

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 25 ~ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday March 29 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Worship - communion in the sanctuary

Good Friday March 30 ~ 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Worship in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday April 1

Sunrise 6:00 a.m. Worship-communion in sanctuary

Festival Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 p.m.

Worship with communion in the gym.

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.



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.



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.

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.

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.

Elder - Tom Pipia (part of the Spiritual Oversight Team)

Hometown: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Occupation: Associate Director of Access and Reimbursement Strategy at Astellas Pharma, US

Describe your Family: A crazy fun group of people! Wife, Sara; Daughters Lindsey (21), Victoria (18) and Lily (14). Son, Jack (16). Two furry family members, our dogs Frannie and Murphy.

Skill/Talent most people don't know about you: I love photography, although these days I don't really get out to shoot pictures as much as I would like. We'll often go on photography tours when we go on vacation. It is fun to work with a local professional photographer and hit all the secret spots to get the best pictures.

Favorite thing to do : Traveling!

Favorite thing about Bethel: The compassionate, genuine and kind people.

Looking forward to (or goal) being an Elder: To be part of a team that helps cultivate an environment of personal and spiritual growth, ultimately bringing all of us closer to God.

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Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Council Corner: Thanks to all the members who were able to join us this past Sunday at the special voters assembly where the following items of business were decided.

**** 2017 Surplus Restatement -** Employment taxes were not removed from the final pay period of 2017. The surplus was lowered by \$472.94. The dedicated giving from the surplus will not be changed, the difference will be removed from the Savings deposit, which is now \$45,600.78. *Preschool also was reduced from \$730.01, now they are \$512.75, still will be placed in special fund.

**** Office staff budget -** A change to the 2018 and future budget was approved, increasing full year budgets by \$2,720.53 (fiscal year impact \$2,301.99) due to office staff salary changes now that we have filled all positions and modified the roles and responsibilities.

Sunday School Notes:

1.) We received another letter from a comfort dog that received our goodies from the Nov. 2017 packing event! Come by the Sunday school bulletin board by the fellowship hall to see the note from Katie at Trinity Lutheran in Fremont, Nebraska! The comfort dogs thank you for your help!

2.) This week's lesson is about how God Creates Adam and Eve from Genesis chapter 1. Thank you to Pastor Squires for these thoughts: God created people to have physical bodies to live on a physical Earth. Adam and Eve were living in God's paradise in the Garden of Eden until they sinned and corrupted God's world. God made us to be humans. He's going to renew us, glorify our bodies, make us to be the best humans, better than we can imagine. It won't be just about playing harps. Adam and Eve were hanging out with the animals, taking care of the garden, taking walks with God, and there's going to be all of that and more in the new earth. We were created by God to serve Him and His Creation. And when we ask people to serve with us, even if they don't believe in Jesus, there's a way in which that taps into their conscience, that buried sense that there's something bigger than us in the world, that there's a Maker, and that we're His servants—not our own lords.

3.) Big thank you goes out to Erin and Dan Novacek and Tera Redman for overseeing the Little Lambs class this year! If you have a child under the age of 3, be sure to check it out during the Sunday School hour!

Annual C.O.O.L. 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.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 12

12:30 p.m. - Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. - Basketball

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts in building

Tuesday, March 13

7:30 p.m. - Elders

Wednesday, March 14

5:15 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper - Choir

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Service/Confirmation in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop in fellowship hall

7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, March 16

Pastor & Katrina's day off

Saturday, March 17

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Sunday, March 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

Serving Lenten Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Elder: Randy Gifford

Acolyte: Jeremy Leicht

Asst Elder: OPEN

Greeter: The Kruse Family

Ushers: OPEN, OPEN

Lay Readers: Donna Danielsen, Ralph Danielsen

Readings: *Psalm 22:1-5 1 Peter 1:6-9 Luke 22:66-23:12*

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. - **94**

Sunday School - **103**

Serving Next Week

8:00 a.m.

Elder:

JJ Jones

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Mike Bandman

Acolytes:

Holly Faitsch, Jude Squires

Ushers:

Chuck Johnson, George Bruszer

Lay Readers:

Margie & Ted Tatgenhorst

Greeters:

Mark & Kathy Hipsher,
The Chuck Kozlik Family

Fellowship:

Kazarian Study Table

Mar Altar Guild:

Kathy Schwartz

Mar Counters:

Margie Tatgenhorst

10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Ruth Ziegler, Hillary Fleming

Scott Gutzke, **OPEN**

Dave Ziegler, Pat Rasmussen

Cal & Maria Kube,

The Fleming Family

Sheila Bunnell

Sue Best

Scripture Readings: *Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45*

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