

# The BIG Buzz

~June & July 2018~

**Monthly communication  
of events and  
reports from  
Bethel Lutheran Church**

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Information for the  
weekly *Buzz* is  
due in the office  
by 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday.



## REGISTER NOW! Vacation Bible School July 16-20

Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with VBS Splash Canyon: *God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*. Vacation Bible School student and volunteer registration is now online at <https://www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs-2018.html>

- \* Each day runs from 9AM-Noon with the students singing at our Thursday evening (6:30 p.m.) worship service.
- \* Students entering 5th grade & below get to join the adventure, moving from Bible story to crafts to games to snacks.
- \* Students entering 6th grade & up are part of our Volunteer Team. You are the ones that make VBS possible! (*When you register as a volunteer, if you are entering 6th grade but haven't turned 12 yet, please just register as a 12-year-old. This is a registration system limitation.*)
- \* We are in need of many adult volunteers. If you have a flexible work schedule, or have summers off, we could really use your help! Our student numbers grow each year, yet we never have enough adult volunteers. Please consider donating your time to our VBS this summer. If you have any questions, contact our VBS Directors Kylie Brazda and Jeremy & Andrea Little at [vbs@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:vbs@bethelgurnee.org).
- \* INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.

Bethel's Vacation Bible School is FREE to students through the generous support of the congregation and donations. This allows us to direct all offerings gathered during the week to our Mission Project: A Safe Place.





## *Intergenerational Game Day*

It's another Senior Game Day with a twist. At our next game day on Tuesday, **June 26**, all kids (parents can come, too) are invited to join the seniors for a morning of games. Games kick-off at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Bring your own game or play one provided. There will also be donuts for all. Sign-up on the hub, contact Karen Leicht at [Karen@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:Karen@bethelgurnee.org), or just come.

A wonderful way to contribute to the ministries here at Bethel is by being a Thrivent member.

Did you know that every Thrivent member has Choice Dollars that can be directed to benefit Bethel? And it doesn't cost the member ANYTHING!

Did you know that a Thrivent member has the ability to sponsor TWO action teams every year? And it doesn't cost the member ANYTHING!

Did you know that even if you aren't a full Thrivent member, you can still apply for an Action team? And it doesn't cost you ANYTHING!

What's an Action team? Action teams are a wonderful (and free) way of getting \$250 as seed money to kick-off a fundraiser! Let's say you want to host a bake sale to benefit a ministry here at Bethel. With that seed money from Thrivent, you could purchase all the ingredients to bake your heart out! Or, maybe you want to have a car wash, that seed money could purchase sponges, car wash soap, towels, and buckets.

There are so many possibilities! And it's all for free! If you want more information on how you can serve Bethel in this way, please contact Katrina Johns at [Katrina@BethelGurnee.org](mailto:Katrina@BethelGurnee.org).

## *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.

## *ElderCARE*

Need a ride to the doctor? Need help getting groceries? There is a wonderful service here in Northern Lake County that was created to help you. How?

**Transportation to medical appointments:** a volunteer will pick you up, stay with you, and bring you back home.

**Grocery Shopping:** Volunteers will take your grocery list and make the trip to the store for you.

**Safer** than the bus.

**More convenient** than the bus.

**Volunteers are screened and trained** to assist and give support.

Have you realized that you would like to volunteer somewhere, but don't know where? Are you a legal, licensed driver? ElderCARE could use your assistance, too! Volunteers are needed to accompany seniors to medical appointments, do a bit of grocery shopping, or even just visit with a lonely, home-bound senior. The scheduling is flexible and the reward for helping someone is so valuable.

To receive the services of ElderCARE, or to volunteer, call 847-406-4683 or go to [eldercareslakecounty.org](http://eldercareslakecounty.org) for more information.

## *C.O.O.L. Food of the Month*

### *June - Side Dishes*

*Mac & Cheese, Stuffing Mix, Boxed Potatoes, etc.*

### *July—Peanut Butter*

**Place non-perishable items in the box in the sanctuary hallway.**



## Preschool News ...

At the end of our 2017-2018 school year, we like to send out a big "thank you" to everyone who has helped the ministry to young children here at Bethel Preschool.

