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BETHEL BUZZ
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Deadline for putting an article in the Buzz is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday

GO! Together Prayer Room It's not too late!!! The GO! Together Prayer Room is available for 24/7 prayer. The mission is to have Gurnee praying every day in June. To sign-up go to <http://go-together.org/prayer-room>.

Dear Bethel Congregation- Our VBS Barnyard Roundup at Bethel was a huge success! We sang loud, made awesome crafts, played fun games and learned all about how Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives - He is our Savior now and forever! Thank you to all of you who donated food, drinks or supplies! And a HUGE thank you to all our incredible volunteers who donated their time, energy and love to help make VBS memorable for the kids! VBS is a very important tool we use every year to serve our congregation and community and you were ALL part of that. May God bless the efforts we put in this week and keep all the families and children in His loving care. Thanks again!



Sara Pipia & Shannon Swanson-VBS Directors
Bridges Out of Poverty Another Bridges Out of Poverty session will be coming up on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on **July 6, 13 & 20.** Register online at www.tinyurl.com/bethelbridges2016. Questions? Email Susan Squires at susan@musicspectrum.org.

Bethel Parking Passes—Great America
 If you plan to park at Bethel and walk to Great America this Summer, please stop by the office to pick up a parking pass to put on the dashboard of your car.



Six Flags Daze Wednesday, **July 27**, the youth entering 7-12 grade will be going to Six Flags. We will meet at Bethel at 10:00 a.m. and eat lunch inside the park (bring money if you don't have a dining pass) and return to Bethel by 6:00 p.m. Don't forget a bathing suit, sunscreen, towel, water bottle and your season pass/money. If you have any questions please contact Bob Paulson at 630-835-4306.



Bethel Preschool Bethel offers a two day class (W,F) for children who are 3 years old by September 1 and a three day (M,W,F) class for children who are 4 years old by September 1. We also have a Playtime program offered on Mondays for children 2 1/2—5 years old from 9:00—11:30 a.m., you don't have to be enrolled in preschool to take advantage of Playtime. For more information, you can visit our website (<http://www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org/programs.html>) or pick up a packet in the back of church.



Dear Bethel Friends,
 It's that time of year again! Ben, Jocelyn, my Mom (Marilyn) and I will walk this year in a charity event to help raise donations for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

WHAT are we asking you to do? DONATE to CCFA! It is our goal this year to raise over \$1,000 and make it our best year!

WHY are we asking you to do this? Over millions of American adults and children are affected by these digestive diseases, including ME so this charity is especially close to our hearts!

WHEN do we need your donation to us? No later than Sat., June 25.

HOW do you donate?

1.) Send a check made out to CCFA to our home address: 5391 Virginia Court, Gurnee, IL 60031.

2.) Go to our team link - GUTSY LADIES AND A GOOD MAN! (<http://online.ccfafa.org/goto/GutsyLadiesandaGoodMan>) Once on the page, select either name for the team members, and click on "donate now".

What else can you do? Pray for those affected! Join us at the event and share in the fun day of activities and spending a nice day outside at Gallery Park in Glenview on **June 26!** In Christ, Diane Sanders

Traffic Cones Periodically you may find cones up in the Bethel parking lot. These are meant to slow down people who turn around in our parking lot. If you arrive at church (at non-worship or other event times) and find cones up, please feel free to drive through them into the parking lot.





Bethel Bike Hikes

Go to www.bethelgurnee.org/bikehikes to see the summer schedule. Contact Sue Bandman at bikehikes@bethelgurnee.org with questions.

Benefit Concert to Support COOL

On Sunday, **June 26** from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Foodstock will be held at the Village Green in Lake Bluff (Rte. 176 & Sheridan Road)! Free admission but please bring a bag of non-perishable food items for donation. Cash, check & credit cards welcome. See the website (Foodstockonline.org) for more information or to donate.



C.O.O.L. Food donation ideas: Rice, pasta, dried beans, cereal, soup, canned vegetables/fruit, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, beverages, peanut butter, pork & beans, canned meats, tuna, macaroni & cheese, toiletries and paper goods.



Note from Property Board: Please put the table carts back in the storeroom the way you found them. If you can't remember the arrangement, look at the plan on the whiteboard in the storeroom. There needs to be a clear pathway to the furnace room. We have received warnings from the Fire Marshal in the past but he said next time we will be fined. Also, please don't stand chairs up along the walls in the fellowship hall.

Stamps Since 1997 Lutheran Women in Mission across the Northern Illinois District have been clipping, sorting and sending in cancelled postage stamps. You can, too. Just put your trimmed cancelled postage stamps in the container on the backside of the hub. We send them to auction for sale to collectors and club auctions. We can use foreign stamps, commemorative stamps, stamp collections, post cards and all U.S.A. stamps.



Eyeglasses LWML is collecting prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses and sunglasses. These are donated to most ministries who take them on mission trips where eye clinics are held. If you have any glasses or old cases put them in the LWML mailbox in the workroom.



Card Ministry Our Care Committee sends greeting cards to members in the congregation. You can donate cards or stamps for the cause. Place those in the Care Committee mail box in the work room. If you make cards contact Kathy Schwartz as there are baptism and confirmation cards that we make. Dawn Werfelmann has made beautiful cards for us.



Campbell Soup Labels Collect Campbell soup labels (only the small "clip and earn" box on the label). Place them in the container on the backside of the hub. We give the labels to local schools that are using them for items in the Campbell Soup catalog, like balls and sports equipment.



 **Summer Office Hours 9AM to Noon**

Note: Church office will be closed Wed., June 29.

Please call ahead just to verify that someone is in the office because our schedules may change.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, June 27— Pastor on Vacation until July 5
5:30 p.m.—Basketball

Tuesday, June 28
7:00 p.m.—Care in Community

Wednesday, June 29 Office Closed
8:30 a.m.—Church Landscape Volunteering

Thursday, June 30
6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Saturday, July 2
8:00 a.m.—Bethel Bike Hike @ Millennium Trail

Sunday, July 3
9:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym

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

Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30 p.m. &
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.—178
Sunday Service, 9:00 a.m.—95

Serving Thursday, June 30 & Sunday, July 3

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Elder: Randy Gifford
Comm/Asst. Elder: John Kozlik
Acolytes: Nathan Stutzman,
Hillary Fleming
Ushers: John Zilligen,
Bill Schwartz
Lay Readers: Randy Gifford, Michelle Ramon
Greeters: Stoltzman Family,
Stutzman Family
July Altar Guild: Diane Rogala
July Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Mike Bandman
Matt Messmer
Katie Kreamer,
Lexi Dorner
OPEN, OPEN,
Dave Hoffmeister
Mike Bandman, Sue Bandman
Sue & Chris Frendreis,
Jim & Donna Gerken
Diane Sanders
Joan Blasko

Readings: Isaiah 25:6–9 Romans 8:31–35, 37–39 Matthew 11:25–30