

**COOL Annual Plant Sale** Orders with payment are due April 1. Now is the time to order your plants from the 20th Annual COOL Plant Sale. This is one of COOL's biggest fundraisers to help support the Food Pantry and Transitional Housing. The pickup dates are Saturday, **May 11** from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (the day before Mother's Day, so think gifts!!) or Monday, **May 13** from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. here at Bethel. Order forms are available in the back of church along with pictures of the flowers from last years sale and a binder with information about the plants. Contact Lisa Schwarz ([lisa@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:lisa@bethelgurnee.org)) with any questions.



**Wednesday Lenten Schedule**

**Lenten Soup Supper from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.** Hosted by Church Council this week. Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for soup and salad before church.

**Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.**

Services held in the Sanctuary.

**Easter Lily Plant(s)** Order your Easter lily plant(s) to beautify our worship space on Easter. Sign-up sheets are available on the Hub, deadline to order is Sunday, **April 7.**



**Thrivent Members** You have until Sunday, **March 31**

to designate Bethel Lutheran Church as the beneficiary of your Thrivent Choice Dollars. This must be done on a yearly basis. Please log-in to your account and make your selection before **March 31.** Questions? Please see Katrina Johns.



**Missionaries Coming to Bethel** Bethel's friends, Chris & Heather, serve in the mission field, and are coming home this summer on furlough. The approximate dates they will be here are **June 26—August 24.**

**How can you help?** Chris, Heather and their 2 boys need a place to stay. Ideally if someone had a home they could use for the length of their stay. Also, they need a car. Finally there will be opportunities to hear about their ministry. More details to come.

**Gift Card Fundraiser** Bethel will no longer be participating in the gift card fundraiser. Thanks to all who have supported this program in the past.

**Sunday School News** This week's lesson is about how Jesus teaches Nicodemus from *John chapter 3.* In last week's lesson we learned about how Jesus cleansed the temple. In this lesson, Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night under cover of darkness, indicating the secretive nature of his visit as well as his spiritual blindness. Nicodemus' rejection of Jesus' testimony demonstrates that human reason born of the flesh cannot understand or accept Baptism as a heavenly, divine, holy spiritual washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, God the Holy Spirit lifts up Jesus on the cross for us to see and to believe God's promise of eternal life through faith in Him. Baptism is pure Gospel, by which God saves the world rather than condemning it.



**St. Baldrick's THANK YOU!!!**

Team Bethel thanks you for your continued support and contributions. With your help, Team Bethel raised greater than \$5,000 to help fund children's cancer research.



This year's team members are: Lance Rasmussen, Josh Rasmussen, Domenick Rasmussen, Dan Fontana, Nick Kazarian, Gabriel Kazarian, Mara Kazarian and Don Wuethrick. Volunteering under Team Bethel were Pat Rasmussen and Ashley Camara. We are blessed to have such great support from Bethel. From our heart to yours, thank you!!! ~ Lance and Pat Rasmussen

**Lunch and 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 on April 7** 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 Katrina Johns.



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**Leadership by Definition Treasurer** - The church treasurer holds a vital role to the functioning of a church. The position's purpose is to disburse all funds received in the church treasury in a responsible and organized manner with fund identified and bills paid when due, so that the mission and ministry of the congregation are supported and strengthened. **The church treasurer's responsibilities include:** Disburse all fund contributed to the local church budget, per properly approved budget or expense reports. Keep accurate records of how funds are spent and status of budget variances. Prepare accurate monthly financial reports indicating the financial well-being of the congregation. Participate as a voting member in and report regularly to the Church Council. Make recommendation for the investment of excess funds. The role of treasurer is an elected position for a term of 2 years. 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 .

**Do you have kids in the Woodland School District?**

Join us for prayer for our kids, their teachers and friends for one hour each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. during the school year. Prayer is led by Mary Lynn Jacques, a member of Trinity Community Church in Libertyville. Moms in Prayer is an international group. Their mission is to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Their vision is that every school in the world would be covered with prayer. Contact Mary Lynn Jacques if interested or if you have questions at [mljacq05@gmail.com](mailto:mljacq05@gmail.com) or check out [momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org) to learn more.

**Pickleball News** If you are interested in playing Pickleball at Bethel, please sign up on the sheet posted on the hub. The equipment is in the storage room on the west side of the gym. Contact Carla Thompson ([carlajothompson@gmail.com](mailto:carlajothompson@gmail.com)) if you would like to learn or need a partner to play. Right now, the gym is available every afternoon and Thursday and Friday evenings.



**FELLOWSHIP HOST(s)** Fellowship is open for April 7. Please sign up to host outside the kitchen door.

*Please join us this Tuesday for worship,  
Gurnee Meadows 11:00 AM*

## This Week's Calendar

**Monday, March 18**

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.—Women's Basketball

**Tuesday, March 19**

11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship  
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Church Office Closed in the Morning**

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in the Lounge  
5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Church Council  
6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship attended by Confirmation students & families

**Thursday, March 21**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

**Friday, March 22** Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

5:00—7 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in Use

**Saturday, March 23** Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

8:00a.m.—3 p.m. Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in Use

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym  
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m.—What it Means to Be.....Class

### Serving Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

**Elder:** Mike Bandman  
**Asst Elder:** OPEN  
**Acolytes:** Jake and Kate Kruse  
**Ushers:** Don Heidlauf, OPEN  
**Lay Readers:** Pat Rasmussen, Joanne Heidlauf  
**Greeters:** Freehling Family

### 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—92, 10:45 AM—97

Sunday School—85

### Serving Next Week

**Elders:**  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:**  
**Acolytes:**  
**Lay Readers:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:**

**Fellowship:**  
**March Altar Guild:**  
**March Counters:**

JJ Jones  
Al Diercks  
Holly Faitsch, Kelsi Mulley  
Karla Stewart, Madeline Adams  
Dave Hoffmeister, OPEN  
Lahera Family,  
Deb Pelletiere  
Sheila and Stephanie Bunnell  
Kathy Schwartz  
Mary Kay Ams

#### Sunday 8:00AM

#### Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza  
Dave Ziegler  
Cameron Fleming, Joseph Kaiser  
Ann Souza, Bob Souza  
John Schultz, Jay Souza  
Jack Warneke,  
Cook & Marilyn Westendorf  
Sheila Bunnell  
Joan Blasko