

## A Message from Church Council:

God has been generous to Bethel and its members in many ways. Bethel's members have recognized this and have decided through last year's budget process to move forward in many areas to expand our faith both within and outside of our church walls.

Church Council and the Voter's Assembly has projected a deficit for the next few fiscal years. God has blessed us with a reserve in our savings accounts to cover most of this deficit. **Although anticipated, the deficit is growing faster than expected.** As of the end of July, the deficit amount was around **\$28,000.**

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to talk to a Council member.

### Bethel Gift Cards are Back

Deadline for orders is **TODAY.**

Support the Bethel Youth and order a gift card. Forms are available on the Hub, and can be turned in at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Sue Best at [snsbest@gmail.com](mailto:snsbest@gmail.com).



### Love INC Annual Dinner & Auction



The Love INC annual dinner auction will be on Friday, **October 19** at the Holiday Inn - Gurnee with a 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program. Please consider supporting and attending the Love INC dinner. This is the major fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of 8. This year Bethel is one of the sponsors of the "balloon pop" portion of the auction. Bidders buy a chance to pop a balloon and win the prize inside. Last year we provided \$700 of gift cards for this activity, and we are hopeful that we can match that amount again! Our preference is for members to provide contributions and we will go out and purchase all the gift cards. But if you would prefer to purchase your own gift card we will happily accept that contribution. Please place in the offering plate with "Love INC Auction" in the memo line. We would like the contributions by Monday, October 8. If you have questions please contact Karen in the church office or Dave Ross ([daveross945@comcast.net](mailto:daveross945@comcast.net) or 847-244-2809). If you would like to register for the dinner, please go to: [loveinclakecounty.org](http://loveinclakecounty.org)

**Fellowship Volunteers** Please sign up for Fellowship, next Sunday is **OPEN.** The sign up sheet is outside the kitchen door. Contact Janet Jones if you have questions.

### Volunteers & Donations Needed for Fall LWML

**Workshop** See the clipboards on the Hub for people and things that are needed on **September 16** at the LWML Zone 1 Fall Workshop here at Bethel. We need people to help with serving the lunch, helping at the craft tables and to attend! We will be serving a soup and salad lunch (like our Lenten suppers) and we will need donations. If you can't come, we will be collecting granola bars for the PADS sack lunch program or for us to give to those clients that come to Bethel for showers. Choose a protein/healthier type of bar. Thank you for all your help and contact Kathy Schwartz (224-575-2678) if you have any questions.

### Northern Illinois District

#### Convention 2018

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Humility, Gentleness, Self-Control. Against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*

That is the theme verse for the biennial convention to be held on **September 22-23.** It will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center in Hillside. Rev. John Nunez will be the keynote speaker and there will be mission speakers from the 2016-2018 LWML NID grants. A Servant event will be held on Friday, **September 21** 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. with opening worship Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The convention includes Saturday lunch, dinner and entertainment. Closing service and installation of officers will be on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There are registration forms on the Hub. Call Kathy Schwartz (847-231-4351/224-575-2678) if you have questions or want a ride!



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**Altar Flowers** We are in need of people to sign up for altar flowers. There are some dates available in September, October, November and December. If you would like to sign up, the board is in the sanctuary hallway near Pastor's Door.



**COOL Fundraiser** COOL is having a fundraiser at Portillo's in Gurnee on **October 3** from 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Portillo's is a favorite, their food is great and it has always been a successful fundraiser for COOL. Please share this information. Thank you for your support.



**Baby Swing Needed** The Baby Shower Ministry is in need of a gently used baby swing for a client who has requested one. Thank you for your continued support.



**Snail Mail Station** One way in which to encourage others in our "Life Together" in Christ is to send them a handwritten note. We've supplied the cards and envelopes. You write the note, and then the Bethel staff will make sure to address it and get it in the mail. The station is located outside the church office.



**Service Roster Notes** Early service (8AM) servers are listed in regular type and *late service (10:45AM) servers are italic.*

**Greeters**, the first person listed for a service is at the front door. In early service, the front door is the one closest to the gym. In late it is the door by the sanctuary. For both services, the back door is the door by the church office. Your nametag will be in the basket near the bulletins. Arrive at least 15 minutes before the service starts.

**Readers**, Lisa will send the readings out on Monday or Tuesday before the Sunday you read. There is an attachment with the reading that gives directions and if there is anything out of the normal for that Sunday. She will ask that you reply to the email so she knows the reading is covered.

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday you are assigned, try to switch with someone or contact the church office. If you switch with someone, let the church office know.

If you currently are not an usher or lay reader and would like to be put in the rotation, contact Karen Leicht at the church office - 847-244-9647 or karen@bethelgurnee.org.

**Vases Needed** The altar guild is missing some tall clear vases from altar flowers. If you have any from the church can you please drop them in the office.

## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, September 10

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m.—Basketball  
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in the Building  
7:00 p.m.—Property Management Meeting

### Tuesday, September 11

7:00a.m.—Fellowship Hall in use by Gary Janetzke  
5:00 p.m.—*A Safe Place*  
6:00 p.m.—IL Dept of Aging—  
Caregivers of People with Dementia

### Wednesday, September 12

7:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall in use by Gary Janetzke  
9:30 a.m.—Mom's Club in Basement  
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation  
7:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

### Thursday, September 13

7:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall in use by Gary Janetzke  
12:00 p.m.—MISSIO Cohort  
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m.—Preschool Board  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

### Friday, September 14

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Saturday, September 15

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Sunday, September 16

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  
12:30 p.m.—LWML Fall Rally

**C.O.O.L. food of the month  
for September: Canned Fruit**

### Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

#### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3 PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

### Last Week's Attendance

Thursday 6:30 PM—46

Sunday 9:00 AM—123

### Serving Next Week

**Elders:**  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:**

**Acolytes:**

**Lay Readers:**

**Ushers:**

**Greeters:**

**Fellowship:**

**Sept. Altar Guild:**

**Sept. Counters:**

#### Sunday 8:00AM

Mike Bandman  
JJ Jones  
Jeremy Leicht, Brooke Ratzburg  
Thor Peplow, Sandy Lahera  
Chuck Johnson, **OPEN**  
Madeline Adams,  
The Chudy Family

**OPEN**

Becky Anderson  
Mary Kay Ams

#### Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza  
Jack Warneke  
Lily Freehling, Annika Chudy  
Larry Peters, Linda Peters  
**OPEN, OPEN**  
The Freehling Family,  
Paul & Linda Groh

Shari Hoppe  
Joan Blasko

**Wednesday Night Greeter: (Sept. 12) OPEN**