Thank you to the dedicated teaching staff: Becky Anderson, Sue Best, Christine Fleming, and Donna Stutzman for the loving guidance, creative planning, and many extra hours they devote to the children and the classroom. It is the effort of a strong teaching team, dedicated to spreading the Gospel to young children that makes Bethel the special place it is.

A big "thank you" goes out to the Preschool Board who attends monthly board meetings, and helps organize and coordinate our fundraisers. Thank you to Kathy DeLassus our Chairman, Becky Moylan our parent representative, and board members Susan Boardman, Sue Frenndreis, Christie Kozlik, Emily Schaefer and Donna Stutzman. We thank them for their wisdom and support in making decisions that guide the preschool. We also thank them for organizing our Fall Fest and rummage sale. The board worked hard on these events and helped make them successful fundraisers!

Thank you to Pastor Squires for leading us in worship during our monthly devotion times. Thank you to the Bethel Church Staff, Lisa Schwarz, Karen Leicht, and Linda Gifford for the warm welcomes and your continued support of the preschool.

Thank you to all the preschool parents for their help throughout the school year: for the timely return of paperwork and tuition envelopes, for volunteer help in the classroom, and for all of the help at the rummage sale. We also thank them for their support and encouragement of our educational program here.

A special thank you to Karen Kozlik who helped the teachers prepare special projects and fill in as a substitute teacher.

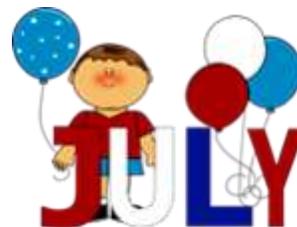
Thank you to Becky Anderson, our hardworking Scholastic Book order coordinator. Her efforts give Bethel free books and bonus points that allow us to increase our teacher resource library.

Thank you to the Bethel Lutheran Church congregation for its support and prayers, and its continued support of the rummage sale.

But most of all, thanks be to God for His aid to us all as we seek to spread the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to His precious little lambs.

We now look forward to next fall and the 2018-2019 school year. We have a limited amount of openings in our 2 Day, 3 Day, and Playtime classes. Please pass the word on to anyone in your neighborhood who has young children, we would love to have them join us at Bethel. We have openings for children who will be two and a half through five years old by September 1, 2018. The best way to contact preschool staff is through email ([preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org)) over the Summer. Donna Stutzman will be available during the summer months for preschool tours, or to answer questions. Appointments can easily be set up through an email. We will have an additional Open House in mid to late August. Please watch the preschool website for full details, [www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org](http://www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org).

We wish you God's Blessings as we enter the summer months.



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## JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE BIG QUESTIONS

- 1 Does Life Have a Purpose?
- 2 Is There a God?
- 3 Why Does God Allow Pain & Suffering?
- 4 Is Christianity Too Narrow?
- 5 Is Jesus Really God?
- 6 Is The Bible Reliable?
- 7 Can I Know God Personally?

*In January-February 2019, Bethel will join with churches across Chicagoland to focus on these **7 Big Questions** for a sermon series and discussion groups in each of our congregations and in the community.*

*A major partner in this effort is Q Place—creators of the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations. We believe that Bethel is preparing well for Explore God through our use and familiarity with the Arts.*

*Pastor Squires is working to encourage many of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and Lake County churches to participate. GO! Together (our partnership in Gurnee) is on board.*

*There'll be more information coming in the future months. If you're interested in helping be part of our Explore God Lead Team, please email our Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns ([katrina@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:katrina@bethelgurnee.org)). [www.exploregod.com/chicago](http://www.exploregod.com/chicago)*

## GO TOGETHER **Prayer Room ~ Coming this Fall**

GO TOGETHER is a partnership of congregations in Gurnee (Bethel, Epicenter, Gurnee Community, House of Prayer, Immanuel, Joy! Lutheran, La Vina, Lakeland, Life, Village, and New Abbey). We encourage one another and work together in reaching out to our communities with the Gospel of Jesus.

One of the visible expressions of our partnership is the GO TOGETHER Prayer Room. This is a place for individuals and ministry groups to go to the Lord in prayer on behalf of friends, families, neighbors, the greater Gurnee Community and the nation. The room is located on Old Grand Ave (near Gurnee Community Church) and is available through the sign-up at [www.go-together.org](http://www.go-together.org), 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. For access to the prayer room, contact the church office.

