THE BETHEL BEACON

5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
MARCH 22 , 2026

"Our mission is to help people be disciples; lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ."

Tropical Trek VBS.....We are in need of a Bible Story leader for this summer's VBS! If you are willing to help out with Bible Story or would like to help out in other ways please contact, Andrea Wait by call or text at 262-455-0456 or email at andrearwait@yahoo.com. Also, feel free to reach out to Cindy or Ben in the church office. If any youth volunteers what to help let us know too! We will be letting you know what other supplies and snacks will be needed at a later date this summer.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date....Vacation Bible School will be July 20-23rd.

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....Bereczky/Frendreis Families on 3/22 and the Ranieri Family on 5/10!

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 consists of the President, Treasurer, an Elder & one additional Governing Board member. Please see the current standings of the Bethel budget. This chart shows comparison between what was budgeted for the month vs actually spent. The last column indicates if that spending was under or over budget. Negative numbers show that we are favorable, or under budgeted spending. We also had third party donations from people using our building in the amount of $1,330.

2026 - Year To Date Budget Update

	Jan Budgeted	Jan Actual	Favorability (+/-)
Total Revenue	$48,832	$35,945	-$12,887
Expenditures	$38,964	$38,964	$0
Net Revenues	$9,868	-$3,019	-$12,887

COOL Plant Sale order forms are on the hub.
The order deadline is Monday, March 30.

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Bethel Website

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Cindy Daluga - Disciple Care Coordinator / cindy@bethelgurnee.org
Ben Sanders - Mission Facilitator / office@bethelgurnee.org

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

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March Service Roster

	Sunday 9:00 am	Wednesday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Wednesday 6:30 pm	Palm Sunday 9:00 am
	March 15	March 18	March 22	March 25	March 29
ELDER 1					
ELDER 2					
ACOLYTE	Elli Novacek	Sabrina Herstowski	Peyton Schaefer	Nosim Kisiongo	Sasha Kozlik
USHER 1	John Schultz		John Schultz		John Schultz
USHER 2					
FELLOWSHIP	Livingston family		Michelle Bereczky & Sue Frendreis		Kathy Blair Dave & Cheryl Ross
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Sanders				
COUNTERS	Chris Mason & Diane Sanders				
Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at Cindy@bethelgurnee.org					Updated 3/19/26

Usher/Elder Sign-up List

This Weeks Worship Schedule

Worship Service Wednesday 6:30pm
Worship Service Sunday 9:00am
Fellowship Sunday 10:00 -10:30am
Sunday School 10:30 -11:30am
Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday
Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm

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.