | Bob Souza |
| Comm/Asst. Elder: Andy Barkley | Monte Stoltzman |
| Acolytes: Lauren Best, Logan Rosenthal | Tanner Swanson, Jake Kruse |
| Ushers: Mike Bandman, Morrie Cook, OPEN | Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick |
| Lay Readers: Andy Barkley, Diane Boehm | Joan Blasko, Lori Hoornstra |
| Greeters: Juan & Sandy Lahera, Clint & Sam McDonald | Robin & Lori Hoornstra, Paul & Karen Krueger |
| Fellowship: Pipia & Swanson families | |
| March Altar Guild: Kathy Schwartz | Sheila Bunnell |
| March Counters: Mary Kay Ams | Joan Blasko |

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Lamentations 3:17-26 Romans 5:1-8 John 4:5-26