UPDATE: For a number of years, we have used June as a special emphasis on Prayer, asking each church to cover as many hours as possible for specific days of the month. This year we are moving that emphasis to October, which will give us more time to plan but also will be a great time to be praying about preparations for Explore God Chicago (January-February 2019). The GO! Pastors have also created a Prayer Room Lead Team with representatives from each congregation guiding us forward. Elizabeth Blasko is Bethel's team member. Thanks, Liz!



Dear Bethel Friends,  
 It's that time of year again! Ben, Jocelyn, my Mom (Marilyn) and I will walk again this year in a charity event to help raise donations for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

**WHAT are we asking you to do?**

DONATE to CCFA!

It is our goal this year to raise *over \$1,000 and make it our best year yet!*

**WHY are we asking you to do this?**

Over millions of American adults and children are affected by these digestive diseases, *including ME so this charity is especially close to our hearts!*

**WHEN do we need your donation to us?**

No later than Saturday, June 23

**HOW do you donate?**

1.) Send a check made out to CCFA to our home address: 5391 Virginia Court, Gurnee, IL 60031.

2.) Go to our team link – GUTSY LADIES AND A GOOD MAN!

([http://online.ccfa.org/site/TR?px=1045324&pg=personal&fr\\_id=6772&et=EseMlsrz0SegTXGSElnLuw&s\\_tafid=110410](http://online.ccfa.org/site/TR?px=1045324&pg=personal&fr_id=6772&et=EseMlsrz0SegTXGSElnLuw&s_tafid=110410))

Once on the page, click on “donate now”.

**What else can you do?**

Pray for those affected! And join us at the event and share in the fun day of activities... food, games, and spending a nice day outside at Gallery Park in Glenview on **June 24th!**

In Christ,  
 Diane Sanders

## Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing



MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield

11:00AM REGISTRATION AND LUNCH

12:30PM SHOTGUN START

5:30PM COCKTAILS AND DINNER

Registration includes green fees, cart, lunch, on-course events, beverages, cocktail reception, dinner, and more!

**To register or become a sponsor go to:**  
<https://asafeplaceforhelp.org/get-involved/golf-outing/>

### Golf Outing Glen Flora Country Club

Golfers mark your calendars as the 15th Annual COOL Golf Outing is coming to Glen Flora Country Club on Monday, **July 9**. You won't want to miss your chance to play this exclusive course and help COOL to Feed the Hungry and House the Homeless!

Golfers & tee sponsors are encouraged to visit our website ([coolministries.org](http://coolministries.org)) for payment options and more information.

## Thank You and God's Blessings to Sue Best



Bethel Preschool would like to announce that Sue Best has decided to retire from her teaching career.

We have been blessed to have Sue work with Bethel Preschool since 2010. She has served in a variety of roles including Playtime Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Financial Advisor, and most recently Classroom Teacher for the 3 Day Class. Sue had also served on the Preschool Board for many years prior to teaching. We will miss Sue very much. We wanted to extend best wishes to Sue on her early retirement. Teachers like Sue are a Gift from God. We wish her the Lord's richest blessings in all of her future plans.

**“Behold I will do something new. Now it will spring forth...” Isaiah 43:19**

## Confirmation Class ~ May 20, 2018



**From Left to Right:**

Jose Rayos (Lay Coach), Stephanie Bunnell (Lay Coach),

**Confirmands:** Hillary Fleming, Logan Rosenthal, Allyson Adams, Nathan Adams, Nathan Fairsch, Jacob Herstowski, Lily Erwin, Katie Kreamer, Sam Squires, Pastor Squires & Don Wuethrick (Lay Coach)



## COOL Glen Flora Golf Outing



The 15th Annual COOL Golf Outing will take place at Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan on July 9, 2018. More information will be coming as details are available.

If you are interested in joining us this year for the first time, please contact Linda Morgret at (847) 662-1340 ext. 4 to get on our golf mailing list. Hope you can join us.



### to our 2018 Graduates



#### **High School:**

Cody Nuechterlein—Cody graduated from Grayslake North High School and will be attending College of Lake County.

