

The BIG Buzz

~November 2018~
**Monthly communication
of events and reports
from
Bethel Lutheran Church**



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The first year as I see it...



I can't believe it's been a year since I accepted the Call as Equipping Coordinator for Bethel Lutheran Church. Every day God has shown me why He placed me here.

I sit in worship and am surrounded by people who show no fear in praising their Creator. I go to meetings held by church leaders who do their human best to keep God's Will for Bethel at the forefront of their minds. I have attended Bible studies with men and women searching for the path that God has laid out for them. I have seen children of all ages sing and play their instruments with such joy. I have seen people come together to support complete strangers, simply because they understand what the word 'community' means. I have sat in the living rooms of people who choose to make Bethel their home because of people inside of this church. Finally, I get to come to work each day with a wonderful office staff and pastor who embodies every sense of that word.

What a privilege this first year has been. From studying the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversation to preparing for the Exploring God series. From not being able to remember anyone's name to visiting 45 households (with many more to go) and not only remembering the names of those who live there, but also learning a little of what makes each of them special! And from trying to learn about the ministries this church supports, to promoting those ministries and encouraging members to continue to enhance them during the Ministry Fair a few weeks ago.

I guess it's hard to believe it's *only* been a year. So, what's next?

1. I will continue to do home visits on my Tour of Lake County. Thank you for your patience as I work my way through the church directory.
2. I have witnessed 'Volunteer burn-out' at other churches and I see it here. So, I would like to help those who feel the 'burn-out' to heal while encouraging and equipping all members to utilize their gifts (in whatever form they appear).

There are many other things on my heart, but I only have so much space in which to share, so I will end by saying this: Praise God from whom all blessings flow...and you are counted as one of those blessings.

...by Katrina Johns

Preschool News.....

The month of November at Bethel Preschool is always devoted to thanking God for the changes in fall. We watch the busy squirrels and chipmunks on our playground collecting food for the winter. We hear the honking geese flying in a "v" overhead, heading south for the winter. Special farm toys will make their appearance in the classroom as we talk about farmers, harvest time, and life on the farm. Did you know the 3-Day class can be seen milking a cow?



The 3-Day class will be making a special "Thank You, God" book to help them remember all the things God gives them. They will prepare the food and then celebrate Thanksgiving with a special Bethel Thanksgiving Feast on Monday November 19. Thank you God for the wonderful world He made for us to share!

On Friday, November 2, there will be Parent-Teacher Conferences for the 2-Day class in lieu of regular preschool. This gives the staff and the children's parents the opportunity to communicate with each other in order to better understand the children.

Preschool will be closed from November 21-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!



Bethel Fall Fest Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Bethel Fall Fest! The evening was a huge success and fun was had by all! The children enjoyed the excitement of wearing a special costume, playing games, and of course, receiving lots of candy and treats. The Balloon Pop was back by popular demand. It was very successful once again and we wanted to thank everyone who donated to and/or purchased a balloon. The chili/hotdog dinner and chili cook off were fantastic once again! We loved being able to share a meal with our Bethel friends. The food was delicious and the fellowship was fantastic. A special thank you to Kathy DeLassus, Lisa Schwarz, Donna Stutzman, the Preschool Board, and the Bethel Staff for all of their hard work!!!

Save the Date:

Bethel Rummage Sale is Saturday, **March 9, 2019**.
Donations will be accepted the week before.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, **November 3**.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday,
November 21
6:30 p.m.**

In the Sanctuary



Fall Clean Up

Join the Bethel Property Board on Saturday, **November 3** as we prepare the building and grounds for the upcoming winter months. There will be a variety of chores both inside and out. Lists will be posted so you can see what you might want to do. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. with prayer, coffee and donuts and then get to it. Rain date will be November 10. Many hands make light the work.



Field Trip

If you missed the opportunity to tour Love, INC in October, you get another chance. Love, INC is mentioned often at Bethel but really what goes on there? What is the impact it is making on the community? What are the various ways people can volunteer? On Saturday, **November 17** you are invited to get an inside look at the wonderful ministry happening at Love, INC. We will meet at Bethel at 8:30 a.m. with the orientation/tour starting at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Karen Leicht by signing up on the side of the Hub, emailing her at: (Karen@bethelgurnee.org), or calling the church office (847)244-9647.

