

# The BIG Buzz

~February 2019~

**Monthly communication  
of events and reports  
from  
Bethel Lutheran Church**

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Information  
for the  
weekly *Buzz*  
is due in the  
office by  
9:00 a.m.  
Thursday.



## **Preparing to Explore God!**

[www.exploreGod.com/chicago](http://www.exploreGod.com/chicago)

*Explore God will continue into February, Bethel joins with churches across Chicagoland to focus on **7 Big Questions** for a sermon series and discussion groups in each of our congregations & in the community.*

### **The goal?**

*Help people in our communities have safe places to explore what it means to believe in God. The sermons will examine these questions through the Bible, but the discussion groups are designed to be safe places where people of all backgrounds can share their thoughts, hear from others, and ultimately consider these questions from the perspective of Jesus Christ.*

### **How can you get involved?**

*Pray. Pray that God will use this series across Chicagoland to lead many people to consider or reconsider faith in Jesus.*

*Attend Sunday worship in January-February and invite a friend or family member to join you for this series. You could say something like, "I know you haven't been interested in attending church in the past, but I wonder if you'd be my guest for this really intriguing series."*

*Participate in the discussion groups which will be held as part of Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, Middle School & High School Sunday School, and more.*

*Ask Pastor or Katrina about how to use this series to host your own discussion group with your friends, family, or neighbors. A group can be as small as 2 people or could be larger like 12 people. We'll help you know how to host the discussion.*

## **Voters' Meeting on Sunday**

There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday 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



## Preschool News....



When February arrives we know that the preschoolers will be getting ready for Valentine's Day! They will make special milk carton mailboxes to hold their Valentines. Every year the children enjoy exchanging valentines with their classmates and teachers! The preschoolers will also learn devotion songs focused on love for their monthly devotion with Pastor Squires. They will sing, We Love (because God first loved us), Love, Love, Love, and 1, 2, 3 Jesus Loves Me. It is a special time of year to talk our love for each other and our families. It is also a time to learn and talk about the love of God for all people, as evidenced by His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are excited to run our preschool annual food drive for COOL during the month of February. We have chosen to collect in February so we can share our hearts with those in need. We will apply small paper hearts and/or stickers to the items we collect with special messages of love. We will have collection boxes in the preschool hallway highlighting items the pantry is in need of.

**February 6** will be the picture taking day for the kids here at Bethel. E.D. Clark Photography has been taking school pictures of our preschool children for 32 years. The individual and class photos always look fantastic.

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year for children who will be at least two and one half-years-old by September 1st. Tell your friends and neighbors about Bethel Preschool and its ministry to young children. For more information on our programs, have them call Donna Stutzman in the preschool office at (847)244-9672 or email [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org).

### ***Dates to Remember:***

**Picture Day:** Wednesday, February 6

**Bookmobile:** Wednesday, February 13

**Valentine Parties:** Friday, February 15

**No School:** Monday, February 18 – Presidents' Day

**Devotion with Pastor Squires:** Wed., February 20

**Set up Rummage Sale:** Sunday, March 3

**Sort Rummage:**

Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 8

**Rummage Sale:** Saturday March 9



# BETHEL PRESCHOOL



The preschool has a great need for volunteers and we are asking for your help! The Rummage Sale is the preschool's major annual fundraiser.

### **There are many ways to pitch in:**

- **Sunday, March 3**—starting at noon after late service: set up tables
- **Monday, March 4- Friday March 8**—pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage
- **Saturday, March 9 - Rummage Sale Day!**  
Lots of ways to help! We'll need cashiers, baggers, people to carry items, people to fold and organize, people to direct shoppers, and a clean - up crew at the end of the day.

There is a delicious, free lunch provided for all workers on Saturday. Please consider signing up to help. Our volunteers are critical and make a huge impact to the success of the sale!

### **Sign up online at:**

<http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2019>

or on the sign-up sheets on display in the preschool hallway.

### **Drop-off Rummage**

Begins Sunday **March 3** at noon after late service until Thursday Evening **March 7** from:  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. each evening.

(NOT available from 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day and the door to the gym will be locked.)

We ask that all items are dropped off by Thursday to allow for sorting and pricing.

### **Accepted Items**

Clothes, baby items, toys, games, knick knacks, linens, kitchen items, books, shoes, etc.  
(No computers or TV's please.)

If you have a larger item you wish to donate, such as furniture, we ask that you please contact the Preschool Office at (847) 244 - 9672 or [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org), to make sure we can accept the item.



