

Preschool Rummage Sale Information Many of



you have been dropping your rummage in the storage area in the basement & it is now FULL. We will be taking donations again on **March 3** at 10:30 a.m. and would like help bringing those items up from the basement and setting up tables. On **Monday, March 4 - Friday, March 8** - we will be pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage. **Saturday, March 9** is Rummage Sale Day which starts at 8:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided for volunteers. Please sign up to volunteer online at: <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2019> or in the preschool hallway. The preschool greatly appreciates your donations & all you do to make this sale a success.

Leadership Summit Please join us for Bethel's Leadership Summit on Saturday, **March 16** from 9 a.m. —noon See this week's bulletin for more information. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/bethelgurneesummit>.

Attention all High Schoolers: Great news!

There is still time if you would like to go to the Youth Gathering in July. It would be helpful to know by today if you are still considering going. Registration fees go up after **March 1**. Please talk to Ann Souza, Karen Leicht, or Katrina Johns if you have questions or want more details.



A Safe Place Opportunity Domestic abuse is something that is heard on the news or whispered about in groups, yet so many think that they can never be affected by it. 36% of Christian women and 25% of Christian men will be victims of physical abuse, rape, or stalking in their lifetimes. Pastors and teachers are mandated reporters and are required by law to report certain abuse. Please join Pastor Squires and Katrina Johns, Equipping Coordinator, at a half-day conference, Wednesday **March 20** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. where we will learn Biblically-based best practices for addressing domestic abuse. Please RSVP to Katrina by March 1 at Katrina@bethelgurnee.org or call the church office.



Sunday School News Today's lesson is about how Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael from John 1. Philip recognizes Jesus from His Old Testament prebiography. As Philip tells Nathanael, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:45). Nathanael, while believing in the Messiah, did not expect Him to come from Nazareth. Jesus, while He may not fit Nathanael's preconceived ideas about where the Messiah should come from, shows that He is, indeed, the Messiah. He knows all. Seeing Nathanael, Jesus pronounces him "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" (John 1:47), the one Jesus knew was "under the fig tree" (v. 48) **without** actually seeing him there. This astounds Nathanael! He confesses the divinity and royalty of Jesus. But once again, Jesus bursts out of the limiting bonds we set for Him. He tells Nathanael that he will see greater things than Jesus' omniscience. He will see "heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (v. 51). The allusion here is to Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28:10-22), on which the angels went up and down, as seen in Jacob's dream at Bethel. What Nathanael will see is that, in Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. Those celestial messengers will escort us to heaven on the basis of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. On the stairsteps of His flesh, we shall ascend to the true Bethel ("house of God") above.



VBS News The VBS team will be meeting on **March 4** to solidify our needs and begin the core planning for this summer. We will soon be looking for volunteers to fill various roles. Keep an eye on the Buzz for volunteer opportunities.



LWML Quarterly 2019-2020

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 in the LWML mailbox in the workroom.



Reminder: No senior game day on Tuesday.

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Help a Child Many children in Lake County are in vulnerable situations and need support. Would you like to know how you can work with local organizations to help? Come to this informal discussion to learn where you can get involved. We know that Jesus walks with us through the darkest valleys; we shine the light of His love by keeping company with others in the same way. Come Monday, **March 11**, from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at the Village Church of Gurnee, 1319 N Hunt Club Road.
- Susan Squires (susan@livingjustly.us)

Pickleball News It looks like most afternoons are available for use of the Pickleball court. Also, Thursday evenings are available. Carla Thompson will be available Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening this week to instruct you or play if you already know the game. Please email her if you are interested in playing this week, carlajothompson@gmail.com. We will set up a regular schedule of times after the rummage sale.

FREE TABLES! It is time to reduce the number of tables here at Bethel. The tables are the 8 ft wood top folding banquet tables. The tables will be used for the **March 9** Rummage Sale and then available for pick up by you. Take one, take two or more. If interested, sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen. There are approximately 20 tables. Questions? call the church office.

Leadership by Definition Are you willing to accept the important position of President of our congregation? The President is charged with carrying out the operations of the Church and representing the Church in all official matters. The President leads the Council in development of budgets and conducting the Church's business, including developing appropriate policies to guide the actions of the Church and staff. Are you willing to serve in this capacity? For more information on this vital role to Bethel's congregation and its fulfillment of God's mission in our community, please contact Pastor Squires or Katrina Johns at 847-244-9647.

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



DEADLINE for March Big Buzz
Tuesday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m.

It's St. Baldrick's time again!!



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. 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**. 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, contact us at 847-219-4064. We thank you for your continued support.
~ Lance and Pat Rasmussen

Altar Flowers There are three of five Sundays available in March to sign up for altar flowers. If interested, please sign up on the flower chart outside of Pastor's office or call the church office.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 25

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.—Bethel Women's Basketball
- 7:30 p.m.—Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's

Tuesday, February 26

- 9:30 a.m.—NO Senior Game Day
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, February 27

- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation, Equipping Moms
- 7:30 p.m.—Council

Thursday, February 28

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

Friday, March 1 Pastor's Day Off

- 12:00 p.m.—Explore God at Starbucks

Saturday, March 2 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—Gym and Basement in use

Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m.—Rummage Sale Setup
- 10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

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—89, 10:45 AM—54

Sunday School—69

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00AM

Sunday 10:45AM

- Elders:** JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Al Diercks
Acolytes: Griffin Pavletic, Brooke Ratzburg
Lay Readers: Claudine Rayos Jose Rayos
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, Christie Kozlik
Greeters: Stutzman Family, Dawn Werfelmann
- Fellowship:** Preschool
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
Feb. Counters: Chris Mason

- Bob Souza
 Jack Warneke
 Michaela Rosenthal, Lily Freehling
 Dave Ziegler, Randy Gifford
 John Schultz, Scott Gutzke
 Richardt Family,
 Swanson Family
- Dawn Werfelmann
 Diane Sanders