

What it Means to be a Member Class You may have questions about Bethel and our community, being Lutheran, or even being a Christian. Please bring your questions to Bethel's "What it Means to be a..." class. Held twice monthly after the 10:45 a.m. service, Pastor Squires, Equipping Coordinator Katrina Johns, and other leaders talk about what it means to be a member, servant, Lutheran, neighbor, even leader. All are welcome! Join us **January 13** at noon in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

On **January 9** the Bible study will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by Christmas tree removal at 10:30 a.m.



2019 Altar Flower Sign Up

The new flower sign up sheets are up for 2019. The vases of fresh flowers placed on the altar every week are made possible by Bethel Members who sign up on the flower chart calendar (located on the wall to the right of Pastor's office). Church members may share birthdays, anniversaries, or remember loved ones through the gift of altar flowers. We ask a minimum donation of \$25 for each floral arrangement. Please place the donation in the collection plate, and clearly mark the envelope "Altar Flowers" or give donation to the Office. After 2nd service you may take your flowers home to enjoy or leave them and the Altar Guild will give them to Kathy Schwartz to take to shut-ins for their enjoyment.



Altar Flowers

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Over the past 40 years, our investors have made it possible for LCEF to support the work of tens of thousands of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod individuals and ministries through loans and ministry support services. To meet future loan demand and help support growing ministry opportunities, we need to raise an additional \$100 million. Which is why we invite you to a special, limited-time investment opportunity: our 40-month 40th anniversary note at 4%. \$500 minimum to open, \$40,000 maximum per note. If interested go to LCEF.org to get an application.



Please remember to fill out the attendance cards on the lapboards at service.

VBS Update The Board of Christian Education would like to add to the information that has been shared with you in regards to the changes to our Vacation Bible School format. During the last four years, our Bethel VBS has experienced challenges, especially a lack of available adult volunteers. We must have enough adult volunteers to provide a safe environment for our children. We were blessed to find creative ways to use our adult volunteers so that our children could have that wonderful Christ-filled, safe experience, but that is becoming increasingly difficult to do. After four years of thoughtful research, weighing pros and cons, discussion and much prayer, the Bethel BOCE decided to go to a 3-day weekend format for the 2019 VBS program. We hope that this new schedule will allow for more adult volunteer participation, as it will not conflict with as many work schedules. There are many possibilities of what this can look like and how it could be implemented. The BOCE is assembling a team of 6-8 people who would be willing to codirect this new venture. There are a couple of veteran people who are willing to work on the team. **HOWEVER**, we cannot go forward with the 2019 VBS until this key team of people is in place. The team needs to be in place by the end of January in order to be ready for the summer of 2019. Please consider serving our Bethel family on this team. Contact Carla Thompson, BOCE chairperson, (carlajothompson@gmail.com) or Katrina Johns, Equipping Coordinator, for more information about this opportunity. Also, please pray for our Board of Christian Education as we work to meet the needs and provide education opportunities for our Bethel family.



Building Observations If you observe something at Bethel that requires attention, kindly let Linda Gifford, Bethel's Property Coordinator know. You can send an email or leave her a note under the office door. A phone call to the office will also work.

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Lisa Schwarz - Office Manager lisa@bethelgurnee.org

Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

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.



**C.O.O.L. food of the month
for January: Peanut Butter
*** also in need of canned fruit *****

This Week’s Calendar

Monday, January 7

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 8

2:00 p.m.—Office Closes

5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 a.m.—Mom’s Club

9:30 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study

10:30 a.m.—Christmas Tree Removal

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation, FEET, Equipping Parents

7:30 p.m.—Elders

Meeting

Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m.—Preschool Board

7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, January 11 Pastor & Katrina’s Day Off

Saturday, January 12 Pastor & Katrina’s Day Off

Sunday, January 13

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

12:00 p.m.—What it Means to be a Servant Class

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday morning need to be submitted to Katrina Johns by Thursday morning.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday 8:00 AM—84, 10:45 AM—65

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Jan. Altar Guild:

Jan. Counters:

Wednesday Night Greeter:

Sunday 8:00AM

Mike Bandman

OPEN

Emma Megerle, Dylan Love

Tony Young, Nathan Faitsch

Don Heidlauf, Tony Young

McDonald Family,

Novacek Family

Sr. High School

Sheila Bunnell

Margie Tatgenhorst

1/9 Steve Freehling

Sunday 10:45AM

Randy Gifford

Jack Warneke

Joseph Kaiser, Lily Freehling

Diane Mundrick, Sheila Bunnell

Scott Mundrick, **OPEN**

The Gutzke Family,

The Jaronik Family

Diane Sanders

Sue Best