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 Sunday **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.

## Thrivent Choice

*An easy way to help support what matters most to you!*

Thrivent Members—You have until **March 31, 2019** to direct your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars. There are many Choice Dollars which have not been directed by Bethel Members for 2018. Please consider directing to Bethel.

Do all Thrivent Members get Choice Dollars? No, Choice dollars are based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Another way to look at it is based on the types of products you own. If you only have investments with Thrivent and no Insurance products, you won't be eligible for Choice Dollars.

Check with Katrina ([Katrina@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:Katrina@bethelgurnee.org)) if you have questions.



## 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.



**2019-2020**

## Lutheran Women's Quarterly

If you would like to receive the Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY please sign up on the clipboard at the Hub. This magazine is printed 4 times a year (quarterly), each issue includes articles about LWML women and projects around the world, 3 Bible studies, new items in the LWML store, and listings of how the mite box monies are being used. The cost is \$5 and should be given to Kathy Schwartz or put in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. The deadline to send in our order is **March 1**. The mite boxes are also available on the Hub. In them we collect change (and bills!) to fund mission projects in our district and around the world.

## ***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

## ***Fundraisers for A Safe Place***



**Friday, May 10**

**Lincolnshire**

**Marriott Resort**

Fashion, wine, and shoes come together for an interactive, fun evening that will tickle your taste buds and satisfy your shopping urges!

For information about tickets, sponsorships, and event details, please visit our Wine Women & Shoes website at: <http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/asafeplace/>

## ***Annual EmpoweRun 5K***



**Saturday, May 4,**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

**Independence Grove Forest  
Preserve, Libertyville**

Create a team or join as an individual to fundraise with as you run to promote awareness of the impact and consequences of domestic violence. You are also running to raise money to continue providing a full range of services to adult survivors of domestic violence and their children. Consider forming a team and honoring an important woman in your life by naming your team after her. For more information go to: <https://asafeplaceforhelp.org/get-involved/empowerun-5k/>

## ***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.

# Bethel Calendar

# February, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00 am - Communion in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in Sanctuary Noon - Voter's Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Explore God Group @ Lincoln Barber Shop 6:30 pm - BOCE 7:30 pm - Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:30 pm - Uline Basketball</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm - 1st Communion Class 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - FEET 6:15 pm - Equipping Parents</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 7:00 pm - Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Noon - Explore God Group @ Starbucks 5:00 pm - Gym and Kitchen in Use by CYT</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00 am - Worship in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in Sanctuary 12:00 pm - What It Means to Be a Storyteller/Neighbor</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Explore God Group @ Lincoln Barber Shop 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts in Building 7:00 pm - Property Management 7:30 pm - Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's Board</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5:00 to 10 pm - Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in Use 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball 6:30 pm - Preschool Board</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 am - Mom's Club in Basement 6:15 pm - 1st Communion Class 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - FEET 7:30 pm - Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>14 Valentine's Day</b></p> <p>4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 5:00 to 10 pm - Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in Use 7:00 pm - Gym in use 7:00 pm - Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Noon - Explore God Group @ Starbucks</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use 9:00 am to 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in use</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:00 am - Communion in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Explore God Group @ Lincoln Barber Shop 6:30 pm - Sideons in Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm - Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's Board</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11:00 am - Gumee Meadows Worship 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 am - Women's Bible Study in Lounge 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - Equipping Parents</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 7:00 pm - Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Noon - Explore God Group @ Starbucks</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use 9:00 am to 2:00 PM - Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in use</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:00 am - Worship in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in Sanctuary 12:00 pm - What It Means to Be a Leader</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Explore God Group @ Lincoln Barber Shop 7:00 pm - Indian Guides in Building 7:30 pm - Guys Explore God Group @ Jalisco's Board</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 am - NO Senior Game Day 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - Equipping Parents 7:30 pm - Council</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm - COOL Board 7:00 pm - Radio Players in the Basement 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir</p>		