Chris Pelletiere—Chris graduated from Grayslake North High School and will be attending College of Lake County. His major is undeclared.

Jacob Stutzman—Jacob graduated from Warren High School. He will be attending Iowa State seeking a degree in Mathematics.

#### **College:**

Rachel Ziegler—Rachel graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Her future plans are to work at Abbott in the Des Plaines location.

Lindsey Pipia—Lindsey Pipia, daughter of Tom Pipia, graduated from University of Wisconsin at Madison's School of Journalism.

Kimberly Messmer—Kimberly graduated from Drake University, Des Moines, IA with bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Management. She will continue to reside in the Des Moines area working for Kemin Industries in the Marketing Department. Her role will include digital marketing which is her primary interest.

***God's blessings to you as you start this new adventure in your life.  
Let the Lord lead your way!***

## ***An update on Bethel's Social Justice Ministry***

Dear Bethel family,

Thank you for supporting me again this year with \$500 in the church budget. Your faith in the work I do is precious to me!

So far in 2018, I have offered four training events/Bible studies. I also gave a presentation to the Alliance for Human Services. Altogether I have connected with nearly 100 people representing churches from across Lake County. It is such fun to meet people who are serving their communities in the name of Jesus and who are eager to grow in serving thoughtfully and well.

Bethel's community partner Love In the Name of Christ has made the *Bridges Out of Poverty* workshop part of its training program for volunteers. In February I led a class at the Love INC office and we had a lively group. Many of them are eager for more, so I hope to offer *When Helping Hurts* there in the Fall. I am confident that these training opportunities make our ministry with struggling neighbors more effective and more sustainable.

In early November, the Christian Community Development Association ([ccda.org](http://ccda.org)) has its national conference here in Chicago. The CCDA is a leader in our joint work of reconciliation. I plan to attend the conference if I can arrange the time and find the funds. Would you like to go with me or to help pay the way for a couple of people from Bethel to go? Please let me know!

Depending on Jesus,  
Susan Squires  
[susan@livingjustly.us](mailto:susan@livingjustly.us)



Dear Friends,

Please accept my most sincere and gracious THANK YOU for your generous contribution of \$350 to PADS Lake County, Inc. Your support makes an incredible difference in the lives of the people we serve.

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You are all amazing! Thank you for everything you do for PADS and the people we serve.

Sincerely,  
Joel Williams  
Executive Director

### ***Financials*** **2018 Average Weekly Budget**

Donations Needed	\$10,889
Donations Received - April	\$10,514

# Bethel Calendar

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>3</b> 9:00 am - Communion in Gym	<b>4</b> 10:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:00 pm - Property Board	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm - Worship in Sanctuary	<b>8</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off	<b>9</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off
<b>10</b> 9:00 am - Worship in Gym	<b>11</b> 10:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts in the Building	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm - Elders meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary 6:30 pm - Preschool Board	<b>15</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off	<b>16</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off
<b>17</b> 9:00 am - Communion in Gym	<b>18</b> 10:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball	<b>19</b> 10:00 am - Heritage Woods 11:00 am - Gurnee Meadows 6:30 pm - Council (In the Prayer Room) 7:30 pm - Special BLAST Youth Vision Meeting (In the Prayer Room)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 am - MISSIO Cohort 6:30 pm - Worship in Sanctuary	<b>22</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off	<b>23</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off
<b>24</b> 9:00 am - Worship in Gym	<b>25</b> 10:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:00 pm - Indian Guides Troop in Building	<b>26</b> 9:30 am - Intergenerational Game Day 7:00 pm - Care in Community	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary 7:00 pm - COOL Board	<b>29</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off	<b>30</b> Pastor's & Katrina's Day Off

# June 2018 Service Roster

	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 3	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 7	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 10	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 14	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 17
<b>ELDER</b>	Bob Souza	Randy Gifford	OPEN	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Al Diercks
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Dylan Love Brooke Ratzburg	Logan Rosenthal Michaela Rosenthal	Katie Kreamer Ellie Kreamer	Allyson Adams Ashley Plapp	Sam Squires Jude Squires
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Dave Ross	Tony Young	Elizabeth Blasko	Sue Bandman	Al Diercks
<b>USHER 1</b>	John Schultz	OPEN	John Schultz	OPEN	OPEN
<b>USHER 2</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>GREETERS</b>	Aaron Ratzburg Family Mulley Family	David & Theresa Carlson Laura Todd	Novacek Family Olson Family	Irene Karlovics Bill & Eileen Smith	Sanders Family Traynor Family

