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**DEADLINE**  
for the  
**April**  
Big Buzz is  
Tuesday,  
March 29 at  
9:00 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast** Join us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as YFM prepares another Easter Breakfast. This year's donations will be used to help 11 of Bethel's youth and 4 adult leaders get to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Join us for breakfast after the Sunrise service, after the 8:00 a.m. service or before the 10:45 a.m. service.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

9:30-10:30AM Adults & High School Youth  
Led by Pastor Squires

**Mar 27 NO CLASS - EASTER**

**Apr 3 What Does Evangelical Mean?**

We hear the term "evangelical" a lot during election season, but what does it really mean according to Scripture?

**Apr 10 Pastor 1-day study**

**Apr 17 Love INC (in the Name of Christ)**

Executive Director Spark Ball will be with us to update us on the work of Love INC and Bethel's partnership with them to serve the underserved, combined with Scriptural insights into why we serve in God's Name.

**Apr 24 Q Place (Arts of Spiritual Conversation)**

Pastor Jeff Klein, the guy from the "Arts of Spiritual Conversation" videos and National Field Director, will share the next steps we could take to encourage us to have spiritual conversations in our circles of influence.

**May 1 A Safe Place**

A Safe Place serves those who suffer from the effects of domestic violence and does prevention education. Lauren Riley is a staff counselor who will share us while Pastor helps us see what Scripture has to say related to this.

**May 8,15 Romans 12: "Therefore" (Doctrine Leads to Living for Jesus)**

Loosely based on a portion of Pastor Squires' Doctor of Ministry thesis, we'll see what it means that DOCTRINE is essential for us to live as disciples of Jesus. Yes, "doctrine," which seems like a scary ogre, but actually forms the basis for all that it means to be a Christ-follower.

**May 22 Last Day of Education Year**

Activities for all ages on this last day of Bible study & Sunday School.

**Choice Dollars** Thrivent Financial members have until **March 31** to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars®. After that date, Choice Dollars® will expire. With Thrivent Choice®, you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financials charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, members have used this program to direct \$300 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide.



**Sunday School Prayer Boxes** Have you



been saying a prayer from your prayer box during Lent? Somehow it seems God has chosen just the right prayer for me some days. We are all so busy rushing around this time of the year that we sometimes just need 30 seconds of time to talk to God. As we reflect on how much Jesus did for us by his death and resurrection, don't forget how much we can do to help others. Return your prayer box with your special offerings **TODAY** or the week after so that we can help **Love INC buy more beds.**

**Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser**

Order forms are available on the Hub and on the YFM bulletin board. The deadline for orders will be Friday, April 1.



Check and completed form can be put in the black registration box on the Hub or turned into the office. This is a Bethel YFM monthly fundraiser. This gift card program will allow you to support the Youth while shopping for your everyday needs.

**Crave 2016** Hello Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers! Sign-up for a 'mini-Gathering' at Trinity Lutheran Church Community Center in Roselle, IL on **April 8—9**. The Crave, as it's called is an overnight event as we join a hundred or so young Christians in fun filled fellowship. Cost will be \$50 per person. This includes the cost of admission, dinner Saturday night (as a YFM group) and transportation Friday night from Bethel to The Crave and back to Bethel Saturday night. Parents must fill out and sign the Consent Form available on the YFM board and drop payment off in the Bethel Church office by Wednesday, **March 30th.**

**Pictorial Directory** Help is needed for the new Pictorial Directory honoring Bethel's 50th anniversary. People are needed to make phone call reminders for photography, be a host for photography sessions and help with designing the directory. Contact Carol Cook at 847-244-9647 or [Carol@BethelGurnee.org](mailto:Carol@BethelGurnee.org) - to volunteer. **Sign**



**-up now** on the table in the back of church for the **April 27 - 30** photography dates. We would like this 50th anniversary edition to be as complete as possible with our Bethel family.

**Feed My Starving Children** Feed My Starving Children is a



non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. Packaging events are scheduled for Thursday, **April 21** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (30 spots available) and Saturday **June 18** from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. (50 spots available). A sign-up sheet is available on the YFM board. Sign-up early, because spots go quickly.

**All Member/New Member Potluck** Sign-up on the board in the back of church to join us for the **April 10, 12** noon annual All Member - New Member dinner. New members from the past year will be recognized. We will also celebrate Bethel's 50th anniversary as a congregation. Singing entertainment will be provided by Pastor Gary Scharrer from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Antioch. Pastor Scharrer will be attending this summer's youth gathering in New Orleans with the Bethel group. Meat, beverage and all table service will be provided. Sign-up to bring a side dish or dessert.



**THANK YOU** We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of Bethel for your continued support of our St. Baldrick's event. With your help we raised approximately \$153,000 this year to help fund children's cancer research (exceeding our goal of one million dollars raised over the past 10 years!) We especially thank the members of Team Bethel who volunteered or shaved their heads to support this cause. Team Bethel raised a little over \$2000 again this year - so thank you again for supporting this event.



God's blessings - Pat and Lance Rasmussen

**Vacation Bible School** On **June 13 - June 17** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. the barnyard animals have gathered to say, we want ewe to join and pray! Online registration open for participants AND volunteers! Please visit [www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs](http://www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs) to register as a volunteer or to register any current pre-K - 4th grader. Questions? Please contact Sara or Shannon at [vbs@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:vbs@bethelgurnee.org). Jesus Gathers Us Together!



## This Week's Calendar

**Monday, March 28**—Church Office is Closed

5:30 p.m.—Basketball

7:30 p.m.—Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 29**

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation

6:15 p.m.—F.E.E.T.

6:15 p.m.—First Communion

6:15 p.m.—Bridges out of Poverty

**Thursday, March 31**

6:15 p.m.—Gospel of John 2.0 Study

7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

**Friday, April 1**

Pastor's Day Off

**Saturday, April 2**

9:00 a.m.—Little Dresses for Africa workshop

9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Committee

**Sunday, April 3**

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

### VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

for Sunday morning need to be submitted to Pastor Squires by Thursday morning.

## 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., Tues., Thur.

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.

## Last Week's Attendance

Sunday Service, 8:00 a.m.—110

Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.—100

Sunday School—70

## Serving Sunday, April 3

### Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**Elder:**

Mike Bandman

**Comm/Asst. Elder:**

John Kozlik

**Acolytes:**

Katie Kreamer, Lauren Best

**Ushers:**

JJ Jones, Scott Mundrick,

Diane Mundrick

**Lay Readers:**

OPEN, Sue Bandman

**Greeters:**

Dave & Sue Hoffmeister,

Sue Bandman

**Fellowship:**

Pipia Family

**April Altar Guild:**

Shari Hoppe, Becky Anderson

**April Counters:**

Chris Mason, Diane Sanders

**Scripture Readings** - Acts 5:12-20 Revelation 1:4-18 John 20:19-31

**Tuesday Greeters:** (3-29) Thor Peplow

### Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Kelly Kruse, Jay Souza

John Zilligen, Bill Schwartz

Larry Peters, Linda Peters

Norm Balliet,

Gene & Ellen Bartelt