LWML NEWS

Kathy Schwartz is looking for Thanksgiving pies again this year. Redeemer Lutheran in Waukegan is hosting Thanksgiving dinner for servicemen and women from Great Lakes. Last year there were 150 people attending. They would like help from each church in our zone to make 6 homemade pies. There is a sign up sheet on the hub if you would like to help. Call Kathy (224-575-2678) if you have questions.



Mission Experience



All LCMS Northern Illinois District congregations and their members are invited to attend Mission Experience.

- Fellowship with different congregation members
- Meet congregation members who are building community relationships
- Learn how you can serve and love others in a new context
- Hear how the Holy Spirit has changed lives
- Impact the way your congregation lives your missions
- Make a difference with your support

Please RSVP to Katrina Johns if you would like to attend the Mission Experience with her: **November 4** from 3:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. At Rolling Green Country Club, 2525 East Rand Road, Arlington Heights.

Meant for More

Please join Katrina Johns for a gathering at St. Paul Lutheran church in Oak Lawn to discuss how to find more meaning and significance in the ordinary places and day-to-day relationships in which we find ourselves. Special guest speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes (President of Concordia College, New York). Saturday, **November 17** 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. \$10 (includes lunch).

Ordering From Amazon



You can support Bethel when you order from Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> to login to your Amazon account. To select Bethel as your charity go to "Your Account" in the upper right corner of the site page. Then scroll down to "Change Your Charity". Enter in "Bethel Lutheran Church Gurnee" in the "pick your own charitable organization" field. Then click the yellow "select" button and begin shopping. Once you set this up, every time you login to <https://smile.amazon.com/> 0.5% of your purchase total will be donated to Bethel.



Poinsettia Orders

Orders for red poinsettia plants will be taken this month to decorate our worship areas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The cost for a plant is **\$11**, and orders are due in the church office by Monday, **December 3**. Order forms are on the Hub.

Remember a loved one by purchasing a plant:

- In memory of...
- In appreciation of...
- To the Glory of God

Bernie's Blessing



We will again this year be collecting coats and blankets for Bernie to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 21 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats and blankets that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. He shares the love of Christ with them while providing them warmth. As the weather turns cold and you realize a new coat would be nice, bring the old one for Bernie's blessings. Or, if you see a good deal on a new coat, we would gladly accept it also. Blankets of all kinds will be



accepted. You may bring them to Bethel starting the first of December.

SAVE YOUR CANS!

Bring your rinsed, empty, crushed aluminum cans (pop can type) to the marked container outside the main entrance doors. The cans are turned in for cash, the funds are used to purchase apple juice for coffee hour and many other unbudgeted expenses.



Stamps

Since 1997 Lutheran Women in Mission across the Northern Illinois District have been clipping, sorting and sending in cancelled postage stamps. You can, too. Just put your trimmed cancelled postage stamps in the container on the backside of the hub or bring them to any NID LWML event. Then, we send them to auction in batches for sale by weight to collectors and club auctions. 90% of the money raised goes towards our mission grants. Cut ¼ inch around the stamp and keep the stamp on the envelope. We can use foreign stamps, commemorative stamps, stamp collections, post cards and all U.S.A. stamps.



Eyeglasses

LWML is also collecting prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses and sunglasses. These are donated to most Ministries who take them on mission trips where eye clinics are held. At our zone LWML meetings we have sewn eyeglass cases to send along with these. If you have any glasses or old cases put them in the LWML mailbox in the workroom.

Card Ministry



Our Care Committee sends greeting cards to members in the congregation. You can donate cards or stamps for the cause. Place those in the Care Committee mail box in the work room. If you make cards contact Kathy Schwartz as there are baptism and confirmation cards that we make.





