



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.



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

The Lutheran Witness - Deadline is TODAY



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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 **February 25** after late service and would like help bringing those items up from the basement and setting up tables. On **Monday, Feb. 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 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. 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.



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 Brat Stop on **March 3**. 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 4** to drop donations or you can donate online - just ask us how (patjolly@sbcglobal.net). Please make checks out to St. Baldrick's Foundation. We thank you for your continued support.
- Lance and Pat Rasmussen



Attention Night Owls: A woman who has recently begun attending Bethel is in need of a ride from Gurnee to Lake Forest each weekday night for her 3rd shift job. She begins work at 11:00 p.m. We are hoping to help her with volunteers who are able to give her a ride. This would need to be a woman or a couple. If you are interested, please contact Karen Leicht, Disciple Care Coordinator.



SENIOR GAME DAY (for 60 and beyond) Did you miss it last month? Great news! It's happening again. Game Day is Tuesday, **February 27** at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars. More information in next week's Buzz.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY If you would like the Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY please sign up on the Hub. The cost is \$5 and should be given to Kathy Schwartz or put in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. Deadline is **Mar. 1**.

Lost and Found There are various items on the cart in the back of church. Please claim if anything is yours, if not they will be donated to the rummage sale.



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2017 COOL Ministries Recap Last year brought many thousands of individuals to COOL at both of our food pantries. With your help we were able to provide food for 63,080 individuals in Fiscal Year 2017. This amounts to food for about 756,960 balanced meals. We also assisted 19 homeless families to become self-sufficient at COOL family housing. This program provided transitional housing and a new beginning to a total of 26 adults and 43 children last year! In calendar year 2017, Bethel's contribution to COOL was \$7,175.20 and 3089 pounds of food and with it you have our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support of the COOL Ministries. We work very hard to maintain and improve our programs, and because of your supports we are able to offer encouragement and hope to those who turn to us in their time of need. ~ C.O.O.L.



Panera Donations for COOL Bethel needs someone to manage the volunteers that pick up bread from Panera and deliver to COOL on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. As manager, you would make sure someone was committed to picking up for each Wednesday and Thursday of the month, by email or phone call. Thank you to Linda Piepenbrink who has been managing this for over 5 years, the Piepenbrinks will be moving. **New Volunteers:** We would like more volunteers to help by picking up donations from Panera. You would pull up to the back of Panera (they often help bring the bags to the car) and deliver to the COOL food pantry. The time is flexible but COOL food pantry doesn't open until 8:30 a.m. You can commit to as many days of the month that you like or fill in where your schedule allows. This is a great way to volunteer without a huge time commitment and make a difference in your community. If interested please contact Lisa Schwarz in the church office.



COOL Thank You & Housing Needs COOL would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who responded to our request for a microwave for our housing program. The response was really great and we now have extras for when the need arises again. There is still a need for some other items for housing. Specifically, twin size sheets (8 sets), queen size sheets (2 sets) and pots and pans. New families are coming



into the program and there is a need for these items to help get them started. Thank you for your generosity and compassion. The point of contact for any housing donations is Amanda at 847-623-1340, ext. 1. ~ C.O.O.L.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 12

- 11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts in the Building

Tuesday, February 13

- 6:30 p.m. - *When Helping Hurts*
- 7:30 p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

- 5:30 a.m. - Ashes in the AM
- 5:15 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper Hosted by Elders
- 6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Students & Families attend Midweek Worship

Thursday, February 15

- 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, February 16

Katrina & Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, February 17

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Sunday, February 18

- 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

The new *Our* quarterly newsletter is available on the Hub. (Replacing The Northern Light)

Serving Ash Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

- Elder:** Mike Bandman **Acolyte:** Jude Squires
- Asst Elder:** Dave Ziegler **Greeter:** Sue Bandman
- Ushers:** Tony Young, OPEN
- Lay Readers:** Andy Barkley, Karen Kozlik
- Scripture Readings:** *Joel 2:12-19* *1 Peter 2:2-25*
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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. - 90

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - 79

Sunday School - 83

Serving Next Week

8:00 a.m.

- Elder:** JJ Jones
- Comm/Asst. Elder:** Al Diercks
- Acolytes:** B. Ratzburg, L. Rosenthal
- Ushers:** George Bruszer, Chuck Johnson
- Lay Readers:** Ben Sanders, Diane Sanders
- Greeters:** Warren & Kathy Regnier, Dawn Werfelmann
- Fellowship:** Olson & Redman Family
- Feb. Altar Guild:** Margie Tatgenhorst
- Feb. Counters:** Dave & Cheryl Ross

10:45 a.m.

- Jack Warneke
- Bob Souza
- L. Freehling, A. Adams
- Lance Rasmussen, John Schultz
- Kelley Dorner, Monte Stoltzman
- The Freehling Family,
- Paul & Linda Groh
- Dawn Werfelmann

Scripture Readings: *Psalm 25:1-10* *James 1:12-18* *Mark 1:9-15*