

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.

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.



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.



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 or 847-244-2809). If you would like to register for the dinner, please go to: loveinclakecounty.org



Sunday School

Joseph and His Brothers *Genesis 37*
The Explanation to Luther's Small Catechism points to this biblical story as an example of breaking the 5th commandment. What does it mean to truly follow this commandment (how does it go well beyond actually murdering someone?). **You shall not murder.** *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. As Christians, we look after our neighbors so that they may enjoy the life that God has given them.



** A HUGE thank you to all the teachers, BOCE and the congregation for helping us make Rally Day such a great time!

** Anyone interested in an opportunity to serve? Please consider the team teaching role for the 3rd and 4th grade class with John/Karen Leicht. Interested? please see Diane Sanders or Kylie Brazda.

COOL Fundraiser COOL is having a fundraiser at Portillo's in Gurnee on **October 3** from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Portillo's is a favorite, their food is great and it has always been a successful fundraiser for COOL. Flyers that need to be handed in when you order are on the Hub. Thank you for your support.



*Please join us this Tuesday for worship,
Gurnee Meadows 11AM*

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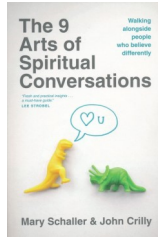


BETHEL RESOURCE SHELVES



One of the goals of Bethel is to encourage one another to have **spiritual conversations** with people in our day-to-day lives—family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, schoolmates, etc. But what does it mean to have a spiritual conversation? How do we even start?

When we began asking that question, we came across *The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations*, a curriculum developed by Q Place (qplace.com). Q Place has a goal of helping everyday Christians gather with friends—including those who don't follow Jesus—and have spiritual conversation. "The Arts of Spiritual Conversation" discussion guides were used in Adult Bible Study in 2016 and 2018, along with brief "Arts Appreciation" moments in worship in 2018. It has led many of us to realize that God can use us with these basic friendship skills as a way to encourage others in the Gospel.



Northern Illinois District Convention

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. There are registration forms on the Hub. Call Kathy Schwartz (847-231-4351/224-575-2678) if you have questions or want a ride!

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.



DEADLINE for putting an article in the Buzz is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.

DEADLINE for October Big Buzz
Tuesday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 17

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m.—Basketball
6:30 p.m.—Gideons

Tuesday, September 18

11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
6:00 p.m.—IL Dept of Aging—
Caregivers of People with Dementia
6:30 p.m.—BOCE Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Lounge
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation
7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Friday, September 21

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off
6:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, September 22

Katrina's Day Off
1:30—5:30 p.m.—Sanctuary in Use

Sunday, September 23

Katrina Vacation
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 8AM & 10:45PM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3 PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 AM — 136

Sunday 10:45 AM — 112

Sunday School — 112

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: David Ziegler
Acolytes: Jude Squires, Holly Faitsch
Lay Readers: Lynn Faitsch, Tim Faitsch
Ushers: OPEN, OPEN
Greeters: The Dorner Family,
Dave & Cheryl Ross
Fellowship: OPEN
Sept. Altar Guild: Becky Anderson
Sept. Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 10:45AM

Randy Gifford
OPEN
Jake Kruse, Cameron Fleming
Elizabeth Blasko, Joan Blasko
Scott Mundrick, **OPEN**
The Vana Family,
Sheila Bunnell
Shari Hoppe
Joan Blasko

Wednesday Night Greeter: (Sept. 19) Michelle Kruse