COOL Ministries



Chili Supper

St. Mark's Lutheran Church (3350 N. Delany Rd, Waukegan) will sponsor a chili supper on Thursday, **November 8** from 3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. to benefit C.O.O.L. Food Pantry. \$10 per person and carry-out orders are available. They will also be accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items.

C.O.O.L. 5K/10K Run & Walk



Runners! Get ready, get set and mark your calendars. The C.O.O.L. 5K/10K Run & Walk will take place in Libertyville at Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter C on Saturday, **November 24** at 9:30 a.m. What a great way to walk off those Thanksgiving Day calories and support a great cause with family and friends! Information and registration are available at:

Getmeregistered.com
then search COOL 5k/10k

To benefit COOL Food Pantry and Transitional Housing programs in Lake County.

Annual Aebleskiver Day



Redeemer Lutheran Church is sponsoring its annual Aebleskiver Day Saturday, **November 3** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Aebleskivers are a Danish delicacy served with maple syrup, jams or jelly, homemade applesauce and pork sausage. This event will be held at 620 Grove Avenue, Waukegan.

Holiday Food Baskets



The C.O.O.L. Food Pantries are getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

This holiday season we are offering two ways to feed our families:

1. Holiday Gift Baskets are available for a low price of \$20. Donations can be placed in the offering with checks made out to Bethel and "C.O.O.L. Holiday Basket" marked in the memo.
2. For those of you who prefer to do your own shopping, here is a list of holiday food items that are needed:

- Turkey or Gift Card
- Stuffing
- Turkey Gravy
- Canned Corn
- Dessert Mix
- Canned Cranberry or Applesauce
- Corn Bread Mix
- Powdered Milk
- Yams and Marshmallows

Non-perishable food donations may be dropped in the plastic container under the sanctuary coat rack. If you have perishables, contact C.O.O.L. at 847-662-1230 to schedule a drop off. The C.O.O.L. Food Pantries have plenty of refrigerator and freezer space to store frozen meat.

Deadline for Bethel drop off:

Thanksgiving is **November 11**
Christmas is **December 9**



Holy Baptism



Vivian Joyce Manzella
Baptized on Sunday, October 21
Parents: Jennifer & Vince



Love INC
Love in the Name of Christ

Thank You

To the Bethel Church Family,

Our thanks to Pastor Squires and the Bethel church family for your quick response to helping a neighbor. Your generous contribution was greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help in her time of need. May God continue to bless and favor you all.

Pastor Gerald Wilcoxon,
Love INC Bd. Pastor

C.O.O.L. Food of the Month:

Tuna

***Place non-perishable items in the box in
the sanctuary hallway.***



Remembrance

Bethel Member
Rhoda Bergmann
Passed to eternal life on
October 10, 2018.

A funeral service was held
October 15 here at Bethel.

Please keep her family
in your prayers.

BETHEL



Fall Fest

BUSINESS DONATIONS

The following businesses have generously donated items to make our Fall Fest a success. So please frequent these businesses and give them support.

