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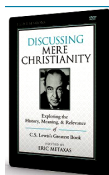
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**Please join us
this Tuesday
for worship at
Heritage
Woods
at 10:00 a.m.
and/or
Gurnee
Meadows
at 11:00 a.m.**

Midweek Lenten Series

Every Wednesday through **Mar. 16** at 6:30 p.m. there will be Lenten Services in the sanctuary that will be based on C.S. Lewis' classic book, *Mere Christianity*, his defense of faith.



7:25 Join Pastor Squires for further discussion of *Mere Christianity* each week after worship from 7:25 - 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Copies of this book are available for purchase from the church office for \$10.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us on Wednesdays starting at 5:15 p.m. during lent for soup and salad before church. Different groups will be hosting and a free will donation will be accepted. Donations will help support the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. The next few hosts are: Feb. 17—Church Council, Feb. 24—Board of Christian Ed & Sunday School Teachers.



Easter Lily Plant(s)

Order you Easter lily plant(s) now. The lilies are used to beautify our worship space on Easter day and then you can take your lilies after the 10:45 a.m. service or pick up later in the week. The plants are \$11 each, order forms are on the Hub. Deadline is Sunday, **March 6**.



Are you a Sunday Driver?

Drivers are needed to occasionally give rides to church for members or friends who can't drive. Please let the church office or Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net) know if you are willing to be a Sunday Driver.



Co-ed Basketball at Bethel

If you are High School age or older, come join us every Monday night from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. now through April. Questions contact Bob Paulson at 630-835-4306.



Volleyball for the Spring will be cancelled. It will start back up in the Fall, watch for announcements in the Buzz.



Softball Team

Softball season is right around the corner, but we need to decide if Bethel will have a team this year. Between travel and kid's sports, Bethel had a tough time fielding a team and being competitive last year. Please contact Bob Paulson at 630-835-4306 if you are interested in playing.



Rummage Sale

The annual Preschool Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, **March 5** from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please save your salable items - books, clothes, linens, kitchen items, toys, baby items, knick-knacks, etc. (No computers or TV's). Help is needed to set-up the gym on Sunday, **February 28**, following late service. Rummage donations begin at this time as well. We also need volunteers throughout the week and the day of the sale, as well as strong helpers for tear-down. Even an hour or two helps us tremendously! To sign-up visit <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2016>.



Save the Date:

Assess Summit 2 will be held on Sunday, **March 13** from Noon—4:00 p.m.



All Member—New Member Potluck will be held in April.

Pictorial Directory Photography will be **April 27—April 30**.

Poverty Awareness Education Update

Susan Squires will offer the first *Bridges Out of Poverty* workshops at Bethel. On Tuesday evenings **March 8 - April 19**, 6:15 p.m.—7:30 p.m., the *Bridges* workshop will be available for anyone who is interested. *Bridges Out of Poverty* is a workshop designed to help us recognize the hidden rules of middle class culture and introduce the hidden rules of generational poverty.

Third Sunday Adult Bible Study

Join Tim Faitsch next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Confession and Absolution. These monthly sessions are intended to be informal and will take place in the lounge. This is a great opportunity to learn and share in a relaxed environment.



Youth Board'oeuvres YFM is proud to host an evening of fun this Friday (Feb. 19) from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack/appetizer to share along with your favorite board or card game.



Handyman's Corner At the January voters' meeting the congregation voted to make two property improvements. 1.) Replacing the office copier at a cost up to \$5,000. 2.) Adding gutters to the gymnasium and pre-school at a cost up to \$8,750.



While there are some funds available for these items, additional funds were approved to be taken from savings to pay for these improvements. If you are so moved to give above your normal giving towards these items, please place your donation in the offering and mark it appropriately.

February Project of the Month: Like to organize? The maintenance room in the basement needs someone to help Monte put things in their place. If you're interested contact the property board at property@bethelgurnee.org.

Bethel Book Buzz Review: A review of "Slam Dunk Jokes for Kids!" by Owen Squires.



"The book was about jokes that are for each sport. I liked the good jokes in the book. There wasn't anything I didn't like, everything was awesome! I recommend this book to my friends, and give it 5 stars!"

The Lutheran Witness—Deadline is TODAY! Subscribe to the monthly news-and-feature color magazine of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Get a yearly subscription (11 issues) for \$15.96 beginning May, 2016. Forms are on the Hub and can be placed in the offering plate or handed in at the church office.



St. Baldrick's Fundraiser The mission of St. Baldrick's Foundation is to raise awareness and funds to "Conquer Kids' Cancer" by shaving heads at St. Baldrick's events. This year's event is scheduled for **March 5** at the Brat Stop in Kenosha. Our goal is to obtain \$1 from each family unit of the Bethel congregation. There is a donation box at the back of the church to donate at anytime. If you would like to join Team Bethel, contact us. Thank you for your support.



Pat and Lance Rasmussen patjolly@sbcglobal.net

This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 15

12:30 pm - Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m.—Basketball
7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16

10:00 a.m.—Heritage Woods Worship
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
6:15 p.m. - Confirmation
7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Church Council
6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship in Sanctuary
7:25 p.m. - Mere Christianity

Thursday, February 18

6:15 p.m. - Gospel of John 2.0 Study
7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, February 19 Pastor's Day Off

7:00 p.m.—Youth Board'oeuvres

Saturday, February 20 Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, February 21

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

Serving Wednesday, February 17

Lenten Service

Elder: Mike Bandman
D. Care Elder: Tim Faitsch
Acolyte: Jay Souza
Lay Readers: Mike Bandman, Sue Bandman
Ushers: Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick

Scripture Readings

Romans 1:18–25 Romans 10:8b–13 Luke 4:1–13

**DEADLINE for the March Big Buzz is
Tuesday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m.**

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday Service, 8:00 a.m.—119
Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.—98
Sunday School—103

Serving Sunday, February 21

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: Matt Messmer
Acolytes: Nathan Stutzman, Logan Rosenthal
Ushers: Al Diercks, Morrie Cook
Dave Hoffmeister
Lay Readers: Clint & Samantha McDonald
Greeters: Squires Family,
Dawn Werfelmann
Fellowship: Sanders & Schill Families
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
Feb. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
Randy Gifford
Dane Peplow, Lexi Dorner
Tom Schultz, John Schultz
Bob Souza, Jack Warneke
Stoltzman Family,
Zilligen Family
Dawn Werfelmann
Carol Cook

Tuesday Night Greeter: (2-16) Cindy Maag

Scripture Readings—Jeremiah 26:8–15 Philippians 3:17–4:1 Luke 13:31–35