



## **Bethany Presbyterian Church**

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### **Is seeking a Full or Part-Time Pastor to lead our congregation.**

About the Position: Serve as Pastor for an ECO church in Loves Park, Illinois. Consistently proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lead us in our spiritual growth and mission work. Provide pastoral care and counseling to our covenant partners. Come alongside our strong lay leadership to help us discern God's plans for Bethany Presbyterian Church. Represent Bethany to ECO and to the community. Exercise general oversight to the church staff and facilities. Work in partnership with the ministries and teams as they carry out their assigned tasks. Supervise and share our conviction and willingness to share Christ's message to a society desperately in need of the gospel.

About Bethany: Bethany Presbyterian Church was created in 1917 as a ministry to bring Christ to the northern Illinois communities. On Sunday, April 17, 2016, the congregation of Bethany Church voted 81-2 to disaffiliate from PCUSA and join ECO with our property. The decision to leave the Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) did not come easily nor did it come quickly but is the result of considerable prayer, study and deliberation. At that time, as we searched for a new pastor, it was becoming apparent that finding a pastor who shared our theological beliefs was next to impossible within the PCUSA. On July 13, 2016, we received notification that Bethany Church was officially ECO Church #289. What should have taken years and possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars to do, Bethany Church did, because of God's grace, in a very short time and a small amount in legal fees.

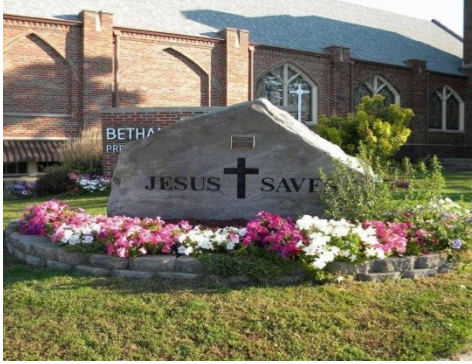
Congregation Size: 90 members

Average Worship Attendance: 35-40

Ethnic Composition Of Congregation:

4% Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean)

96% White



**Mission Statement:**

“To equip people to be fully devoted to Jesus Christ through relevant and practical ministries.”

**Vision Statement:** “To share the gospel of God and to respond to the needs of our community, leading to a pathway towards spiritual maturity for all.”

About our next Pastor: Bethany church is looking for an ordained ECO Pastor or Commissioned Lay Pastor, who subscribes to the Essential Tenets of ECO, which embraces our belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. If not already ordained, we offer financial aid with completing ordination in ECO. We offer a compensation package for Full-time employment which includes salary, housing, professional expenses and allowances, medical insurance for pastor and family, pension, and vacation time off. A compensation package similar to the Full-time package for bi-vocational pastors, or someone looking for Part-time employment could also be an option.

We seek a leader who leads by example, believes in and preaches the word of God, and is involved in many aspects of the church. We believe it is necessary for a successful ministry and growing the church as a whole. It is important that whoever is called to be our pastor is a skilled orator with the ability to strengthen our faith in God through uplifting and relevant sermons. We anticipate finding a pastor who will be actively involved in the community and can become a vested member of our church family. We seek a pastor who will be full of energy, someone who enthusiastically empowers parishioners to be contributing members of our Christian community. The pastor needs to discern the gifts and talents of the congregation and help nurture, motivate and guide them into their gifted ministries.

*“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.” 1 Peter 5:2-3*

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