

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!



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!

Thrivent Members TODAY is your last day 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 **TODAY.** Questions? Please see Katrina .

New Portals of Prayer are on the Hub.

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 **Tomorrow.**



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.



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

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

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

Leadership by Definition

Elder - The elders oversee and lead decision making about all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation through worship, Sacraments, discipleship/education, disciple care, and outreach. They are responsible for the oversight of all called workers, ensuring the congregation remains true to the Lutheran Confessions, and have one seat on the Church Council to provide input regarding the ministry aspects of the congregation. Bethel has divided up Elder responsibilities among three teams: **Worship, Disciple Care, and Spiritual Oversight**. Here are brief descriptions of some of their duties:

The **Worship Team** takes care of all things related to a worship service, from setting up the sanctuary or gym to upholding the Altar Guild in their responsibilities to recruiting, training, and coordinating those who participate in serving in worship.

The **Disciple Care Team** support the staff of Bethel as well as the members. They often coordinate care for members in many ways as well as regularly praying for all those who call Bethel their church home.

The **Spiritual Oversight Team** provide oversight of the doctrine taught in all aspects of Bethel's discipleship. They assist the pastor and called staff in their development of goals and carrying out their offices, as well as serving in a Human Resources capacity.

Serving as an elder is not something to be taken lightly. The elders will recruit and train members from the congregation to serve alongside of them. However, final decision making and responsibility lies with the Board of Elders.

If you are interested in learning more or serving Bethel in this capacity, please contact Pastor Ben Squires or Katrina Johns at 847-244-9647.

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**. They will be visiting Bethel on Sunday, **August 11**. A Bethel member has graciously agreed to make their car available for our missionaries. If someone has a home that they can use for the length of their stay, please let the office know.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 1

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m.—BOCE

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 a.m.—Lower Level in Use
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 a.m.—Lower Level in Use
9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Confirmation and First Communion Families
6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship attended by Confirmation students & families
7:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

Thursday, April 4

7:00 a.m.—Lower Level in Use
4:30 p.m.—Lounge in Use
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, April 5 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, April 6 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

8:30 a.m.—Lounge in Use
8:30 a.m.—Spring Clean Up
9:00 a.m.—Property Management Board

Sunday, April 7

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
12:00 p.m.—Thrivent Lunch and Learn

Serving Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Elder: Bob Souza
Asst Elder: OPEN
Acolyte: Jacob Plapp
Ushers: Scott Mundrick, OPEN
Lay Readers: Diane Boehm, Dave Hoffmeister
Greeters: Failsch Family

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—77, 10:45 AM—83

Sunday School—74

Serving Next Week

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: OPEN
Acolytes: Holly Failsch, Emma Megerle
Lay Readers: Tony Young, Karen Kozlik
Ushers: Al Diercks, Don Heidlauf
Greeters: Kenny and Sue Hessel, Chuck Kozlik Family

Fellowship:

April Altar Guild:

March Counters:

Sunday 8:00AM
Shari Hoppe
Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Ruth Ziegler, Michaela Rosenthal
Deb Pelletiere, Shari Hoppe
John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen
Stephanie Bunnell,
Marie Hupp

Becky Anderson
Bill & Kathy Schwartz