

**Voters' Meeting** There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, **February 3**, held after late service in the fellowship hall. Included will be a review of the 2018 finances, among other things. There should be no problem getting everyone home for Superbowl festivities. Hope to see you all there! Thank you!  
~ Church Council



**Sunday School** This week's lesson is a flashback to the Birth of John from *Luke chapter 1*. Through Zechariah, God said John would give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of sins. Zechariah faced a "fork in the road"; being devoted to God's work, as was his wife Elizabeth, he followed that Word and fulfilled the prophecy by naming their son John. As a result, God lifted the cross of muteness and Zechariah prophesied concerning his son and the Christ who would follow. We have no alternative but to go back to the basics - to our baptismal identity and the Word of God - if we are to keep walking in God's light even when faced with a serious "fork in the road". God's Word comforts us when we go to it as the well-spring of faith. God's Word strengthens us when we falter. As with Zechariah, it guides us when a turning point to or away from God is at hand. It gives us the hindsight to see our past trials as true blessings that have built us up in faith.



**Transportation Needs Within the Bethel Faith Community** As the staff of Bethel Lutheran, we receive multiple requests each week for help in finding a ride for a member/friend of the congregation. Many of the requests are for a ride to worship. Others involve a ride to a doctor's appointment, to pick up prescriptions or to the grocery store. Please consider allowing God to shine his light and glory upon you by volunteering to assist with transportation needs. Contact Linda, [linda@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:linda@bethelgurnee.org), with ???s or to assist.



**DEADLINE for February Big Buzz**  
Wednesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m.

**News from the Board of Christian Education** Our weekend VBS, for 1st grade on up to high school, is tentatively scheduled for **June 21 & 22** with a celebration at the church service on **June 23**. Help is still needed in leadership roles. All leaders will have a voice in the decisions that must be made. VBS will not happen if we do not have all of the leader positions filled. Preschool and those going into kindergarten will be Monday, **June 24** through Wednesday, **June 26**. We have leaders for preschool. We still need 3 more leaders to be able to make VBS happen this summer. This needs to be accomplished by **February 1**. Even if you have never been involved in VBS, you can be involved this year. It is a great way to serve our church & community and become a part of a great team. BOCE members can give you more information. Please see Carla Thompson, Diane Sanders, Kylie Brazda, Emily Schaefer, Ann Souza, or Katrina Johns after church. You can email questions or offers to help to: [carlajothompson@gmail.com](mailto:carlajothompson@gmail.com).



**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 in May. Find forms to sign up on the Hub.



**LWML Quarterly** Our order for the 2019-2020 Quarterly is due on **March 1**. If you would like to receive the 4 issues please sign up on the clipboard on the side of the Hub. Please pay \$5 to Kathy Schwartz or put it in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. There are mite boxes to support the mission projects of the NID and national LWML on the Hub. You may return your mites (coins/bills) anytime in the large mite box on the Hub.



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

**What it Means to be a Member Class TODAY** 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.

**Building Access for Activities Outside Office Hours** As an added security measure during those times when the Bethel facility is being used for functions outside regular office hours, participants are instructed to keep outside doors locked when unattended, assign a door monitor when an outside door is unlocked, and not grant entry to anyone outside of their group. The necessity of this safeguard was reinforced on Monday, January 14 when an armed robbery took place at the Pizza Hut on Grand at the same time the Boy Scouts and Property Board were meeting at Bethel. The suspect was last seen heading east on Grand and thankfully didn't try to use Bethel as a hideout. Since some building users may not know if someone ringing the bell or coming in mixed with their group is a member of Bethel, they are instructed to question anyone they don't know to determine if they should be entering the building. While every entry situation may not be covered, here are some general guidelines:

- Outside doors should not be blocked open unless attended. If you see it being done stop it.
- If you have one, be prepared to use your door key even if there are people nearby.
- If you are entering an unlocked door and are challenged or ring for entry, please ask to have someone from the group you are joining come to the door to verify your affiliation and let you in.
- If the door monitor cannot verify your affiliation with Bethel, they are instructed to NOT open the door until your identity can be determined. If this happens to you, please do not be offended we're just being cautious!

If you have any questions, please contact Linda, [linda@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:linda@bethelgurnee.org). Thank you all for your cooperation as we implement measures to maximize the safety of our members, staff, and building.

**2019 Altar Flower Sign Up** There are many dates in February and through out the year to sign up for altar flowers. 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 second 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.



## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, January 28

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.—Indian Guides in Building

### Tuesday, January 29

- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

### Wednesday, January 30

- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation, FEET, Equipping Parents
- 6:15 p.m.—First Communion

### Thursday, January 31

- 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in the Basement
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

### Friday, February 1 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Saturday, February 2 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Sunday, February 3

- 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

### 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—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

#### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 AM—109, 10:45 AM—94  
Sunday School—98

### Serving Next Week

#### Elders:

Mike Bandman

#### Comm/Asst. Elder:

Jude Squires, Jeremy Leicht

#### Acolytes:

Tony Young, Owen Squires

#### Lay Readers:

Christie Kozlik, John Kozlik

#### Ushers:

Walker Family,  
Chad Anderson Family

#### Greeters:

Freehling Family

#### Fellowship:

Margie Tatgenhorst

#### Feb. Altar Guild:

Chris Mason

#### Feb. Counters:

(2/6) Kari Mulley

### Sunday 8:00AM

JJ Jones

Mike Bandman

Jude Squires, Jeremy Leicht

Tony Young, Owen Squires

Christie Kozlik, John Kozlik

Walker Family,

Chad Anderson Family

Freehling Family

Margie Tatgenhorst

Chris Mason

(2/6) Kari Mulley

### Sunday 10:45AM

David Ziegler

Jack Warneke

Amanda Adams, Ruth Ziegler

Victor Sundararaj, Randy Gifford

John Schultz, Scott Gutzke

Mundrick Family,

Nuechterlein Family

Dawn Werfelmann

Diane Sanders