



**February 14 is Ash Wednesday
and the beginning of Lent.**

**This is also the start of
Soup Suppers at 5:15 p.m.
& Worship at 6:30 p.m.**

Ashes in the AM On Wednesday, February 14 from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Pastor Squires will be at Starbucks (Grand & Dilleys) for Ashes in the AM. 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.



Council Corner The January Voters' Assembly was held Sunday, January 21. The following items were voted on and approved.

- Approved the following leadership roles:
 - Chris Mason - Financial Auditor (Christie Kozlik - alternate)
 - Sue Freundreis - Preschool Board member
 - David Ziegler - Elder
 - Jeremy Little - Elder
- Preschool to spend up to \$10K from BTP preschool special fund for playground equipment, installation, and upgrading to rubber mulch.
- Surplus distribution- (2018 total church Surplus \$63K)
 - \$6.25K to tithe toward our budget missions/ community partners and district
 - \$5K to Capital (property) Improvement Fund
 - \$1.5K to finish outfitting Equip. Coord. Office
 - \$2K start-up towards ministry reference resources (Reference Library)
 - \$1.5K to Discretionary Fund
 - \$500 to Bridges out of Poverty
 - \$416 to zero out in/out funds
 - Net to savings ~ \$46K
- Surplus Preschool deposited in preschool special fund (\$730)

Thank You A big thanks goes out to Jeff Ams for painting the hallway and classrooms in the basement, it looks great.
~ Property Board

Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser

Order forms are available on the Hub and on the YFM bulletin board. The deadline for orders is **TODAY**. Check and completed form can be put in the black registration box on the Hub or turned in at the church office. This is a Bethel YFM monthly fundraiser. This gift card program will allow you to support the Youth while shopping for your everyday needs.



Seeking Applicants: Administrative Assistant for Facility & Communication

Part-time office role now open at Bethel Lutheran. We are seeking qualified individuals to apply for this position as part of our Church Office Staff Team. This person will work up to 19 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. **For Facility:** they are responsible for working with our Property Board to accomplish regular facility management, on-site management of special projects, and first-step communication with custodial staff.

For Communication: they help to deliver content via electronic means and other communication tools so that announcements and news get out to the congregation and community. The role also includes a certain amount of regular office duties. Please see the full position description on the bulletin board outside the church office & Hub. Interested candidates are encouraged to send their resume to Pastor Squires by Sunday, **February 4**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor.

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.



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Preschool Rummage Sale Information

Many of you have been dropping your rummage in the storage area in the basement and it is now FULL. We will be taking donations again on **February 25** after late service and would like help bringing those items up from the basement and setting up tables. On **Monday, February 26 - Friday, March 2** - we will be pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage. **Saturday, March 3** is Rummage Sale Day! The sale starts at 8:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided for our volunteers.



Please sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2018> or on the sign-up sheets on display in the preschool hallway. The preschool greatly appreciates your donations and all you do to make this rummage sale a success.

The Great Book Give Away

There is a current project to thin out Bethel's library located in the Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to browse the library and take home and keep any that catches your interest. Take one...take a dozen. There are children's books, devotionals, spiritual growth, fiction, parenting...a wide assortment. This project will continue during the month of February.



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.



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!!

**C.O.O.L. food of the month
for February: Breakfast Items**

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.



The Lutheran Witness - Deadline Sunday,

February 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.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 5

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Basketball

Tuesday, February 6

6:15 p.m. - FEET
6:15 p.m. - First Communion
6:15 p.m. - Confirmation
6:30 p.m. - *When Helping Hurts*

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - YFM Meeting

Thursday, February 8

6:30 p.m. - Preschool Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, February 9

Katrina & Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, February 10

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Sunday, February 11

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. - 119

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - 93

Sunday School - 114

Serving Next Week

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Elders:

Mike Bandman

Randy Gifford

Ushers:

JJ Jones

Jack Warneke

Acolytes:

Katie Kreamer, Ellie Kreamer

Ruth Ziegler, Jake Herstowski

Lay Readers:

Dave Ross, Cheryl Ross

Diane Mundrick, Jack Warneke

Ushers:

George Bruszer, Chuck Johnson

Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick

Greeters:

The Little Family,
Dave & Cheryl Ross

Robin Kiser,
The Vana Family

Fellowship:

Bandman/Jones Table

Dawn Werfelmann

Feb. Altar Guild:

Margie Tatgenhorst

Feb. Counters:

Dave & Cheryl Ross

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 Mark 9:2-9