

THE BETHEL BEACON



5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
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"Our mission is to help people be disciples; lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ."

Have you tried yoga? Please join us if you can for beginning yoga on Mondays from 11:00 to 11:45am in the Fellowship hall. Carla Thompson will lead, talk you through it and even modify poses that may be too difficult. Bring your mat or a beach or large bath towel. (We have a few mats and blocks and straps to borrow.) We promise it will be relaxing and fun. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.



Our Ash Wednesday soup and salad supper... will be on February 18th at 5PM and the food donation signup board is now available. Thank You to the church boards, groups, and families for hosting future Sunday morning Fellowship Hours. There are still opportunities to host a Fellowship Hour. A common question is "Who makes the coffee?". Don't worry, the kitchen angels have you covered. Thank you to the groups and families who have already signed up to host...Gutzke Family 2/1, Ross/Blair Families 2/8, Bunnell Family 2/15 and Livingston Family on 3/15!



Memory Verse Challenge-The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod....It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week. Scan the QR code for this weeks verse.



Have you ever played pickleball? Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00pm, in the Bethel gym, several Bethel members and their friends get together for some friendly pickleball fun! We now have 2 courts and rotate teams in so that everyone gets plenty of exercise! If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.

Monthly Budget & Offerings Updates...Per our 2026 Goals communicated at the 12/7/25 Voters' Meeting & in the recent Governing Board Communication, we have started a Budget Committee. It will consist of the President, Treasurer, an Elder & one additional Governing Board member. They will review our current budget efficiency, as well as, plan for the next 2-3 years. Beginning in February, you will see an update in the Beacon with the monthly offerings & budget spending/adherence showing the January numbers. These figures come from the Financial Secretary & Treasurer reports shared at the Governing Board meetings, which typically occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We will publish in the Beacon the Sunday after those meetings.

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Bethel Website

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DEADLINE for putting an article in
the Beacon is 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.



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Bethel Calendar

February Service Roster

	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 9:00 am	Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm
	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 18
ELDER 1	Nick Kazarian	Nick Kazarian		
ELDER 2	Scott Gutzke	Scott Gutzke		Scott Gutzke
ACOLYTE	Aubriana Rayos	Finn Traynor	Kateryna Kozlik	Lucy White
USHER 1	John Schultz	John Schultz	John Schultz	
USHER 2				
FELLOWSHIP	Gutzke family	Kathy Blair, Dave and Cheryl Ross	Bunnell family	
ALTAR GUILD	Dawn Werfelmann & Margie Tatgenhorst			
COUNTERS	Margie Tatgenhorst & Michelle Chudy			
Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at Cindy@bethelgurnee.org			Updated 2/5/26	



Usher/Elder Sign-up List

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
 Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday
 Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm
 Call ahead because times may change.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.



Electronic one time or reoccurring donations can now be made using VANCO. Just scan the QR code.



Preschool Rummage Sale will be April 18th and donation drop-off starts April 12th.