

Spring Clean Up Join the Bethel Property Board on Saturday, **April 6** as we wake up the building and grounds from the winter months and prepare for spring. There will be a variety of chores both inside and out. Lists will be posted so you can see what you might want to do. Regardless of weather, we'll start at 8:30 a.m. with prayer, coffee and donuts and then get to it. If weather prevents us from working outside, those chores will be done on Saturday, April 27. Many hands make light the work!



Knowing God: the next steps Now that you have gone through the 7 big questions, you may have questions of your own. On Sunday, **March 31** at 9:30 a.m. in Katrina's office we will be discussing God & Scripture.

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. **You can drop in the offering plate, the church office or slide under the office door.** Contact Lisa Schwarz (lisa@Bethelgurnee.org) with any questions.



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 and in this weeks bulletin, deadline to order is Sunday, **April 7**.

CPR and First Aid Training Would you like to be certified in CPR and First Aid? See Katrina Johns for more details!

New Portals of Prayer are on the Hub.

Senior Game Day LET THE GAMES BEGIN! - On Tuesday, **March 26**, we are having another Intergenerational Game Day. Everyone is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. for food and games. Bring your own game or play one provided. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Coffee and juice will be provided plus donut holes. Contact Karen Leicht at johnleicht@comcast.net to RSVP or just come.



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.

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 by **April 1**.



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) 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.



Dear Bethel Members,
 My girl scout troop is working on our silver award. We have decided to collect toiletries for the homeless PADS clients who shower at Bethel. We would love any donations. We are collecting **SAMPLE** size: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, lotion, Chapstick as well as socks, card games, or crossword puzzles. We plan on making up bags that the clients can take with them. If you have any of these that you would like to donate, they would be appreciated. Our first donation **deadline is May 15**, but we will continue to accept donations throughout the coming year so we can continue making up bags. Any items can be dropped off in the box located near the COOL Food Pantry box. Thank you for your support.
 ~ Ellie Kreamer



**Girl Scout
 Silver Award**

This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 25

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m.—Women's Basketball
 7:00 p.m.—Indian Guides in Building

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 a.m.—Senior Game Day
 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball
 7:00 p.m.—Care in Community

Wednesday, March 27

5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Choir
 6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship attended by Confirmation students & families

Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m.—COOL Board Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, March 29 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, March 30 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, March 31

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

Sunday School News



This week's lesson is about Jesus and the Samaritan Woman from *John chapter 4*. Weary from his journey from Judea to Galilee, Jesus sits beside Jacob's well outside Sychar. A Samaritan woman comes to draw water from the well at the hottest part of the day. Jesus asks her for a drink and, in turn, gives her living water. Her spiritual thirst exceeds Jesus' physical thirst. Jesus contrasts living water He gives with the stagnant water in the well. "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again."

DEADLINE for April Big Buzz
Monday, April 1 before 9:00 a.m.

Serving Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Elder: Dave Ziegler
Asst Elder: OPEN
Acolytes: Brooke Ratzburg
Ushers: OPEN, OPEN
Lay Readers: Nathan Faitsch, Tim Faitsch
Greeters: Randy & Linda Gifford

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— 109, 10:45 AM—78
 Sunday School—80

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Jude Squires, Dylan Love
Lay Readers: Margie & Ted Tatgenhorst
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, **OPEN**
Greeters: Leicht Family, Little Family
Fellowship: Rayos & Sanders
March Altar Guild: Kathy Schwartz
March Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 10:45AM

Dave Ziegler
 Randy Gifford
OPEN, OPEN
 Monte Stoltzman, Jack Warneke
 John Schultz, Scott Gutzke
 Don & Debbie Wuethrick, Chudy Family
 Sheila Bunnell
 Joan Blasko