



## **Bethany E-Blast: March 13, 2019**

### **No Children's Sunday School during Spring Break**

There will be no Sunday School for our youth and children during the two Spring Break Sundays on March 24 and March 31.

### **AGAPE Sunday School Class Food Drive**

The AGAPE Sunday School Class is hosting a Lenten Food Drive beginning Sunday, March 10 and continuing until Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. They will be accepting non-perishable items that are not expired or money contributions (cash or checks made out to Bethany with "food drive" noted on them. Join in the collection!

### **Dollar Dinners Start March 13!**

Bethany will again be serving Dollar Dinners on Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Our Lenten Journey: Getting Through Life's Losses**

The time between Ash Wednesday and Easter is a time of self-reflection and spiritual practice to help our faith grow. This year, six small study groups will be focusing on "Getting Through Life's Losses", and meeting from 6:45 to 7:30pm. Small groups will be available (one each for children, and youth, four will be available for Adults).

### **Use Your SmartPhone in Service!**

What's your usual way of participating in our worship service? Come to the door, grab a bulletin from the usher, sit down. But now, Bethany's congregation will have a new option: the E-bulletin for your Smartphone!

Here are a couple of ways to get the service on your phone::

1. Download the bulletin to your smart phone or tablet from the link on the front page of the website ("download the bulletin" button). You will need a QR reader app. Grab a connect card from the front glass door of the sanctuary.
2. Or, load the Bethany website and click the link next to the "Download the bulletin" button. This says "view as web page". That will take you right to the service bulletin.
3. Or, you can scan QR code at the front glass door of the sanctuary. It will direct your device to download it from the church webpage. Then, you can download it at your device. Still, grab a connect card!



We will still project the service on the screen in front of the church. And we will still provide large print bulletins. And there will still be a number of paper bulletins at the door. Eventually, we hope to reduce the number of bulletins we print each week. Let us know what you think!

## Bethany Breakfast is March 31

The next Bethany Breakfast is Sunday, March 31 at 10:15 (right after the service). Come and join your Bethany family for good food and great fellowship! Bring your friends and neighbors! There will be enough for all!

## Great Agers Potluck Features a Master Gardener

Great Agers will meet on April 12 for our monthly potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Plan to arrive between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Lunch will be served at noon. Following lunch, Master Gardener Sue Styer will demonstrate the best ways to create a container vegetable garden. She will show everyone how to get a bountiful harvest of fresh homegrown vegetables and herbs in limited space that also looks appealing as well as tastes great. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to attend. Call Judy Buchenot at 630-820-0095 if you have questions. Hope to see everyone!

## Bethany Preschool Fund Raiser Begins!

Bethany's preschool, Blessed Beginnings, is planning a sale of bundtlets, in partnership with local favorite, Nothing Bundt Cakes. The cakes, which feed 1-2 people each, are individually wrapped and cost \$5 each. Flavors include Red Velvet, Chocolate Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate Raspberry, Lemon, Marble, Pecan Praline, Carrot, Confetti, Classic Vanilla and Strawberries and Cream. The order deadline is Wednesday, April 10 by 3:00pm For questions, contact preschool director Kim Reina at 630.851.8010 or [director@blessedbeginnings.info](mailto:director@blessedbeginnings.info).



## Benefit dinner for the Pinkard family

Save some time on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 4-7p, to attend a benefit dinner for the Pinkard family here at Bethany. Josh Pinkard, who died in the Henry Pratt shooting was the father of three small children, one of whom is a student at our own Blessed Beginnings preschool. The preschool has joined with Old Post Elementary School to raise money for the Pinkard Family Education Foundation. 100% of the proceed will go to this Foundation to fund 529 college plans for Josh's 3 children

## Spring POWTC FUNDrive:

### Get Ready! We'll be hosting a final FUNDrive this Spring for Paving Our Way to Christ

Last year, thanks to your generous donations, we collected over 5,000lbs of gently used clothing items and were able to raise just over \$1,200 to apply towards our parking lot drive. We'll be hosting another drive this May. So, as you begin to purge some of your winter items and clean out closets, please remember to set those items aside for our drive. We're looking for gently used clothing items, coats, bedding, towels, tablecloths, shoes, stuffed animals and purses. Any soft item that can be easily bagged and transported.

An announcement and collection packets will go out for drop off dates closer to the event. If you like to drop off items sooner, please contact Susanna Brandon, 630-487-1158, or the church office. We do have space available to store a limited number of bags.

**About Savers:** Savers, Inc. is a privately held global thrift retailer. Through its unique business model of purchasing, reselling and recycling secondhand merchandise, the Savers family of thrift stores benefits more than 150 Nonprofit organizations give local consumers a smart way to shop and has saved more than 650 million pounds of quality used goods from landfills each year.

## Sunday Morning Hospitality Sign Up

We need individuals to provide items for our Sunday morning coffee table. If you'd like to host a Sunday by bringing baked goods for our guests and congregation to enjoy after service, or by contributing a can of coffee, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



## UMM Lenten Communion Service/Breakfast

On Saturday, March 23, from 8:30am to 11:00am, the Men's Ministry of Wheatland Salem Church in Oswego will host a Lenten Communion Service and Breakfast (1217 Wolf Road, Oswego). Breakfast will be served at 8:30 followed by the District UMM Annual Meeting. The topic for the meeting will be "When Was the Last Time You Went Hungry?" presented by Bill Franz, hunger Advocate for Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## Bethany ~~Fun~~ Safety Facts!

1. There are 2 EXITS each to the right and left in the sanctuary; in case of emergency be aware of an escape route.
2. There are fire extinguishers throughout the building. Can you find them?
3. There is a mounted defibrillator machine in the hallway in the back multi-purpose area near the back doors.
4. In case of a tornado try to get to the washrooms, there are no windows in them!
5. In case of a fire, just GET OUT of the building, call 911 if you have your phone with you, or pull the fire alarm (can you locate them throughout the building?)
6. Be aware of who is sitting near you or who is with you in the building. In case of an emergency the first responders need to know if there is anyone left in the building.
7. There is a first aid kit in the big kitchen in the back.
8. If you notice something amiss when you drive by the building or something breaks or you notice a safety issue, call the church, contact a trustee or leave a note in the office.
9. Our back doors are always locked during pre-school hours. Children are met at their parent's cars and brought in and out by the staff. Please be cognizant of these drop-off/pick-up areas.
10. Know the church address! When calling 911 they may or may not be able to determine the address you are calling from. The address is 2200 Ridge Ave Aurora, Il. Corner of Ridge and Rt 34 phone 630-851-8010.

## Upcoming Events:

Lent Study and Dollar Dinners	Wednesday, March 13	7:00pm	FH
Church Council Meeting	Thursday, March 14	7:00pm	
Dorcas Circle	Wednesday, March 20	12:00pm	Narthex



## March Anniversaries

Patrick & Judy Buchenot, March 15

## March Birthdays

- 2 Becca Jones
- 8 Colleen McCoy  
Cristian Piceno
- 9 Thomas Dennehy  
Aaron Lewis
- 11 Nicole Boclair
- 12 Jill Zine
- 13 Walt McGuire
- 14 Grace Jantz
- 15 Alyssa Allen
- 16 Jane Heidemann  
Zachary Horn
- 17 Susan Heath
- 19 Jillian Seyl  
Jennifer Seyl
- 21 Jamie Marquardt  
Kelly Mielcarz  
Ashleigh Tucek
- 22 Mary Wolf
- 23 Michael Wolf
- 25 Sarah Young
- 28 Richard Conlin
- 29 Katie Close