	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 21	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 24	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 28
<b>ELDER</b>	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones	OPEN
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Rachel Ziegler Jake Kruse	Jacob Herstowski Lily Erwin	Lily Freehling Griffin Pavletic
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Shari Hoppe	Joanne Heidlauf	Bob Piepenbrink
<b>USHER 1</b>	OPEN	Tyler Flowers	OPEN
<b>USHER 2</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>GREETERS</b>	Cindy Offerdahl Ziegler Family	Schaefer Family Don & Debbie Wuethrick	Rich & Karen Arnold Diane Rogala
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Sheila Bunnell & Margie Tatgenhorst		
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Monte Stoltzman & Bill and Kathy Schwartz		



Yellow highlighted areas are Thursday worship. Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.

# June

2018

## Celebrations & Membership Updates

### Birthdays

2 Mikayla Boyle  
Paul DeLassus  
3 Sam Squires  
5 Faye McDonald  
6 Jude Squires  
7 Laura Hamm  
Diane Mundrick  
Larry Peters  
8 Eric Levinson  
10 Bonnie Irish  
Linda Piepenbrink  
11 Amy Ross  
12 Kristen Maddox  
Chris Pelletiere  
Kristina White  
13 Bonnie Battista  
Norm Balliet  
13 Steve Best  
Jack Erwin  
Erin Novacek  
14 Cindy Maag  
15 Chad Johnson  
16 Cindy Daluga  
Joe Souza  
18 Kellie Ratzburg  
Kathy Regnier  
Joan Wennerstrom

19 Carrie Somppi  
22 Will Jaronik  
22 Jeff White  
24 Donna Stutzman  
25 Chris Mason



26 Ardell Maata  
Laura Ross  
Dawn Werfelmann  
27 Melanie Callahan  
Brandon Freeck  
28 Sunny DeLassus  
30 Chuck Johnson  
Emma Siragusa  
Ted Tatgenhorst

### Wedding Anniversaries

Andy & Holly Traynor June 3, 1980  
Morrie & Carol Cook June 6, 1981  
Eric & Carrie Somppi June 6, 1992  
Bill & Lynda Oesterreich June 7, 1958  
Ardell & Sharon Maata June 8, 1963  
Don & Debbie Wuethrick June 10, 1990  
Gene & Ellen Bartelt June 12, 1965  
Bob & Patty Livingston June 13, 1981  
Bob & Ann Souza June 15, 1985  
Steve & Irene Karlovics June 16, 1962  
Steve & Jann Freehling June 17, 2000  
Don & Joanne Heidlauf June 20, 1987  
Jon & Nicole Kreamer June 21, 1997  
Ben & Susan Squires June 22, 1996  
Larry & Linda Peters June 23, 2013  
Jon & Jennie Vana June 26, 2010  
Dave & Cheryl Ross June 28, 1975  
Ray & Susie Young June 30, 1962

### Membership Updates

#### Wedding:

John & Melissa (Werfelmann) Coia  
were married at Bethel  
on May 5, 2018.

\*\*\*If there is an error or omission in the celebrations information above or you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please contact the church office  
(Email: [office@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:office@bethelgurnee.org) or Phone: 847-244-9647). Thank you!!!

## Church office hours

Summer Hours  
Starting  
Monday, June 4

Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
These hours may vary  
for Summer.

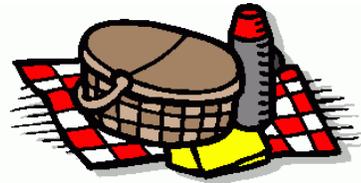
**Pastor's weekly hours**  
are posted outside his  
office door.

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Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.  
or  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion:  
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays  
and the  
Thursday prior



# Church Picnic

**Save the Date**

**Sunday, August 19th**

Bethel's church picnic will be held at Viking Park in Gurnee. Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. Come ready to have a fun day!

*Watch for more information in the August Big Buzz.*

To: