

Celebrating President Dan Gilbert's Retirement TODAY 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 TODAY. We invited him to share a few words at both services, and we will honor his retirement by gathering a special offering on TODAY 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 give cash or checks with Enviando or President Gilbert in the memo line. 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.

Calling all Sunday School students!

TODAY is our last day of Sunday School for this school year! We would love you to join us for the Sunday School hour!



Here is the schedule for the day :

9:30-9:50/9:55: All kids from Little Lambs through Middle School go to the Sanctuary to spend the first part of the Sunday School hour with Mrs. Souza.

9:50/9:55 - 10:30: Kids will return to their classrooms to spend the remaining time with their teachers. Each child will receive a prepackaged treat and water as a thank you for doing such a great job in Sunday School this year! We have loved serving as Sunday School Superintendents (Diane Sanders and Kylie Brazda) and BOCE Chair (Carla Thompson)! Thanks for spending your Sunday mornings with us!

P.S. Be sure to sign up for Vacation Bible School!!!

Senior Game Day Don't forget - Senior Game Day is

this Tuesday, **May 22**, at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Learn a new game or play one you haven't played in a while. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Coffee and juice will be provided.



Graduate Information—Due TOMORROW 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.



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: Jeremy Little
Home: Woodstock, IL

Occupation: Teacher

Describe your Family: "Never a dull moment :)"

Skill or talent: I love to golf and I'm about a 6 handicap

Happiest doing when not at

work: Listening to my wife and kids laugh

Favorite thing about Bethel: Authentic and genuine worship of God with caring people

Looking forward to: Learning more about others I worship with.

Contact info: jclittle23@gmail.com



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).

Bethel Community Garden Great gardening weather is finally here! See the Hub for plot rental forms for the Bethel Community Garden. Contact Alicia regarding any questions about the Bethel Garden at Alicia.Kazarian@gmail.com.



DEADLINE for June/July Big Buzz
Thursday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Karen Leicht - Disciple Care Coordinator karen@bethelgurnee.org

Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Dear Bethel, Thank you so much for all the books and support I received for my Girl Scout project. I far exceeded my goal and got almost 400 books. These books will definitely help my Girl Scout troop reach our goal of one thousand books for Bernie's Book Bank. I am grateful that Bethel was there to help us. All of these books will help to make a positive impact on the community around Lake County and surrounding areas. - Katie Kreamer



Traffic Cones Periodically you may find cones up in the Bethel Parking Lot. These are meant to slow down people who turn around in our parking lot. If you arrive at church (at non-worship or other event times) and find cones up, please feel free to drive through them into the parking lot.



Installation Service You are invited, Sunday, **June 3** at 3:00 p.m., in the Chapel of Our Lord, Concordia University Chicago, when President elect Rev. Allan R. Buss will be installed as LCMS Northern Illinois District President.

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).



Tech-minds Needed In search of tech-minded people for a short-term project. Katrina Johns is searching for a database program and could use some help. Please contact her at Katrina@Bethelgurnee.org if you can assist in this search.

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>

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.



Summer Worship Schedule Starts on Thursday, May 24 Thursdays 6:30PM & Sundays 9AM



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.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, May 21

- 12:30 p.m.— Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m.—Senior Game Day
- 6:30 p.m.—Disciple Care Elders
- 7:00 p.m.—Care in Community
- 7:30 p.m.—Spiritual Oversight Elders

Thursday, May 24

- 6:30 p.m.—Worship in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.—COOL Board Meeting

Friday, May 25 Pastor and Katrina's day off

Saturday, May 26 Pastor and Katrina's day off

Sunday, May 27

- 9:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym

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

Worship Schedule Next Week

Thursday 6:30PM & Sunday 9AM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday & Thursday prior

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM - 3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8AM—125 & 10:45AM—100

Sunday School—90

Serving Next Week

Thursday 6:30PM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: Dave Ziegler
Acolytes: Dylan Love, OPEN
Lay Readers: Karla Stewart, Dave Ziegler
Ushers: Monte Stoltzman, Scott Mundrick
Greeters: J.J. & Janet Jones, Matt & Kiwol Messmer
May Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
May Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 9:00AM

J.J. Jones
 Jack Warneke
 Brooke Ratzburg, Lily Erwin
 Ben Sanders, Diane Sanders
 George Bruszer, Tyler Flowers
 The Pipia Family,
 The Tera Redman Family
 Deborah Wuethrick
 Joan Blasko