

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 **TODAY** at noon in the fellowship hall.

News from the Board of Christian Education



Progress is being made on our journey to re-energize VBS. Dates have been chosen. We will have a Friday—Sunday, **June 21—23** session for grades 1 through adult. Sessions will be:

Friday evening from 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m., dinner will be a part of the evening, and Saturday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. with lunch included. We will have a three day morning session for preschool and children entering kindergarten, **June 24—26**. Preschool - K will also have sessions available on the weekend. The current team has a great plan working in this new format. Help is still needed in new leadership roles that have been created. We have 18 of the 24 positions filled with volunteers. That is 75% of the needed leadership. What is exciting is that this has opened up new ways for people to get involved. This is where you come in. Perhaps in the past you volunteered, but it was too much. We get that. Perhaps you haven't been able to volunteer because of the schedule. We get that too. So, we're asking you to check out volunteering for VBS again, because we think there is a new, better way for our members to take part. We have a great VBS and many people look forward to it each year. With all of this being said, we still need 6 more leaders, 25% of the leadership team. We can not make VBS happen without these positions being filled. This needs to be accomplished by **February 1**. No experience is needed. We are reinventing Bethel VBS. You can be a part of this experience. It is a great way to serve our church and become a part of a great team. We will be making a short presentation after services next Sunday so that we can get you as much info that we can so that you volunteer for this amazing opportunity.

Sunday School This week's lesson is about the boy in the temple from *Luke chapter 2*. This lesson contains the last of the three scenes in the "infancy narrative" of Jesus: His birth, His presentation at His temple and His return to His temple.



Jesus and His parents, Mary and Joseph, travel "up" to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. Mary and Joseph did this often. But this time, something special happened! Jesus uttered His first recorded words! In doing so, Jesus revealed His true identity and purpose. After Passover, Mary and Joseph began the journey back home assuming that Jesus was possibly running with His friends and would meet them. When He didn't, they became concerned and went back to look for Him. Imagine their anxiety!!! They found Him in the temple discussing the Bible. He said, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" Jesus is teaching His parent and us that He is right where He belongs.

The Lutheran Witness Deadline is Sunday, **February 18**. Subscribe to the monthly news—and—feature color magazine of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It will help you to keep up, see what makes us Lutheran, be inspired, learn prominent names and hear from church leaders. Get a yearly subscription (11 issues) for \$15.96 per year beginning May, 2019. Find forms to sign-up on the Hub.



COOL Needs COOL has a need for 3 microwaves and girls clothing sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months. If you can help with any of these items, please contact the housing manager, Amanda Williams, at 847-662-1340, ext. 1 or e-mail(awilliams@coolministries.org). Thank you for your continued support that means so much to our families.



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

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Benefit for the Family of Louis from PADS There is a benefit for the family Roderick Richardson, nephew of our friend, Louis from PADS. Roderick was killed in a car crash right before Christmas; he likely fell asleep at the wheel. Roderick was working 2 jobs to help keep his daughters in college. Their mother had died just a year ago. One of Roderick's jobs was at Hitz Pizza & Sports Bar in Mundelein. The memorial/benefit is TODAY at 12:00 p.m. (700 S. Butterfield Rd., Mundelein). It would be great if we had a few Bethel folks there to support Louis.

50+ Women's Christian Prayer Group As women over 50, we are in a season when our children are leaving the nest, our parents are aging and needing more help, and we are facing a lot of questions. Where does God want me now? Who am I now? Where is He calling me to make a difference? Where is He in the struggle? The focus of this group is on loving each other through prayer, testimonies and praising our God. Listening to God's wisdom, and hearing where He wants us to be. Not fixing each other, not giving advice, not human understanding. Not self-fulfillment, rather God-fulfillment. Finding purpose and meaning in this stage of life, overcoming blocks and obstacles, and going through fear. We seek to hear God in the community of other women, in unity.

Where: GO TOGETHER Prayer Room

When: Last Monday of each Month, 7-9pm

Contact: Kirsten Saunders (kirstenpottery@gmail.com)

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

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

This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 14

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in the Building

7:00 p.m.—Property Management Board

Tuesday, January 15

5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

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

6:15 p.m.—First Communion

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Thursday, January 17

11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in the Basement

7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, January 18

Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, January 19

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Sunday, January 20

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

C.O.O.L. food of the month for January: Peanut Butter

***** also in need of canned fruit *****

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—119, 10:45 AM—99

Sunday School—92

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders:

Mike Bandman

Comm/Asst. Elder:

JJ Jones

Acolytes:

Kaylee Leicht, Holly Faitsch

Lay Readers:

Clint & Sam McDonald

Ushers:

Don Heidlauf, Tony Young

Greeters:

Cindy Offerdahl, **OPEN**

Fellowship:

Pipia / Erwin / Swanson

Jan. Altar Guild:

Sheila Bunnell

Jan. Counters:

Margie Tatgenhorst

Wednesday Night Greeter: 1/16 Jason Adams

Sunday 10:45AM

Randy Gifford

Dave Ziegler

Kate Kruse, Jake Kruse

Bob & Linda Piepenbrink

Lance Rasmussen, John Schultz

Sheila & Stephanie Bunnell, Karen Kailer

Diane Sanders

Sue Best