

Voters' Meeting—TODAY after Fellowship.

The agenda is the following:

- 1.) Approve expense greater than \$2,000 - Parking lot sealing/stripping
- 2.) Approve an increase to the allowed expenditure - Preschool Playground

Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline—TODAY

Order forms are available on the Hub. Check & form can be put in the offering plate or turned in at the church office.



Free Shred Event The Thrivent Community - North Lake County Office is hosting a free shred truck **TODAY** from 10AM—1PM at 927 West Glen Flora Ave., Waukegan. Free service to Bethel church members.

Landscaping Day Like gardening? Have a little free time? Bethel will have landscaping day each Wednesday from 9 - 11 AM through September. Everything is flexible so if Wednesday doesn't work you can help on your schedule and according to your abilities. If you're interested, contact Monte (stoltzman@comcast.net).

COOL Plant Sale The Annual C.O.O.L. Plant and Flower Sale will be held Saturday, **May 12** in the parking lot at Bethel. Remember to come and pick up your pre-ordered plants and flowers from 11AM - 2PM! If you forgot to order, items will be available the day of the sale. Volunteers are needed to help, you can sign up for one or more shifts: **Set-up:** 6:15-10AM, **Dist.:** 9:30AM-2PM, **Clean-up:** 1:15-3PM Contact Lisa Schwarz if you are available to volunteer or have a wagon we can borrow (lisa@bethelgurnee.org).



Food Items for Plant Sale Food is served for the COOL plant sale volunteers. If you would like to donate breakfast items such as coffee cake, donuts, bagels, or fruit, contact Lisa Schwarz in the church office.

Help Planting Annuals On Monday, **May 14** assistance with planting for Bethel bought plants from the plant sale is needed. If you are available to help please contact Monte at stoltzman@comcast.net.

Celebrating President Dan Gilbert's Retirement Sunday, May 20 with Gifts to ¡Enviando!

Pastor Dan Gilbert has served faithfully for 12 years as the Northern Illinois District President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Bethel has asked President Gilbert and his wife, Jan, to visit us on Sunday, **May 20**. We invited him to share a few words at both services, and we will honor his retirement by gathering a special offering on May 20 and May 24/27 to go towards an initiative that is dear to his heart: ¡Enviando! The Church Council is presenting a "challenge" of \$250 from their giving budget, hoping that the congregation will match or exceed that amount in the special offerings. If you would like to contribute, please bring cash or checks with Enviando or President Gilbert in the memo line. On Thursday, **May 24**, and Sunday, **May 27**, Pastor Ron Weidler will be with us to preach. Pastor Weidler is the District advocate for ¡Enviando! and will share with us how God is moving in ministry among the Hispanics of Northern Illinois.



THANK YOU! A huge thank you to all who donated items or food for the Love, INC Layette Ministry at last week's fellowship baby shower. 90 people signed in and 368 items were inventoried and placed on our storage shelves. We also collected \$275 to purchase more things needed. You all have been such a blessing to this ministry and to Bethel. Thank you. Contact Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net) or Karen Leicht if you have any questions about the layette ministry. You can put your next donation on the cart outside the church office anytime.



Michelle Bruszer-Konczal Bethel member George Bruszer's daughter Michelle Bruszer-Konczal is a 6x cancer survivor who will be having surgery and starting holistic care! To donate for Michelle's medical bills and see her full story, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/michelle-bruszer-konczal>. If you'd prefer to pay by check, write a check to Bethel and put Michelle's name in the memo line & place in the offering plate.

The new Our quarterly newsletter is available on the Hub.

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Sunday School: Today's Sunday School lesson is about Jacob's Dream from *Genesis* Chapters 27 and 28. Isaac sent his son, Jacob, to Haran in search of a wife. On his way, he laid down to take a rest and used a stone as a pillow under his head. He dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth leading to heaven. The angels of God were ascending and descending on it. The Lord told Jacob that the land upon which he lay God would give to him and his offspring. He also told Jacob that He was with him and would keep him wherever he went. When Jacob awoke, he set up the stone (used as a pillow) as a pillar, poured oil on it and called the place Bethel. He made a vow to God that as he knew God would be with him, the pillar he set up would be God's house. All that would be given to Jacob, he would give back one-tenth to God.



*** Our last day of Sunday School is **May 20!** On that day, all the kids from Little Lambs through Middle School will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to have singing celebration time with Mrs. Souza. After singing, everyone will head to their classrooms to spend some time with their teachers and enjoy a sweet treat from the Sunday School!

*** SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS! We passed out surveys last Sunday, if you would, please, complete them and turn them into to either Diane Sanders, Kylie Brazda or Carla Thompson. We value your thoughts and suggestions !

Former Bethel Member on Jeopardy Beth Binder, Bethel's first DCE, will be on Jeopardy next week. She is part of the May 7-18 teacher week contestants. She is scheduled to be a contestant on Thursday, **May 10**. Beth is now a teacher in Ft. Collins, CO.

Graduate Information If you have a High School or College graduate, contact Karen Leicht in the church office. Information needed is when and where they will be graduating from and their future plans. This information is due **Monday, May 20**.



Fundraiser in Honor of Micah 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>

Vacation Bible School—July 16-20 Students & volunteers can register at www.bethelgurnee.org. Contact Kylie Brazda, Jeremy or Andrea Little if you have any questions (vbs@bethelgurnee.org).



Summer Worship Schedule

Starts on Thursday, May 24

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. and
Sundays 9:00 a.m.



Summer Sermon Series This summer you'll have a unique opportunity to review the major stories of the Bible. Each week we'll feature one of the stories that shape God's story of how He brought salvation for His people. Together with the companion book from Concordia Publishing House, this is a time to review those stories, learn new stories, while also seeing how God speaks to us through His Word to give us confidence and hope now. Books are available at Bethel from the Resource Shelves (outside Katrina's office). The suggested donation is \$15, but if you are unable to afford a book, we still want you to take a copy for your family.

Write "Your Story" Due Date is **May 14**. Please take a flyer from the Hub for more information.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 6 Katrina Out—Family Event

Monday, May 7

12:30 p.m.— Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m.—Basketball

7:00 p.m.—Property Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation (8th graders only)

7:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

9:30 a.m.—Mom's Club in Building

Thursday, May 10

12:00 p.m.—MISSIO Cohort

6:30 p.m.—JJ's Basketball Team has Practice

Friday, May 11 Pastor and Katrina's day off

Saturday, May 12 Pastor and Katrina's day off

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. —COOL Plant Pick Up

Sunday, May 13

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.—131

Sunday 10:45 a.m.—78

Sunday School— 87

Serving Next Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Elders:

Mike Bandman

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Al Diercks

Acolytes:

Michaela Rosenthal, Ashley Plapp

Lay Readers:

Tim Faitsch, Lynn Faitsch

Ushers:

George Bruszer, **OPEN**

Greeters:

The Robb Family,
Rich & Sue Walker

Fellowship:

Chad Anderson & Bethel Men!

May Altar Guild:

Diane Mundrick

May Counters:

Mary Kay Ams

10:45 a.m.

Jack Warneke

OPEN

Jake Kruse, Annika Chudy

Larry Peters, Linda Peters

John Schultz, Scott Gutzke

Paul & Susan Boardman,

Bob & Linda Piepenbrink

Deborah Wuethrick

Joan Blasko