Cho's Cleaners

Joel Kennedy Construction

Lovin Oven

Mama K's

My Sister's Cottage

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Q Nails

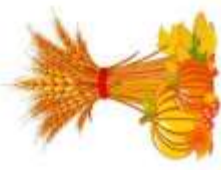




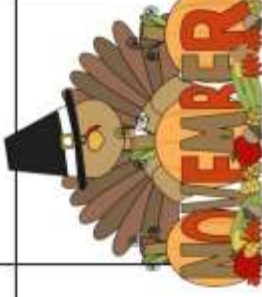
The Shanty/Captain Porky's

Shipping Point

Stevens

Bethel Calendar

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 4 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary	 5 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Basketball 7:00 pm Property Management Board	 6 6:00 pm IL Dept. of Aging - Caregivers of People with Dementia in Lounge 7:00 pm Explore God Training at Prayer Room	 7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study in Lounge 5:00 pm Gym in use 6:15 pm 1st Communion Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm FEET 6:15 pm Equipping Parents	1 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 7:00 pm Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir	2 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	3 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am Lounge in Use 9:00 am Fall Clean Up
11 8:00 am Worship in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary	12 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Basketball 7:00 pm Boy Scouts in the Building	13 7:00 pm Explore God Training at Prayer Room	14 9:30 am Mom's Club in Basement 6:15 pm 1st Communion Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm FEET 7:30 pm Equipping Parents Elders meeting	15 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 6:00 pm Girls Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir	16 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	17 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:00 am Building Use by CYT 8:30 am Love INC Field Trip
18 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	19 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Basketball 6:30 pm Gideons in Fellowship Hall	20 10:00 Gurnee Meadows Office Hours 11:00 am Gurnee Meadows Worship	21 9:30 am Women's Bible Study in Lounge 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion in Sanctuary	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	24 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am Lounge in Use
25 8:00 am Worship in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary	26 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Basketball 7:00 pm Indian Guides in Building	27 9:30 am Senior Game Day 7:00 pm Care in Community	28 6:30 pm Advent Midweek Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation Students & Families Attend Midweek Worship	29 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 7:00 pm Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir	30 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	 NOVEMBER

November 2018
Service Roster

	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 18	Thanksgiving Eve Worship - 6:30pm NOVEMBER 21
ELDER	JJ Jones	JJ Jones	JJ Jones	Mike Bandman
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Mike Bandman	AI Diercks	OPEN	OPEN
ELDER	Bob Souza	<i>Randy Gifford</i>	<i>Bob Souza</i>	
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	<i>Randy Gifford</i>	<i>Jack Warneke</i>	<i>Monte Stoltzman</i>	
ACOLYTES	Ashley Plapp, Ellie Kreamer <i>Matthieu Weinberg, Ruth Ziegler</i>	Dylan Love, Owen Squires <i>Michaela Rosenthal, Ashley Adams</i>	Holly Faitsch, Emma Megerle <i>Annika Chudy, Jake Chudy</i>	Jude Squires, Joseph Kaiser
LAY READERS	Diane Boehm Jose Rayos <i>Bob Souza</i> <i>Diane Mundrick</i>	Becky Lanzito Kelley Dornier OPEN <i>Randy Gifford</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst Ted Tatgenhorst <i>Linda Piepenbrink</i> <i>Bob Piepenbrink</i>	Karen Kozlik Tony Young
USHER 1 - 8 am	John Kozlik	Don Heidlauf	Paul Delassus	Lance Rasmussen
USHER 2 - 8 am	OPEN	Tony Young	John Kozlik	OPEN
USHER 1 - 10:45 am	<i>John Schultz</i>	<i>John Schultz</i>	<i>Jay Souza</i>	
USHER 2 - 10:45 am	<i>Jay Souza</i>	<i>Scott Mundrick</i>	<i>Lance Rasmussen</i>	
GREETERS	Dawn Werfelmann The White Family <i>Javier & Michelle Raman</i> <i>Cindy Ellwein</i>	Jeff & Mary Kay Ams Paul & Kathy Delassus <i>The Maiore Family</i> <i>The Rosenthal Family</i>	The Lahera Family The Leicht Family <i>Bob & Linda Piepenbrink</i> <i>The Bill Ratzburg Family</i>	Paul & Susan Boardman The Rayos Family
First name listed for service greets at the front door, last name listed greets back door		Christine Fleming (11/14)	No class (11/21)	
WEDNESDAY GREETER	Heather Rosenthal (11/7)	Sheila & Stephanie Bunnell		
FELLOWSHIP	Jeanine Hautzinger			
	NOVEMBER 25	Advent Worship - 6:30pm NOVEMBER 28		
ELDER	JJ Jones	Mike Bandman		
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Mike Bandman	OPEN		
ELDER	Bob Souza			
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	<i>Jack Warneke</i>			
ACOLYTES	Griffin Pavletic, Jacob Plapp <i>Jake Kruse, Kate Kruse</i>	Jeremy Leicht, Kaylee Leicht		
LAY READERS	Sam McDonald Clint McDonald <i>Pat Rasmussen</i> <i>Sheila Bunnell</i>	Donna Danielsen Ralph Danielsen		
USHER 1 - 8 am	Don Heidlauf	Monte Stoltzman		
USHER 2 - 8 am	AI Diercks	OPEN		
USHER 1 - 10:45 am	<i>Jay Souza</i>			
USHER 2 - 10:45 am	<i>Scott Mundrick</i>			
GREETERS	Chuck & Julie Johnson JJ & Janet Jones <i>The Pellettiere Family</i> <i>Larry & Linda Peters</i>	The Kreamer Family Ardell & Sharon Maatta		
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WEDNESDAY GREETER				
FELLOWSHIP	OPEN			
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Mundrick & Deborah Wuethrick			
COUNTERS	Monte Stoltzman, Kathy & Bill Schwartz			

