

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING—TODAY

Please join us after the 10:45 a.m. church service.

Open Gym—TODAY from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are extending a special invitation to all **4th and 5th grade students** as well as all middle school and high school students.

VBS is Calling You! The BOCE is starting the planning process for VBS 2020. After reaching out to the congregation and families who have participated in VBS in the past, we have decided to begin planning for a 4 day (M-Th mornings) VBS to be held in mid to late June. In order to make this format possible, we need your



help. There are many fun ways for you to assist us in making VBS a wonderful and Christ-centered experience. At this time, we are asking you to consider serving in one of several leadership positions. The adult positions we need to fill are: committee communication facilitator, registration leader, volunteer recruiter leader, craft leader, snack leader, game leader, Bible Challenge leader, Bible story leader, preschool leader, decoration leader, grade/class leaders (4 people/day), middle school leader, support during VBS week, tech support. All of these positions offer unique and important opportunities for us to reach out to the youth and support them in having a memorable experience. These positions could be filled with an individual or a group of 2 or 3, but we do need you to commit to planning for and attending all 4 days of VBS. We have heard from many of you about how important VBS is to both our congregation and as an outreach into the community. We need your support, ideas, and time in order to make VBS a reality. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for one of these positions, you can contact:

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Ann Souza singng4him@sbcglobal.net,
Emily Schaefer gemteach@aol.com,
Jose Rayos rayos.jose.j@gmail.com. Thank you!

DEADLINE for February Big Buzz
Monday, January 27 before 9:00 a.m.

Office Assistant Position Bethel is looking for a new



person to join our church staff. The Office Assistant will be a 30 hour per week position that supports the staff and congregation. Interested applicants should send an email and resume to Pastor Squires by TOMORROW. We hope to fill the position before the end of January. If you know of someone who may be interested, please pass this information along to them. We are looking for someone who is part of a Christian congregation, but does not necessarily need to be a member of Bethel.

Portillo's Sabbatical Fundraiser

Great news! You don't have to decide what's for dinner on Monday, **January 20**, just go to Portillo's. This is our second fundraiser for Pastor's sabbatical. You can dine in, go through the drive through, or carry out your dinner from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., and Bethel will receive 20% of all proceeds to add to the sabbatical fund. Pick up a flyer from the hub and invite your friends to join you.



Meet the Staff!

Name and Job Title:

Becky Anderson, Preschool Teacher. I teach the 2 day class (3 year olds) and Monday Drop off Class.

How long have you been with Bethel?

A member since 2005. Teacher since 2013.

Family: I have been married to Chad since 2003, we met in College. We have two daughters, Mae (13) and Leah (11). Both Mae and Leah attended Bethel Preschool.

What is the best thing about Bethel? I still remember the first time visiting and being so welcomed. It was such a good feeling. I also love that my girls have made lasting friendships with their Bethel Preschool Friends.

Favorite color? Blue

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Favorite snack? Doritos

Favorite store? Target is always a fun place to go.

Calling all 4th and 5th graders!! Diane Sanders and Kylie Brazda would love if you joined them for FEET!! The class will be learning about Parables, doing some journaling, and playing some games in the gym! We meet on Wednesdays thru **Feb. 12** from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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Lisa Schwarz - Office Manager / lisa@bethelgurnee.org

Sunday School Lesson This week the children will learn about the first of Jesus' miracles at a wedding at Cana, teaching the Bible truth that our God Jesus does miracles. While a guest at a wedding in Cana, Jesus' mother asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. It is the first sign that Jesus did to point to who He is as the Son of God. Those who witness this miracle marvel at what He has done. The week's Bible verse is "Jesus...manifested His glory." (*John 2:11*)



The Lutheran Witness Deadline is Sunday, February 16.



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Equipping Moms If you are a mom of a 'tween or 'teen-aged student, join us every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. while FEET and Confirmation are in-session. Use this time to seek solace with other moms, learn ways to connect with your student during times of teen-angst, and how to keep seeking God's Will for you and your family. Any questions? Please contact Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns.

2019 Giving Statements & 2020 Giving Envelopes

Please pick up you 2019 giving statements and 2020 giving envelopes in the back of church. Recycle your unused 2019 envelopes and then start using the new 2020 box. Your new envelopes may have a new number, so please put your name and donation amount on the outside of the envelope to help our counters. During the week, the giving statements will be available in the church office.

2020 Altar Flower Sign Up The new flower sign up sheets are up for 2020, the latest you can sign up for a date is one week before. The vases of fresh flowers placed on the altar every week are made possible by Bethel Members who sign up on the flower chart calendar (located on the wall to the right of Pastor's office). We ask a minimum donation of \$25 for each floral arrangement.

If you would like to send a farewell card to Lisa Schwarz, her address is: 2201 Cardinal Court, Gurnee, IL 60031

*Please join us this Tuesday for
Worship at Gurnee Meadows 11 AM*

This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 20

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 5:00 p.m.—Portillo's Fundraiser
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball
- 6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 21

- 11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:30 a.m.—Fellowship Hall in Use
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m.—FEET—Session 2
- 6:15 p.m.—Equipping Moms

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00 a.m.—Pickleball
- 3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use
- 6:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 7:00 p.m.—COOL Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, January 24 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Saturday, January 25 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

Office Hours this Week

Please call ahead if you need to get into the building, our office hours may vary.

- Monday 9AM—3PM (Lisa & Cindy)*
- Tuesday 11AM—3PM (Lisa)*
- Wednesday 9AM—Noon (Cindy)*
- Thursday 11AM—3PM (Lisa)*
- Friday 9AM—Noon (Cindy)*

Wednesday Night Greeter: (1/22) Aaron Ratzburg

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Communion - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours Mon. 9AM-3PM,

Tues. & Thurs. 11AM-3PM

Wed. & Fri. 9AM-12PM

Call ahead because times may change.

Last Week's Attendance

8:00 am—68; 10:45 am—66

Sunday School—57

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Jan. Altar Guild:

Jan. Counters:

JJ Jones

Mike Bandman

Ashley Plapp, Jacob Plapp

Al Diercks, Karen Kozlik

Lance Rasmussen, John Kozlik

Plapp Family,

Aaron Ratzburg Family

Sanders/Kreamer

Diane Sanders

Mary Kay Ames

Sunday 8:00 AM

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Kate Kruse, Amanda Adams

Diane Mundrick, Deb Pellettiere

Scott Gutzke, **OPEN**

Traynor Family,

Marilyn & Cook Westendorf

Sheila Bunnell

Joan Blasko