


## Easter Breakfast Today

**You are Invited!** Please join us for Easter breakfast and fellowship here at Bethel after the 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Easter services.



## Voters' Meeting April 23



*The Call Committee finished interviewing the first three in-person candidates for the Equipping Coordinator. While preparing to bring their recommendations to the Pulpit Committee (Elders, President, and Council Secretary), we received news that Caitlin Amick requested to be removed from consideration for this call due to accepting a different position. The Pulpit Committee reviewed the details the Call Committee provided on the candidates and came to the conclusion that neither of the remaining candidates would be successful in the role of Equipping Coordinator at Bethel. Therefore the Voters' Meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. will focus on the Pulpit Committee's recommendation to seek a new slate of candidates for the role. The meeting will also allow the congregation to ask questions and provide additional input to the leaders about the process. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that have participated in this call process, especially those that have volunteered their time on the Call Committee, who spent numerous hours to provide the diligence that has been driving this process to date. Blessings, Chad Anderson, President*

## Identity Theft Workshop

On Sunday, April 30 there will be a free identity theft workshop here at Bethel from 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. You will learn how identity theft can occur, how you can take steps to prevent it, and what to do if your identity is stolen. If you have questions, please contact Don Wuethrick at [don.wuethrick@gmail.com](mailto:don.wuethrick@gmail.com).

## Bethel Garden

Interested in continuing to receive updates on the Bethel Garden or intrigued by the Bethel Garden but unsure of when or how to be involved? Contact Alicia at [Alicia.Kazarian@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.Kazarian@gmail.com). All ages are welcome and help is needed and wanted!




## Bridges Out of Poverty

A new session of *Bridges Out of Poverty* is starting this week Wednesdays, April 19, 26 & May 3 at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register online at [www.livingjustly.us/register](http://www.livingjustly.us/register).




*Bridges Out of Poverty* is a workshop designed to help us recognize the hidden rules of generational poverty, middle class, and wealth. This workshop will be of particular interest if you volunteer with COOL, PADS, Love INC, or another ministry to people in economic need. - Susan Squires ([susan@livingjustly.us](mailto:susan@livingjustly.us))

## Food Pantry needs Volunteers



COOL Pantry East needs volunteers to work at the pantry location at 800 W. Glen Flora Ave. in Waukegan. Looking for able-bodied individuals who are able to lift up to 20 lbs. to work a 4-hour shift (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) any day, combination of days, or even weekly (Monday thru Friday). If you are able to volunteer whatever time you might have available, please contact Gayle (847-662-1340) to make arrangements. COOL is grateful for your support. Thank You.

## Bethel Bikers Hit the Trail



Time to tune up your bike and dust off your helmet! Bethel Bike Hikes begin on Saturday, May 6. All May rides will begin at the Mother Rudd House in Gurnee at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the parking lot just behind the building, which is close to an easy entry to the DesPlaines River Trail. All ages and abilities are welcome, but children under 12 need to have an adult rider with them. A helmet is required and a water bottle is highly suggested. All June, July and August rides begin at 8:00 a.m. Please see the [Bethel Bike Hike Summer Schedule](#) posted outside the church office and it will also be in the May Big Buzz. The schedule has other wonderful trails in Lake County every other week. Those rides will begin at 8:00 a.m. Come September and October, rides will go back to every week departure from Mother Rudd House and back to 9:00 a.m. They will take place as weather permits. Come ride with us and enjoy great fellowship and exercise in God's great creation! Questions? Contact Sue Bandman ([mkskaband@aol.com](mailto:mkskaband@aol.com)), Doug Mulley or Karen Kozlik.

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**Please join us this Tuesday for worship,  
Heritage Woods at 10:00 a.m. and/or  
Gurnee Meadows at 11:00 a.m.**

**Fundraiser in Honor of Micah's Birthday!** The Silasiri family is sponsoring their annual Panera Fundraiser in celebration of Micah's 7th birthday! Join them at the Gurnee Panera on Monday, **May 1**. Panera will donate 20% of your order to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Micah's honor. You must give them a flyer which is available on the Hub. Thank you for your continued support of both Micah and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. If you have any questions, please contact Jen or James Silasiri ([jsilasiri@gmail.com](mailto:jsilasiri@gmail.com)).



**A Safe Place Fundraiser—Ravinia Festival**

On Saturday, **May 6** at Highland Park from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. sip, shop, and support victims of domestic violence. The event includes a glamorous fashion show, wine tasting, a market-place, wine pull, Key to the Closet raffle, shoe awards, and a silent and live auction.



**A Safe Place's 5th Annual 5K EmpoweRun**

A Safe Place is thrilled to be presenting their 5th Annual EmpoweRun 5K Run/Walk, on Saturday, **May 6**, at Independence Grove in Libertyville. Race is UASTF certified, chip timed, stroller friendly, free parking and a beautiful park. Visit our website to learn more: [www.asafeplaceforhelp.org](http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org).



**Vacation Bible School - Hear ye! Hear ye!**

Welcome to Mighty Fortress, where kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Monday, **June 12**, - Friday, **June 16**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Flyers are on the Hub. Register volunteers & students at: <http://www.vbsmate.com/bethelgurnee>.



**The children's activity bags are on the Hub.**

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday, April 17 Church Office Closed**  
5:30 p.m.—Basketball  
6:00 p.m.—Brownie Troop in Building  
7:00 p.m.—Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 18**  
10:00 a.m.—Heritage Woods Worship  
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship  
6:15 p.m. Confirmation  
7:30 p.m.—Council

**Wednesday, April 19**  
9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study  
12:00 p.m.—Pastor's Evangelism Cohort in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m.—Bridges Out of Poverty Class

**Thursday, April 20**  
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

**Friday, April 21 Pastor's Day Off**

**Saturday, April 22 Pastor's Day Off**

**Sunday, April 23**  
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  
1:00 p.m.—Voters' Meeting

**May Big Buzz DEADLINE is Tuesday,  
April 25 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Schedule**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Communion**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Office Hours**

*Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
*Wednesday & Friday*  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—160  
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.—98  
Sunday School—95

**Serving Next Sunday**

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

<b>Elder:</b>	Mike Bandman	<b>Bob Souza</b>
<b>Comm/Asst. Elder:</b>	Tim Faitsch	<b>Jack Warneke</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Mineva Freehling	<b>Jay Souza</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Hoffmeister, OPEN, OPEN	<b>John Schultz, OPEN</b>
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	Dave Hoffmeister, Thor Peplow	<b>Deb Pellettieri, Pat Rasmussen</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Robb Family, Silasiri Family	<b>Dave Pruett, Barb Unhold</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Bandman & Jones Families	
<b>April Altar Guild:</b>	Shari Hoppe	<b>Becky Anderson</b>
<b>April Counters:</b>	Margie Tatgenhorst	<b>Carol Cook</b>

Scripture Readings: **Acts 5:29-42 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31**  
Tuesday Night Greeters: **OPEN**