N o v e m b e r



Regular type denotes early service servers. *Italic type denotes late service servers. Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.*

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November



Celebrations & Membership Updates

- 1 Sabrina Herstowski
Kimberly Messmer
James Silasiri
- 2 Jason Adams
- 3 Patty Livingston
Emma Megerle
Nate Zilligen
- 4 Christie Kozlik
Griffin Pavletic
Abigail Plapp
Heather Rosenthal
Barb Unhold
- 7 Shannon Swanson
- 8 Karen Arnold
Katie Jakolat

Birthdays

- 9 Jon Kreamer
- 12 Karen Kozlik
- 14 Bill Schwartz
- 13 Karen Austin
- 15 Alyce Coleman
Alysha Francis
Anita Johanson-Maddox
- 16 Anna Hagberg
Diane Swanson
- 19 Tiffany Wuethrick
- 19 Victoria Wuethrick

- 20 Jack Warneke
- 21 Gene Bartelt
- 23 Dan Novacek
- 25 Mike Hautzinger
Mark Hipsher
Lana Ramirez
Nathan Stutzman
- 26 Mike Edge
Nick Witter
- 28 Marilyn Schill
- 29 Marc Redman
Lucy White
- 30 George Bruszer
Joel DeLassus



Wedding Anniversaries

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Paul & Sheila Bunnell | November 6, 1976 |
| Brent & Karla Stewart | November 6, 2009 |
| Eric & Alyse Kowalke | November 10, 2012 |
| Daniel & Becky Lanzito | November 12, 2011 |
| John & Deb Pellettiere | November 25, 1994 |
| Thor & Roxanne Peplow | November 27, 1999 |

Membership Updates

Holy Baptism

Vivian Joyce Manzella,
daughter of Jennifer & Vince
baptized on Sunday, October 21.
May the Lord keep Vivian
in her baptismal grace,
now and forevermore.

***Please let the church office know if you have a change of address, phone number or email address or it can be marked on the attendance cards. Also, if you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office (office@BethelGurnee.org) so that we can correct our records. Thank you!

Church office hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 noon

Pastor & Katrina's
weekly hours are
posted outside their
office doors.

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*Worship
Schedule*

**Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.**

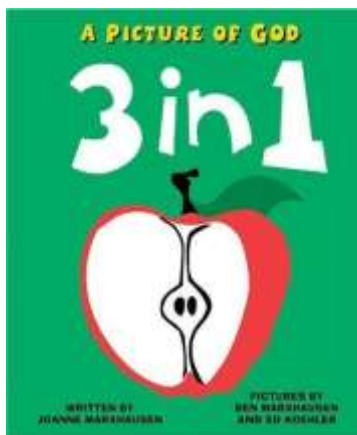
**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd, & 5th
Sundays**



BETHEL RESOURCE SHELVES



Featured Book:



For over 45 years, this classic storybook has been helping parents, Sunday School teachers, pastors and others to try to help teach about the Trinity (one God, three persons). We see in Scripture that we have One God as the 1st Commandment says, but we also see that God works as Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Scripture never explains this, especially because we likely could not grasp or understand this divine mystery. However, how do we come to try to wrap our heads around it some—even if it is only to get at it with a picture or two?

That's where this storybook helps. "Just as the apple consists of three parts—the skin, the flesh, the seeds—it is still one apple."

Share this book with your family for a wonderful conversation about our God who is Trine—Three in One.