

Voters' Assembly Council is announcing our January Voters' Assembly will be held at 12:30 p.m. **TODAY** in the Fellowship hall. Please come to hear and vote on the following tentative agenda items:



- Election of leaders to fill Elder, Financial Audit, and Preschool board openings.
- 2017 Year End Financial Review and 2018 Outlook; including Financial reserve recommendations.

ATTENTION all you 60 Somethings and Beyond



It's time to get your game on. Game Day is Tuesday, **January 23** from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with a short devotion, followed by an ice-breaker and then games and snacks. Some games will be provided but you can also bring your own games to share. Get your creative juices flowing and help come up with a name for the group and win a prize! Bring a snack to share, coffee and other beverages will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet by the Hub or contact Karen Leicht at 847 244-9647.

Adult Choir Please Note: NO Adult Choir Practice this Thursday, **January 25**.

2018-2019 LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY If

you would like to receive the Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY please sign up on the clipboard at the hub. This magazine is printed 4 times a year, each issue includes articles about LWML women and projects around the world, 3 Bible studies, new items in the LWML store, and listings of how the mite box monies are being used. The cost is \$5 and should be given to Kathy Schwartz or put in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. The deadline to send in our order is **March 1**. The mite boxes are also available on the hub. In them we collect change (and bills!) to fund mission projects in our district and around the world.



Tour of Lake County (and beyond) Bethel's Equipping Coordinator Katrina Johns wants to know all about her surroundings, so she will be taking a Tour of Lake County. The best part is that she needs your help! Details coming later this week...be sure to keep checking your email for a video from her.

Sunday School This week's lesson is about Dorcas (otherwise known as Tabitha) from Acts Chapter 9



First, what two names? Many Jews living in the Diaspora (outside Judaea) had two names, one Jewish and one Greek or Latin. They saw themselves as part of the cosmopolitan Roman world, not just an off-shoot of Judaism. Now on to her story....she seems to have been a well-off widow living in the coastal city of Joppa. Dorcas/Tabitha had died of an unknown cause. She was an admired member of the community and many people mourned her death. So, her friends fetched Peter, hoping that he can help. He comes, prays over her body in the upper room of the house and brings her back to life. This is important on two fronts: her life is restored but also that she is returned to her friends and community.

Not only was this a pivotal moment for Peter because his miracle caused the infant Church to grow. Many believed in Jesus when they saw that Dorcas had been raised to new life. And for Peter, it was pivotal, because he had believed it was his mission to convert the Jewish people. Acts 10 reports he had a dream and realized that 'God shows no partiality' (Acts 10:34). From this moment, Peter knows he must convert Gentiles as well as Jews to belief in Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Volunteers Think you might be



interested in learning more about how you can serve Bethel via Sunday School next school year? Stop by the work room during the Sunday School hour on any given Sunday to chat with Diane or Kylie! We'd love to have you join our awesome group of volunteers!!

Little Lambs Calling all Little Lambs! If you are under the age of 3 for this school year, come to Preschool Room 2 (nearest the gym) during the Sunday School hour! Adults - if you are interested in helping serve in this room on some weeks, please see Tera Redman.



DEADLINE for February Big Buzz
Tuesday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Bethel Website: www.bethelgurnee.org **Office:** 847-244-9647 **Preschool:** 847-244-9672 **Email:** office@bethelgurnee.org

Pastor Ben Squires Cell: 224-419-5519 / pastor@bethelgurnee.org

Katrina Johns - Equipping Coordinator Direct line: 224-623-0800 / katrina@bethelgurnee.org

Karen Leicht - Disciple Care Coordinator karen@bethelgurnee.org

Lisa Schwarz - Office Secretary lisa@bethelgurnee.org

Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

LCC Comfort Dogs Mission Update As a result of your help and kindness during our packing event in November, we have received thank you notes from specific Comfort Dogs - Tobias is in Grayslake and Phoebe/Pax from Fort Worth Texas! Stop by the Sunday School bulletin board on your way to the fellowship hall to read their notes!

Did you hear the Buzz about BLAST?

The Youth and Family Ministry team is looking for interested adults to be a part of our YFM BLAST Team. This exciting group helps develop, coordinate, and lead our youth (grades 6-12) in various outreach events, recreation and social activities, fundraising, and youth outings. This is a great opportunity to Shepherd our Bethel youth. You don't need to be a parent of a youth to be a part of this team! We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **February 7** from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 pm. If interested, please plan on attending. Can't attend but still interested? Email Shannon Swanson at Dakotashan_27@yahoo.com



Early Service Nursery The youth room off the gym may be used as a nursery during the early service each week. The room has a container of toys and a kitchen play set in there! Also, there are wipes/diapers and a changing pad! For those of you with youngsters, please feel free to use this space as needed during the church service.



The Lutheran Witness - Deadline Sunday, Feb. 11

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 for \$15.96 per year beginning May, 2018. Forms are on the Hub.



New Year and New Church Envelopes When using your 2018 envelopes, please put your name and the amount of your giving on the envelope. This makes our financial secretary's job easier. If you have not picked up your 2018 envelopes, they can be found in the church office.



Transportation in the Community As an expression of our care and concern, Pastor would like a few Bethel people to attend the following meeting to advocate for those in need. A community open house regarding transportation in Lake County for seniors, people with disabilities and the general public will be held on Wednesday, **January 24** from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at Warren Township Senior Center (17801 W. Washington St., Gurnee). Visit www.lakecountylvil.gov/194/Paratransit for more information.

COOL NEEDS COOL is seeking a donation of a microwave oven for one of the transitional housing units. If you can help, please contact Amanda, Family Housing Case Manager, at 847-662-1340, ext. 1 or email awilliams@coolministries.org.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 22

- 12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. - Troop in Building

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:30 a.m. - Senior Game Day
- 6:15 p.m. - FEET
- 6:15 p.m. - First Communion
- 6:15 p.m. - Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. - *When Helping Hurts*
- 7:00 p.m. - Care in Community

Thursday, January 25

NO Adult Vocal Choir this week

Friday, January 26 Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, January 27 Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, January 28

- 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

Worship Schedule

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

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call ahead, hours may vary.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 118

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - 118

Sunday School - 127

Serving Next Week

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Elders:

JJ Jones

Ushers:

Mike Bandman

Acolytes:

Dylan Love, Cameron Fleming

Lay Readers:

JJ Jones, Becky Lanzito

Ushers:

Chuck Johnson, Tera Redman

Greeters:

Cheryl & Faye McDonald,
Becky Lanzito

Fellowship:

The Rayos Family

Jan. Altar Guild:

Diane Sanders

Jan. Counters:

Monte Stoltzman

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 Mark 1:21-28

Tuesday Greeter: (Jan 16) Heather Rosenthal

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Jake Kruse, Jeremy Leicht

Randy Gifford, Claudine Rayos

Scott Gutzke, Monte Stoltzman

Kay Antonopoulos,

Lance & Pat Rasmussen

Sheila Bunnell

Bill & Kathy Schwartz