

Snail Mail Station One way in which to encourage others in our "Life Together" in Christ is to send them a handwritten note. We've supplied the cards and envelopes. You write the note, and then the Bethel staff will make sure to address it and get it in the mail. The station is located outside the church office.



Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser Order forms are available on the Hub. The deadline for orders will be Sunday, **April 8** due to Easter. Check & completed form can be put in the black box on the Hub or turned in the office.



Sunday School Notes:

No Sunday School today! Enjoy your day celebrating Easter! We'll see you next week!

All Member - New Member Potluck

All Y'All Come, everyone is invited even if you not a member. It will be held on Sunday, **April 15** at Noon. Enjoy food and fellowship with other Bethel members. We will be recognizing all the new members from the past year and have a special performance by Jeanine Hautzinger's band, Nouveau. Please sign up in the back of church.



Vacation Bible School Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride. VBS is currently looking for volunteers, especially adults. There are many ways you can help and you do not have to be there every day of the week! VBS will be held **July 16-20** from 9AM to Noon. Email kylie.brazda@gmail.com or see Kylie Brazda or Jeremy and Andrea Little with any questions.



Love INC Volunteer Orientation On Tuesday, **April 10** there will be a Love INC orientation from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Learn more about the Love INC model and where your God-given talents may be used in ministry. RSVP to Love INC at info@loveinclinecounty.org or 847-782-8630!



Pick up a new *Portals of Prayer* on the Hub!

COOL Plant Sale It not too late to order, the due date has been changed to TODAY! Order forms and pictures of the flowers from prior years are in the back of church! Please put your order form and check in the envelope in the Plant Sale binder. Thank you for supporting COOL.



St. Baldrick's Team Bethel would like to thank the members of Bethel who continually support our fundraising efforts towards St. Baldrick's. Team Bethel raised \$2,890 which included member contributions towards our event. We are grateful and thankful for your continued support to someday find a cure for children's cancer. 2018 Team Bethel members included: Nick and Charlie Kazarian, Lance, Pat, Josh and Domenick Rasmussen. Thank you and God bless. With deepest gratitude, - Pat and Lance Rasmussen



Collecting Children's Books

My girl scout troop and I are working on our Silver Award. In order to get this award, we are partnering with Bernie's Book Bank to collect children's books (Birth to 6th grade). The books that we are collecting are new or gently used. Our goal is to collect 1,000 books to help children who do not have the privilege to own them. We are NOT collecting textbooks, work books, activity books, reference books, or religious books. My troop and I have decided to use this organization to earn our silver award because each and everyone of us value books and we all find great joy in reading, so we want to help others experience the happiness that books can bring. Thank you in advance for helping our troop with this book drive. Please have all books turned in by Sunday, **April 29**. A box is set up near the sanctuary. Sincerely, Katie Kreamer (Bethel Member)



Office Staff Duties

Here are areas that the office staff concentrate on:
Karen —Coordinate care visits, membership updates - change of address, phone, email & service roster
Linda—Calendar, scheduling of building activities, events, and property needs
Lisa — Bulletins & communications - Buzz & Big Buzz
 All of us can help or direct you with any needs you may have.

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Baby Shower For Love, INC—YOU ARE INVITED!

There will be a baby shower for our Love INC Ministry at Bethel during the fellowship hour on Sunday, **April 29**. Love INC identifies a family with a newborn that needs a safe place to sleep. Our Care in Community committee delivers a Pack N Play and a basket of needed newborn supplies. This shower is a chance for you to see all the things we deliver to a family, enjoy some food and fellowship, and help Bethel restock the shelves for this ministry. After a recent inventory these things are most needed right now:



Jug of liquid laundry detergent - scent free

Toys - rattles, teething toys, "lovies", musical toys

Baby Bottles - (Tommy Tippee, Dr. Brown, Avent, Born Free)

Boy & Girl long sleeved Onesies - sizes 0-3, 3-6 & 6-9 months

Boy & Girl leggings - sizes 0-3, 3-6, & 6-9 months

Baby lotion, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash

Diapers - sizes #1 & #2 Sleepers - up to 12 months

BOYS hats BOYS bibs

Baby thermometers Outlet covers

Hooded baby towels Washcloths

If you have questions about this ministry including ways to be involved (praying, delivery teams - 2 or 3 people, sorting supplies, contributing supplies - this list is just what we are short of right now) please talk to Dave Ross, Kathy Delassus, or Karen Leicht in the office. If you would like to help with food for the fellowship hour contact Kathy Schwartz (NEW cell 224-575-2678/home 847-231-4351). Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th at fellowship hour for this "come and go, drop off your gift, have some fellowship food and coffee, share our love for God's children" event. No RSVP needed. You can always put your donation on the cart outside the office anytime!

DEADLINE: April Big Buzz articles are due

Monday, April 2. Due to Easter being April 1 the April Big Buzz will not be sent out until **April 5**.

Fundraiser's for Micah and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Silasiris are hosting two fundraisers this coming Spring in honor of Micah! The first is a Panera fundraiser on **May 1**, flyers are on the Hub. The second is a 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash on **May 26**. Here is the link to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/f6myhEaXCUXg5kmm2>! There will be more information this week in the April Big Buzz.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 2 Church Office Closed

5:30 p.m. - Basketball

Tuesday, April 3

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 4

9:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 5

7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, April 6 Pastor & Katrina's day off

Saturday, April 7 Pastor & Katrina's day off

Sunday, April 8

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



Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - **114**

Sunday 10:45 a.m - **107**

Sunday School - **80**

Serving Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

April Altar Guild:

April Counters:

Tuesday Greeter:

Mike Bandman

OPEN

Brooke Ratzburg, Sam Squires

Sue Bandman, Karen Kozlik

Tony Young, George Bruszer

The Rayos Family,
Tom & Marilyn Robinson

OPEN

Shari Hoppe

Chris Mason

(April 3) OPEN

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Annika Chudy, Hillary Fleming

Suzanne Fowler, Lori Hornstra

John Schultz, Tyler Flowers

The Rosenthal Family, Don Sterly

Becky Anderson

Diane Sanders