

**All Member - New Member Potluck**

All Y'All Come, everyone is invited even if your not a member. It will be held TODAY 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 join us even if you haven't signed up.**



**Spring Clean Up** Join the Bethel Property Board on Saturday, **April 21** as we wake up the building and grounds from the winter months and prepare for spring. There will be a variety of chores both inside and out. Lists will be posted so you can see what you might want to do. Regardless of weather, we'll start at 8:30 a.m. with prayer, coffee and donuts and then get to it. If weather prevents us from working outside, those chores will be done on April 28.

**Fuller Road Clean Up** Fuller Road is in dire need of a good spring cleaning. Wear your walking shoes and come out to help spruce up our adopted road on Sunday, **April 22**, from 1PM— 3PM. Anyone age 10 years and older is welcome to help. If you have any questions contact the coordinator John Kozlik ([karenkozlik@gmail.com](mailto:karenkozlik@gmail.com)).



**Switch-a-roo for Seniors!** Due to the Fellowship Hall being in use on the fourth Tuesday of April (our usual game day) the Senior Game Day is being moved to **Monday, April 23** at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bring your own game or play one provided. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Coffee and other beverages will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet on the side of the Hub or contact Karen Leicht, Disciple Care Coordinator, at [karen@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:karen@bethelgurnee.org) or at the church office.



**Graduate Information** If you have a High School or College graduate, contact Karen Leicht ([karen@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:karen@bethelgurnee.org)) in the church office. Information needed is when and where they will be graduating from and their future plans. We need this information by **Monday, May 20** for this to be included in the June/July Big Buzz.



**ELDER OF THE WEEK** - We will be highlighting one of our Elders each week in the Weekly Buzz. This will help you to know who the Elders are and some background information about each one. The Elders oversee and lead decision making about all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the Congregation through worship, Sacraments, discipleship/education, disciple care, and outreach. The Elders support each of us in the congregation and are available for prayer anytime. ....

**Worship Team Elder:** JJ Jones  
**Home:** South Side Chicago and then Hazel Crest, IL (Attended Salem Lutheran Church)  
**Occupation:** School Administrator - Educator (23 years)  
**Family:** Close - continuing to grow spiritually, we are in phase 2 as all members (2 sons and 1 daughter) are adults



**Skill or talent:** My wife  
**Happiest doing when not at work:** Working with youth and spending time with my wife  
**Favorite thing about Bethel:** Our Pastor (and family) - spiritual leader - advisor - friend  
**Looking forward to:** Serving a long time - looking forward to whatever God's plan is for me  
**Contact:** [JoJones@learncharter.org](mailto:JoJones@learncharter.org) or (847)922-9085

**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**. Our Care in Community committee delivers a Pack N Play and a basket of needed newborn supplies. List of items needed is on the Hub. If you have questions about this ministry please talk to Dave Ross, Kathy Delassus, or Karen in the office. \*\*\* If you would like to help with food for the fellowship hour contact Kathy Schwartz (NEW cell 224-575-2678). Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th during fellowship.



**LWML** There is an LWML zone rally at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waukegan on **April 28** from 9AM—1AM. Let Kathy Schwartz know if you are interested in attending. (847-231-4351)



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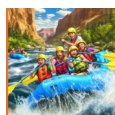
**Karen Leicht** - Disciple Care Coordinator [karen@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:karen@bethelgurnee.org)

**Donna Stutzman** - Preschool Director [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org)

**Sunday School:** Today's Sunday School lesson is about Abraham and Isaac from Genesis chapters 21 and 22. Thank you to Pastor Squires for this liturgical reference to help us in our understanding. The story of Abraham called on to sacrifice his son, Isaac, is a difficult one to swallow. Looking back, we can see that God is showing that He will sacrifice His own Son to save all of His people for all time. One way to approach the concept is to focus on what it shows us about God and His own Son, Jesus. Here's a way we reference this in one of our Lent liturgies and the Absolution: *At the command of the Lord, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy God the Father provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks to the Father that on Calvary He did not spare His only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. The God of all grace has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, and He Himself restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. According to his great mercy, he has caused you to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



**Vacation Bible School** VBS needs you the mornings of **July 16—20!** VBS is currently looking for two adults to help with the Bible Story station. This will be a team teaching position. It is a fun job for someone who loves storytelling. We will provide you with everything you need to make this station successful. Contact Kylie Brazda, Jeremy or Andrea Little if you have any questions ([vbs@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:vbs@bethelgurnee.org)). **Volunteers and students can register at [www.bethelgurnee.org](http://www.bethelgurnee.org).**



**Thank You** The Bethel BLAST youth and team would like to thank everyone who joined us Easter morning for our "revamped" Easter Breakfast. We had 2 sittings and served over 150 people! Thank you also to everyone who donated food and volunteered their time, it is very much appreciated! Your monetary donations will go towards activities for the BLAST Team.

**COOL Plant Sale** Volunteers are needed **May 12** to help: **Set-up:** 6:15-10AM, **Distribution:** 9:30AM-2PM, **Clean-up:** 1:15-3PM Contact Lisa Schwarz in the church office if you are available to volunteer ([lisa@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:lisa@bethelgurnee.org)).



**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. Thank you! **Due Date—Sunday, April 29.** A box is set up near the sanctuary. Sincerely, Katie Kreamer (Bethel Member)

**Fundraiser's in Honor of Micah** On Tuesday, **May 1** join us to celebrate Micah's 8th Birthday at Panera in Gurnee! Present the flyer (on the Hub) and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Team Micah and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Micah's behalf. On Saturday, **May 26**, join the Silasiri family for this year's 4th Miles for Micah 5K/Kids Dash! The 5K race will begin at 9AM at Viking Park - Kids Dash 10AM. **Here is the link to register:** <https://goo.gl/forms/f6myhEaXCUXg5kmm2>

## This Week's Calendar

**Monday, April 16** 12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m.—Basketball  
6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall in Use  
**Tuesday, April 17** 10:00 a.m.—Heritage Woods  
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship  
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class  
7:30 p.m.—Council  
**Wednesday, April 18**  
9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Lounge  
6:00 p.m.—BOCE Meeting  
**Thursday, April 19** 6pm- Troop in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m.—Bridges out of Poverty Workshop  
**Friday, April 20** Pastor & Katrina's day off  
**Saturday, April 21** Pastor & Katrina's day off  
8:30 a.m.—Bethel Spring Clean-up  
**Sunday, April 22**  
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.—Fuller Road Clean-up

## 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 - Thursday 9AM - 3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 6:00 a.m.—124

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 82

Sunday School - 108

## Serving Sunday

### Elders:

Mike Bandman

### Comm/Asst. Elder:

JJ Jones

### Acolytes:

Logan Rosenthal, Jude Squires

### Lay Readers:

Becky Lanzito, Diane Boehm

### Ushers:

Don Heidlauf, Tony Young

### Greeters:

Carla Thompson,

Paul W. Werfelmann

### Fellowship:

Frendreis/Gerken Study Table

### April Altar Guild:

Shari Hoppe

### April Counters:

Chris Mason

### Tuesday Greeter:

(April 17) Jason Adams

Bob Souza

JJ Jones

Lily Freehling, Allyson Adams

Bob Piepenbrink, Linda Piepenbrink

**OPEN**, Lance Rasmussen

Cook & Marilyn Westendorf,

The Bill Ratzburg Family

Becky Anderson

Diane Sanders