



Special Voters' meeting TODAY:

The Council and Elders are calling a special Voters' meeting to be held after fellowship (9:30 a.m.) to consider the following agenda items: 1) inform the congregation on the restatement of the 2017 Budget Surplus and 2) recommend an increase of \$2,302 to the 2018 Budget related to office staff salaries.



Daylight Saving Time

Begins Sunday, March 11.

Move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.

All Member-New Member Potluck

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15 at Noon. Take a break from doing your taxes (since you really have an extra two days this year) and enjoy fellowship and food with other Bethel members. We will be recognizing all the new members from the past year. More details to come.



Attention Night Owls:

A woman who recently has 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, contact Karen Leicht, Disciple Care Coordinator.

Easter Lilies - Deadline to order is Sunday, March 18. We will be taking orders for Easter lilies to beautify our worship space on Easter. Sign-up sheets are in the bulletin and on the Hub.



ELDER OF THE WEEK - For the next few weeks we will be highlighting one of our Elders each week in the Weekly Buzz. This will help you to know who the Elders are and some background information about each one. The Elders oversee and lead decision making about all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the Congregation through worship, Sacraments, discipleship/education, disciple care, and outreach. The Elders support each of us in the congregation and are available for prayer anytime.

Head Elder - Randy Gifford (part of the Spiritual Oversight Team)

Hometown: Midland, Michigan

Occupation: Sr. Programmer/Analyst

Family: wife, Linda (the new Administrative Assistant) & daughters, Jaclyn (30) and Jenelle (22)



Skill/Talent most people don't know about you: general handyman, fix things

Favorite things to do : gardening, yardwork

Favorite thing about Bethel: genuine, caring people

Looking forward to (or goal) being an Elder: working with Katrina and building in myself and all of Bethel to be "all we can be in Christ Jesus"

Contact info: (847)855-0778 or giffRANDY@att.net

Easter Egg Hunt On Saturday, **March 31** from

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. it is time for the annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt is for families with children from birth - grade 3. Please sign-up in the back of church so we know how many children to expect. Young people in grade 4 through grade 8 are invited to help hide the eggs and assist with the crafts. If you are interested in assisting from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. please contact Alicia alicia.kazarian@gmail.com.



Candy Donations - Deadline Sunday, March 25.

Easter candy donations are needed to make our annual Easter egg hunt a great success! Candy donations must be individually wrapped and fit inside a plastic egg. There will be a drop off box in the back of church or drop off in the church office.



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Karen Leicht - Disciple Care Coordinator karen@bethelgurnee.org

Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Sunday School Note: We have received two more letters from comfort dogs that received our goodies from the packing event! Come by the Sunday school bulletin board by the fellowship hall to see the notes from Elijah at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Wichita Falls, Texas and Aaron at St. John's Lutheran in Napa, California! The comfort dogs thank you again for your help!



Sunday School Volunteers Are you a current Sunday School teacher that would like to learn more about the Superintendent role? Stop by the work room (next to the church office) during the Sunday School hour on any given Sunday to chat with Diane or Kylie! We'd love to have that conversation!!

Annual COOL Plant Sale Now is the time to order your plants from the 19th Annual COOL Plant Sale. This is one of COOL's biggest fundraisers to help support the Food Pantry and Transitional Housing. The pickup date is Saturday, **May 12** (the day before Mother's Day, so think gifts!!) at Bethel from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Order and payment are due **March 25**. Order forms are available in the back of church or outside the church office.

Easter Breakfast The Bethel BLAST Youth and Families, cordially invite you to food and fellowship Sunday, **April 1**. We will have sweet and savory breakfast casseroles, pastries, bagels and cream cheeses, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juices, & water. There will be 2 breakfast sittings to choose from: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast Help Needed Due to Spring Break, we might need additional help from our congregation to help with setting up the room for Easter breakfast or shopping for last minute breakfast items or helping in the kitchen on Easter. We will have a sign-up board in the back of the church in the coming weeks along with a donation board for menu items.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 7

5:15 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper—Confirmation
And First Communion Families
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Service/Confirmation
in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 8

Noon—MISSIO Cohort
5:00 p.m.—BOCE
6:30 p.m.—Preschool Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, Mar. 9 & Sat., Mar. 10

Katrina & Pastor NID convention

Sunday, March 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

Serving Lenten Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Elder: Bob Souza **Acolyte:** Allyson Adams
Asst Elder: Mike Bandman **Greeter:** Stephanie Bunnell
Ushers: Jay Souza, Bill Ratzburg
Lay Readers: Randy Gifford
Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 4:7-11 Luke 22:47-65

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. - **112**

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - **105**

Sunday School - **107**

Serving Next Week

8:00 a.m.

Elders: JJ Jones
Ushers: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Dylan Love, Sam Squires
Lay Readers: Sam McDonald, Clint McDonald
Ushers: Chuck Johnson, Dave Hoffmeister
Greeters: Cindy Ellwein,
Donna & Jim Gerken
Fellowship: Bunnell
Mar Altar Guild: Kathy Schwartz
Mar Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

10:45 a.m.

Jack Warneke
Monte Stoltzman
Jacob Herstowski, Jake Kruse
Joan Blasko, Shari Hoppe
John Schultz, Scott Mundrick
The Kazarian Family,
The Kregel Family
Sheila Bunnell
Sue Best

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
Do you find this helpful? Let Pastor know! Email pastor@bethlegurnee.org