# February, 2019 Service Roster

	Sunday February 3	Sunday February 10	Sunday February 17	Sunday February 24
<b>ELDER</b>	JJ Jones	JJ Jones	JJ Jones	JJ Jones
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman
<b>ELDER</b>	David Ziegler	David Ziegler	Jack Warneke	Bob Souza
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Jack Warneke	Jack Warneke	Bob Souza	Randy Gifford
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Jude Squires	Ashley Plapp	Keisi Mulley	Holly Faltsch
	Jeremy Leicht	Jacob Plapp	<b>Open</b>	Ellie Kreamer
	Amanda Adams	Annika Chudy	Joseph Kaiser	Kate Kruse
	Ruth Ziegler	Jake Chudy	Cameron Fleming	Jake Kruse
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Tony Young	Mike Bandman	Karen Kozlik	Tim Faltsch
	Owen Squires	Sue Bandman	Joanne Heidlauf	Lynn Faltsch
	Victor Sundararaj	Bill Schwartz	Larry Peters	Kelley Dörner
	Randy Gifford	Monite Stoltzman	Linda Peters	Suzanne Fowler
<b>USHER 1 - 8 am</b>	Christie Kozlik	Bob Souza	Don Heidlauf	Don Heidlauf
<b>USHER 2 - 8 am</b>	John Kozlik	Jay Souza	Al Diercks	Al Diercks
<b>USHER 1 - 10:45 am</b>	John Schultz	Lance Rasmussen	Lance Rasmussen	Scott Mundrick
<b>USHER 2 - 10:45 am</b>	Scott Gutzke	John Schultz	Scott Gutzke	Jay Souza
<b>GREETERS</b>	Walker Family	Best Family	Brazda Family	Al Diercks
First name listed for service	Chad & Becky Anderson Family	Diane Boehm	Daluga Family	Sue Frendreis
greeters at the front door, last	Mundrick Family	Peplow Family	B. Ratzburg Family	Peters Family
name listed greets back door	Nuechterlein Family	Pipia Family	Rosenthal Family	Traynor Family
<b>WEDNESDAY GREETER</b>	Kari Mulley	Dan Novacek	<b>Open</b>	Ellen Dalrymple
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Freehling Family	Rasmussen Family	LWML	Kozlik Families
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Margie Tatgenhorst and Dawn Werfelmann			
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Chris Mason and Diane Sanders			

Regular type denotes early service servers. *Italic type denotes late service servers. Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.*



# ~February~

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## Celebrations & Membership Updates

### *Birthdays*

1 Joseph Kaiser  
2 Jeff Ams  
Lydie Weinberg  
3 Lukas Redman  
Madeline Adams  
5 John Leicht  
6 Scott Mundrick  
Jenny Witter  
8 Cassandra Kiser  
Katie Thompson  
9 Sara Jakolat  
12 Justin Kaufmann  
13 Kelsi Mulley  
14 Karen Kailer  
Sara Pipia  
Dennis Robb

14 Kay Starkweather  
15 Michael Lahera  
Richard Pavletic  
16 Ellie Kreamer

16 Zachery Ratzburg  
17 Jill Siragusa  
18 Erik Hoornstra  
Jay Souza  
19 Gail Tatgenhorst  
21 Madison Best  
Elizabeth Blasko  
Kateryna Kozlik  
24 Donald Heidlauf  
Jacob Plapp  
25 Tom Schultz  
26 Kyle Livingston  
Ella Silasiri  
27 Pastor Ben Squires  
28 David Adams  
29 Shelly Plapp



### *Wedding Anniversaries*



Edward & Theresa Fugelseth	February 6, 1960
Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst	February 13, 1971
Dick & Kelley Dorner	February 14, 1987
Matt & Kiwol Messmer	February 22, 1992



### *Membership Updates*

#### *Address Changes:*

**Heidi Keller**  
1700 Wedgewood Dr. Unit 315,  
Gurnee, IL 60031

**Karen & Paul Krueger**  
350 S. 900W  
Angola, IN 46703

\*\*\*Please contact the church office by phone, email or Sunday's attendance cards if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. Also, if you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office so that we can correct our records. Thank you!

## Church office hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

### **Pastor & Katrina's**

weekly hours  
are posted outside  
their office door.

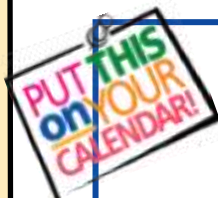
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*Worship  
Schedule*

***Sundays at 8:00 a.m.  
and 10:45 a.m.***

***Holy Communion:  
1st, 3rd, & 5th  
Sundays***



## **Lenten Soup Suppers March 6—April 10**

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for soup and salad before church. Soup suppers begin at 5:15 p.m. with serving going until about 6:15 p.m. Different groups host each week, look in the Buzz for more information.

## **Bethel Church Picnic Sunday, August 18**

## ***C.O.O.L. Food of the Month***

### **Breakfast Items**

**Place non-perishable items in  
the box in the sanctuary hallway.**

To: