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



**Brainstorming Sessions**  
**Sunday, February 21**

In preparation for Summit #2 on March 13, the refocus Action Team is hosting separate sessions to gather input from the congregation about 3 action areas that have been identified out of Summit #1. You are invited to attend 1 or more of these sessions. Please bring your own lunch or snack.

**Noon—Family & Youth Ministry** We knew that going into the reFocusing process again that we wanted this process to help us identify out next steps in Family & Youth Ministry. We are especially interested in trying to ask questions that will help us see what the overall goals of Family and Youth Ministry can be going forward.

**1:15 p.m.—Creating “Park Benches”** “Park bench” has been our shorthand way of talking about anything that brings people together to help us build relationships. This could be within the congregation or with people from the community.

**2:30 p.m.—Equipping for Spiritual Conversation** Summit #1 showed that we have fewer examples of how we have engaged in Intentional, Spiritual Conversation. Therefore, how do we equip ourselves for talking about our faith?

Childcare is available during these sessions. Please email [office@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:office@bethelgurnee.org) with names, ages, and what sessions you plan to attend.

**Assess Summit #2 ~ Sunday, March 13**

Noon—4:00 p.m. Please note: **March 13** is the correct date. Please check your calendars because the wrong date was used in a few advertisements that went out.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** Join us on Wednesdays starting at 5:15 p.m. during lent for soup and salad before church. Free will donation will be accepted to help support the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. The hosts are:

- February 24**—Board of Christian Ed & Sunday School Teachers
- March 2**—YFM & Youth
- March 9**—Volunteers organized by Kathy Schwartz
- March 16**—Choir



**Today’s Photos** This morning during worship and the education hour, one of our members, Tom Pipia, will be taking pictures to use on our Website and other publicity to give everything a personal look. If you do not want to appear on the Web or publicity materials, please sign the opt-out list on the clipboard on the Hub (rolling info cart).



**Easter Lily Plant(s)** Order your 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](mailto:daveross945@comcast.net)) know if you are willing to be a Sunday Driver.



**Rummage Sale** The annual Preschool Rummage Sale will be held Sat., **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>.



**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 (8:00 a.m.)



Join Tim Faitsch **TODAY** 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.

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



**Softball Team** Softball season is right around the corner, but we need to decide if Bethel will have a team this year. Please contact Bob Paulson at 630-835-4306 if you are interested in playing.



**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](mailto:property@bethelgurnee.org).

### 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](mailto:patjolly@sbcglobal.net)

**Bethel Garden** Come and celebrate the opening of the Bethel Garden for the 2016 season! Join us at the Bethel Garden Opening Fair to learn all about the garden, assist in starting seeds, taste test some fun recipes, learn about composting, nutrition, and more! Mark your calendars for **March 6th**, following late service.



## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, February 22

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

### Tuesday, February 23

6:15 p.m. - Confirmation  
7:00 p.m.—Care in Community Meeting  
8:00 p.m.—Disciple Care Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, February 24

5:15 p.m.—Soup Supper hosted by Board of Christina Ed & Sunday School Teachers  
6:30 p.m.—Lenten Worship in Sanctuary  
7:25 p.m. - Mere Christianity

### Thursday, February 25

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

### Friday, February 26

Pastor's Day Off

### Saturday, February 27

Pastor's Day Off

### Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym  
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m.—Set-up for Preschool Rummage Sale

## Serving Wednesday, February 24

Elder: Bob Souza  
D. Care Elder: John Kozlik  
Acolyte: Sam Squires  
Lay Readers: Randy Gifford, Ann Souza  
Ushers: John Zilligen, Tom Schultz

### Scripture Readings

Psalm 96:1–6 | Corinthians 8:4–6 Acts 17:16–34

## Worship Schedule

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

### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.—124  
Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.—79  
Sunday School—108

## Serving Sunday, February 28

### Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Mike Bandman  
Comm/Asst. Elder: John Kozlik  
Acolytes: Alyssa Buttler, Nathan Faitsch  
Ushers: Sandy Lahera, Bob Paulson, John Paulson  
Lay Readers: David Ross, Cheryl Ross  
Greeters: Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst, Vana Family  
Fellowship: Thrivent  
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst  
Feb. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

### Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza  
Jack Warneke  
Tanner Swanson, Hillary Fleming  
Cook Westendorf, Bill Schwartz  
Becky Lanzito, David Ziegler  
Traynor Family,  
Nick & Jenny Witter  
Dawn Werfelmann  
Carol Cook

Scripture Readings— Ezekiel 33:7–20 | Corinthians 10:1–13 Luke 13:1–9

Tuesday Night Greeter: (2-23) Sue Best