

**Equipping Moms** Equipping Parents is changing to Equipping Moms! If you are a mom of a 'tween or 'teen-aged student, join us at 6:15 p.m. while FEET, 1st Communion, and Confirmation are in-session. Use this time on Wednesdays to seek solace with other moms, learn ways to connect with your student during times of teen-angst, and how to keep seeking God's Will for you and your family. Any questions? Please contact Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns.



**Explore God Discussion Guides** If you are looking for Explore God discussion guides, they can be found in the plastic wall file outside of Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns' office. Please use these to continue to connect with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.



**Lunch & Learn** Bethel is a congregation that strives to be good stewards with the gifts and responsibilities with which God has blessed us. With that in mind, you are invited to a **Lunch & Learn March 3** at noon (right after the second service) hosted by *Thrivent Financial*. This will be a time to become more informed on the best ways to make intentional choices about giving of your time, talents, and treasures. Thrivent will also share ways to be wiser in money choices so you can live a life of contentment, confidence, and generosity while aligning those decisions with Christian-focused values. It is never too early to plan for retirement, and it is not too late to put together a will or trust for your loved ones. Please RSVP to Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns, 224-623-0800.



**Women's Basketball - High School and Older** On Monday nights starting **February 18** from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. we will have an open gym playing basketball and having a blast! It will be for high school aged ladies and older. Hope you can come shoot around! Questions? Contact Nichole Todd at [ntodd1200@gmail.com](mailto:ntodd1200@gmail.com) or 847-693-8927



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

**Sunday School** This week's lesson is about the baptism of Jesus from *Luke chapter 3*. The people were in great anticipation. There had been no prophet in Israel for four hundred years. Jesus had come to take on the sin of the world. By entering the waters set apart for sinners, Christ made Himself to stand as one of them. This alignment with sinners in His Baptism was the beginning of the road to the end. Here, He is baptized with the Holy Spirit in the Jordan. At the cross, He would undergo the destroying fire of God's wrath for sin. Now all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection are sealed to you in Baptism. You receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, Christ takes you through the fire with Him. All four Gospels describe the Baptism of Jesus. Luke is unique in putting it in the past tense. Why? His focus is not just on the person of John or on the act of Baptism. His focus is on the other two persons of the Holy Trinity, who attest to the messianic identity of Jesus. Who can doubt the doctrine of the Trinity when we have such a clear passage in which all three persons are present yet functioning in distinct ways? To each person who is baptized into Christ, God says, "You are My beloved child".

**VBS News SAVE THE DATE! June 21-22-23**



Thanks you to everyone who has stepped up to take a leadership role. We are in the planning stages for our weekend VBS. We are excited about this new format. Soon each leader will be searching for team members. We need adult volunteers for the following areas: Bible story, Bible challenge, games, teen activities, meals/snacks, crafts, and decorations. Keep checking the Buzz and the Sunday school/VBS bulletin board in the hall by the fellowship hall for how to sign up. Our next deadline for making this happen will be April 30. We need many capable adult volunteers to make this happen.

**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. Forms are on the Hub.



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**It's St. Baldrick's time again!!** Help raise funds to conquer children's cancer. Put a pledge on a head to get it shaved! Team Bethel will be represented at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI on Saturday, **March 2**. Funds from all St. Baldrick's events go to St. Baldrick's Foundation to help fund research to find a cure for children's cancer. A donation box will be available through Sunday, March 3 to drop donations or you can donate online - just ask us how. Please make checks out to St. Baldrick's Foundation. If you would like to be a part of the team or volunteer at the event, please contact us at [patjolly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patjolly@sbcglobal.net) or 847-219-4064. We thank you for your continued support. ~ Lance and Pat Rasmussen



**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.



**2019 Altar Flower Sign Up** There are many dates still available 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.



*Altar Flowers*

## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, February 11

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.—Explore God Group-Lincoln Barber Shop
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in Building
- 7:00 p.m.—Property Management
- 7:30 p.m.—Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's

### Tuesday, February 12

- 5:00 p.m.—10 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

### Wednesday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m.—Mom's Club in Basement
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation, FEET, Equipping Moms
- 6:15 p.m.—First Communion

### Thursday, February 14 Valentine's Day

- 5:00 p.m.—10 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use
- 6:30 p.m.—Preschool Board
- 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Gym in use
- 7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in Basement
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

### Friday, February 15 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 12:00 p.m.—Explore God at Starbucks

### Saturday, February 16 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use

### Sunday, February 17

- 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—103, 10:45 AM—96

Sunday School—86

### Serving Next Week

#### Sunday 8:00AM

- Elders:** JJ Jones
- Comm/Asst. Elder:** Mike Bandman
- Acolytes:** Kelsi Mulley, **Open**
- Lay Readers:** Karen Kozlik, Joanne Heidlauf
- Ushers:** Don Heidlauf, Al Diercks
- Greeters:** Brazda Family, Daluga Family
- Fellowship:** LWML
- Feb. Altar Guild:** Margie Tatgenhorst
- Feb. Counters:** Chris Mason

#### Sunday 10:45AM

- Jack Warneke
- Bob Souza
- Joseph Kaiser, Cameron Fleming
- Larry Peters, Linda Peters
- Lance Rasmussen, Scott Gutzke
- Bill Ratzburg Family, Rosenthal Family
- Dawn Werfelmann
- Diane Sanders

**Wednesday Night Greeter:** (2/13) Dan Novacek