

**Rally Day is TODAY!** We are hopeful that you will be able to attend the festivities at 9:00 a.m. with us during Fellowship and the Sunday School hour! Our theme is called MISSION "IS" POSSIBLE WITH GOD'S HELP! All the classes will participate in special missions in a scavenger hunt style. We have chosen the LCC Comfort Dogs as our mission. Bethel's own Linda Gifford will be helping to educate us on their mission and how Bethel can support them.



**Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers for 2017-18**

A special thanks to the following Bethel folks who have volunteered to serve this year!

- Preschool (3-4 yr olds):** Karen Kozlik, Claudine Rayos
- Kindergarten:** Don and Debbie Wuethrick (with support from Susan Boardman)
- 1st grade:** Cindy Daluga, Jennie Vana
- 3rd grade:** John & Karen Leicht, Jon & Nicole Kreamer
- 4th/5th grade:** George Bruszer, Cindy Maag
- 6th/7th/8th grade:** JJ Jones, Andrea & Jeremy Little
- High School:** Aaron Fleming, Nichole Todd
- Superintendents:** Kylie Brazda, Diane Sanders
- Superintendent Mentor/Support:** Carla Thompson
- Board of Christian Education:** Lynn Barkley
- Music Director:** Ann Souza

**New Class - Opportunity to serve!**

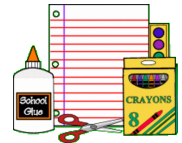
The new class this year is called "Little Lambs" for those children who are under the age of 3 at the start of the school year. We will be offering nursery care/babysitting for the children in attendance so parents may attend the adult bible study class and/or for children to get used to attending Sunday School! We are seeking volunteers who are willing to lead/coordinate the effort and find appropriate coverage for this class each week. Thank you to Tera Redman who has already volunteered to serve as one of the leaders/coordinators!!! If interested, please contact: Diane Sanders [dsanders7@hotmail.com](mailto:dsanders7@hotmail.com) or Kylie Brazda ([kylie.brazda@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.brazda@gmail.com)).



**THANK YOU** The BOCE and Sunday School staff give a big THANK YOU to Monte Stoltzman and Jeff Ams for giving the basement classrooms a fresh look - the new paint looks wonderful!



Bethel Friends,  
Thank you so very much for your generosity and kindness in donations for COOL School Supplies! The box overfloweth! Our COOL families thank you! In Christ, Diane, Kylie, Carla and Lynn



**Call Committee Update** The Call Committee has completed their search and recommended to the Pulpit Committee that we bring two candidates in to meet the Congregation. We will have a candidate here on Sunday, **September 17** and Sunday, **September 24** where they will attend services and the education hour. After the second service, there will be an opportunity to attend a meet & greet where we will have lunch served. We are also planning to have childcare available. More details will be coming out later so, please plan on attending these two important events.

**Sermon & Bible Study Series –Fall 2017**

On **October 31, 2017**, the Church celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation—when Martin Luther and others called the Church back to the Word of God, to the Gospel, to salvation by grace alone through faith alone by Christ alone. Bethel is acknowledging this anniversary through a Fall Sermon & Sunday AM Adult Bible Study series from **September 17-October 29**. Titled "Reasons for a Reformation", it's meant to explore the causes of Luther's reforms—while acknowledging those same causes are reasons for reform in our individual lives and in our life together as a church. These causes call us continually back to the truth of God's Word.



**Sunday Morning Fellowship**

The sign up to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings is on the Hub. Grab a friend and host together. If you have any questions contact our Fellowship Chairman, Janet Jones at: [Janetfindshouses@msn.com](mailto:Janetfindshouses@msn.com).



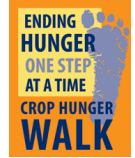
**C.O.O.L. food of the Month  
for September: Canned Fruit**

**Tuesday Night is Bethel Night** Tuesday evenings are often filled with hubbub at Bethel. On any one week, there could be 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes, Adult Bible Study, Living Justly classes, Elders meetings, Church Council, Care in Community meetings, 1st Communion Class, & F.E.E.T. (4th & 5th Grade). This Fall, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation has begun on Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Beginning **October 3**, we'll add 1st Communion (6th Grade), F.E.E.T., and an Adult Bible Study led by Tim Faitsch. As part of providing a welcoming, safe environment on these busy Tuesday evenings, we schedule someone to be Tuesday Evening Greeter. The Greeter stays near the doors, welcome folks, helps direct people to the right locations in the buildings, etc. Greeters are asked to be here from 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. If you are willing to volunteer, please email [office@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:office@bethelgurnee.org), and we'll let you know the dates that are available.

**Love INC Auction from Carol** This year's Love INC dinner and auction is Friday, **October 20** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Gurnee Holiday Inn. Instead of doing a basket from the congregation for the silent auction this year, Bethel is gathering gift cards to be used for an additional balloon pop fundraiser that evening. Donations of any type of gift cards (\$10 and up) are needed from Bethel people. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation and we will purchase a variety of cards. Make any checks to Bethel and mark "Love INC Auction" in the memo line or on the envelope. Donations are needed by **October 1**. If you would like to donate a personal item - themed gift basket (family, boy/girl, men/women, specialty food, etc.), hand crafted item, sports memorabilia, etc. or something from your company, we would love to have those items also. Contact Carol Cook with any questions at 847-244-9647 or email [Carol@BethelGurnee.org](mailto:Carol@BethelGurnee.org).



**Children's activity bags are on the backside of the Hub.**



**2017 CROP Walk** The CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, **October 15**. Bethel is in need of a recruiter so that we can continue to support this program that assists hunger and homeless issues. I can assist the new recruiter along the way to make a smooth transition. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. You can reach out to me at [morrie.cook@gmail.com](mailto:morrie.cook@gmail.com) with any questions. ~ Morrie

## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, September 11

12:30 p.m.- Staff Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - Basketball  
 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts in Building  
 7:00 p.m. - Property Board

### Tuesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall in use (until 7 p.m.)  
 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation  
 7:30 p.m. - Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, September 13

8:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall in use (until 7 p.m.)  
 12:00 p.m. - Pastor's Evangelism Cohort

### Thursday, September 14

8:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall in use (until 7p.m.)  
 6:30 p.m. - Preschool Board

### Friday, September 15 Pastor at Conference

### Saturday, September 16 Pastor's Day Off

### Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym  
 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship  
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible  
 10:45 a.m. - Communion in Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. - Meet & Greet with Equipping Coordinator Candidate

## 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

*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

Thursday **48** & Sunday **114**

## Serving Next Week

### Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**Elder:** Bob Souza  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:** OPEN  
**Acolytes:** Lily Erwin, Sam Squires  
**Ushers:** Chuck Johnson, OPEN  
**Lay Readers:** Ben Sanders, Diane Sanders  
**Greeters:** Maag Family, Leicht Family  
**Fellowship:** Jones Family  
**Sept. Altar Guild:** Becky Anderson  
**Sept. Counters:** Joan Blasko

### Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Randy Gifford  
 OPEN  
 Lily Freehling  
 Lance Rasmussen, OPEN  
 Ralph Danielsen, Donna Danielsen  
 Cindy Offerdahl,  
 Bob & Linda Piepenbrink  
 Shari Hoppe  
 Mary Kay Ams

**Tuesday Greeter:** (Sept. 12) Jason Adams

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 50:15–21 Romans 3:21–28 Matthew 18:21–35