

Faith Sharing Stories by Confirmands Please come Wednesday, **May 16** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to hear our Confirmands share their Faith Stories which is part of their final steps of Confirmation. It will be held in the Sanctuary.



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

Landscaping Day Like gardening? Have a little free time? Bethel will have landscaping day each Wednesday from 9 - 11 AM. 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).



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!

¡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.

C.O.O.L. food of the month for May: Canned Fruit

ELDER OF THE WEEK - We will be highlighting one of our Elders each week. This will help you get to know the Elders. 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.

Disciple Care Elder: Jack Warneke
Home: Gages Lake, IL
Occupation: Parks Department
Building & Grounds Maintenance -
McHenry Township, Johnsbury, IL
Family: Single, 2 brothers, 2 nieces,
1 nephew, 1 sister-in-law, and
1 grandniece



Skill or talent: I like to fix small engines.
Happiest doing when not at work: Going on hikes with Gibson, my brother, Gary's yellow lab
Favorite thing about Bethel: The fellowship of believers
Looking forward to: Getting to know more people
Contact info: cell phone 847-989-0784

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to all who donated items or food for the Love, INC Layette Ministry at the 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 donations on the cart outside the church office anytime.



Vacation Bible School—July 16-20 We are still in need of adult volunteers so please consider helping out. 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 6:30PM & Sundays 9AM

Bethel Website: www.bethelgurnee.org **Office:** 847-244-9647 **Preschool:** 847-244-9672 **Email:** office@bethelgurnee.org

Pastor Ben Squires Cell: 224-419-5519 / pastor@bethelgurnee.org

Katrina Johns - Equipping Coordinator Direct line: 224-623-0800 / katrina@bethelgurnee.org

Linda Gifford - Administrative Assistant linda@bethelgurnee.org

Lisa Schwarz - Office Manager lisa@bethelgurnee.org

Karen Leicht - Disciple Care Coordinator karen@bethelgurnee.org

Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

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.

Sunday School: Today's Sunday School lesson is about Jacob's Family from *Genesis Chapters 29-31*. Jacob traveled to find Laban. When he arrived, Jacob told Laban that he would serve him for seven years for his younger daughter Rachel (vs Leah who was older). Instead, Laban brought Leah to Jacob saying that with her being the oldest she should marry first. Unless....Jacob served another seven years. Since Jacob loved Rachel, he agreed. So then Jacob also married Rachel. Jacob and Rachel's family grew and grew! They had twelve sons and a daughter. Then the Lord told Jacob to return to his homeland with his family and that the Lord would be with him. So, Jacob arose, prepared his family, flocks and herds and set off for the land of Canaan to go to his father, Isaac.

Last day of Sunday School is next week - 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!

Graduate Information—Due Monday, May 20. 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.



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>

Michelle Bruszer-Koncza Bethel member George Bruszer's daughter Michelle Bruszer-Koncza 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-koncza>. 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.

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.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, May 14

- 12:30 p.m.— Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 7:00 p.m.—Boys Scouts in the Building

Tuesday, May 15

- 7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in the Lounge
- 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Faith Story Night

Thursday, May 17

- 10:00 a.m.—Heritage Woods Worship
- 11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
- 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m.—J.J.'s Travel Basketball Team Practice

Friday, May 18 Pastor and Katrina's day off

Saturday, May 19 Pastor and Katrina's day off

Sunday, May 20

- 8:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m.—Communion in Gym - Confirmation

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.—91

Sunday 10:45 a.m.—78

Sunday School— 87

Serving Next Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: OPEN
Acolytes: Jeremy Leicht, OPEN
Lay Readers: Ted Tatgenhorst, Margie Tatgenhorst
Ushers: Donald Heidlauf, OPEN
Greeters: Clint & Sam McDonald, Chuck & Julie Johnson
Fellowship: Freehling/Hessel Study Table
May Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
May Counters: Mary Kay Ams

10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
OPEN
 Ruth Ziegler, Lily Freehling
 Joan Blasko, Elizabeth Blasko
 George Bruszer, Scott Mundrick
 Sue Schmidtke,
 The Bill Ratzburg Family
 Deborah Wuethrick
 Joan Blasko