

## Vacation Bible School—July 16-20



Students & volunteers can register at [www.bethelgurnee.org](http://www.bethelgurnee.org). We are still in need of adult volunteers, so please consider helping out.

If you have any snack food donations, please be sure to drop it off in the kitchen before Sunday, **July 15**. We

are looking forward to having a fun week during VBS and sharing God's love!

### Important Dates:

7/11 Train the Trainer 6-7 PM - pizza and soda provided

7/14 Prop Assembly 2-3:30 PM

7/15 Decorate Church after 9 AM Service

7/19 VBS Church Service 6:30 PM

7/20 Clean Up Church after VBS - lunch provided

### For the week of VBS:

#### Monday (July 16):

Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. & students at 8:50 a.m.

#### Tuesday-Friday (July 17-20):

Volunteers arrive at 8:45 a.m. & students 8:55 a.m.

Contact Kylie Brazda, Jeremy or Andrea Little if you have any questions ([vbs@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:vbs@bethelgurnee.org)).

**Let's Eat Together** This summer, the GO! Together



churches have a goal of our people hosting 100 BBQ's, picnics and get-togethers in our

"neighborhoods"- where we live, work, or play. We lovingly and intentionally gather people to build community, where relationships may someday lead to spiritual conversations. At Bethel, we have a goal of our folks hosting 15 events.

How easy is it to register and host an event for the Go Together - Eat Together event? Just ask Cindy Maag, Sherri Waala, or Kylie Brazda! The Maag's got to know some new neighbors, the Waala's celebrated a birthday, and the Brazda's are planning a block party! Doesn't matter the size, just register! **To register, go to: [www.tinyurl.com/gotogethereat](http://www.tinyurl.com/gotogethereat).**



## Asher Comfort Dog Handlers -

Faith Lutheran Church—Lake Forest (Home of Asher Comfort Dog) is in need of additional handlers. Please contact current handler, Linda Gifford, 847-217-0492, or in the Bethel Church Office if you are interested in additional information. Linda has experienced many blessings in handling Asher at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, funerals and many community events.



## Gurnee Days and GO Together Churches

On **August 9-12**, GO Together churches will be partnering with the Village of Gurnee by providing volunteers for their annual Gurnee Days event. Our goal is

to meet 40 of their volunteer needs! Volunteers are needed to help with the parade, the information booth and other exhibition booths. If you've built relationship with your neighbor(s) through an Eat Together event, consider inviting your neighbor to serve together!



**Please help us love our community!**

**For volunteer times and to sign up, go to:**

**[go-together.org/get-involved/serve-together](http://go-together.org/get-involved/serve-together)**

????s email Matt Kearney — [mattk@go-together.org](mailto:mattk@go-together.org)

*The vision of GO TOGETHER is transformed lives, families, neighborhoods, churches and whole communities.*

Thank you to everyone who supported our CCFA charity event in June! With your help, along with family and friends, we were able to raise \$1,235! This is our most successful year! If you are interested in learning more about CCFA, Crohn's or Colitis, feel free to contact Diane!



In Christ, Ben-Diane-Jocelyn Sanders and Marilyn Schill

**Repair Help Needed** A client of Love INC is in need of a washing machine repair. If you are able to help with this or know someone who would donate their time, please contact Karen in the church office.

**Bethel Website:** [www.bethelgurnee.org](http://www.bethelgurnee.org) **Office:** 847-244-9647 **Preschool:** 847-244-9672 **Email:** [office@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:office@bethelgurnee.org)

**Pastor Ben Squires** Cell: 224-419-5519 / [pastor@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:pastor@bethelgurnee.org)

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**Linda Gifford** - Administrative Assistant [linda@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:linda@bethelgurnee.org)

**Lisa Schwarz** - Office Manager [lisa@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:lisa@bethelgurnee.org)

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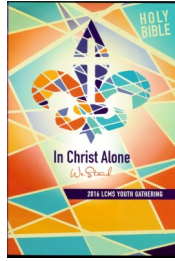


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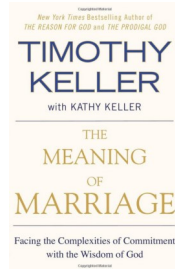


### Featured Books:

"This Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by Lutheran theologians and pastors from more than twenty Lutheran church bodies. Current Lutheran scholarship, insights from the Church Fathers, and rich devotional commentary provides meaningful perspective for both young and mature Christians" (from Concordia Publishing House). This Bible uses the English Standard Version (ESV) translation, which is what Bethel generally uses in worship and Bible Study. A study Bible combines the biblical text with helpful study notes and other resources to help you quickly go deeper or get background on a passage. This version is the Compact one given out at the 2016 National Youth Gathering. Other formats of this Bible are available online at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).



Pastor Squires uses this wonderfully biblical and insightful book for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Written by Tim Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian in NYC, the book focuses on God's design of marriage and how that does and doesn't line up very well with how our society views marriage today. Keller is a pastor – so this book sounds like a set of sermons with great illustrations and many ways of saying the same thing so that the repetition helps us take it to heart. This book upholds Bethel's values of aiming towards biblical marriage between one man and one woman, waiting until marriage to have sex, and avoiding divorce. However, the book – like Bethel – recognizes that we come to marriage with messy lives. And we also come to Jesus with our broken lives. So this book emphasizes meeting people where they are, looking for God's love to fuel marriage with grace, forgiveness, and leading by the Holy Spirit. If you are reading this on your own, ask Pastor for his accompanying discussion guide.



**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.



*New Portals of Prayer  
are available on the Hub!!*

## This Week's Calendar

**July 8–12 Katrina is at NYG YM Conference**

### Monday, July 9

- 10:30 a.m.—Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts in the Building

### Tuesday, July 10

- 6:30 p.m.—Elders Meeting

### Wednesday, July 11

- 9:30 p.m.—Mom's Club in Basement
- 6:00 p.m.—Train the Trainor VBS

### Thursday, July 12

- 12:00 p.m.—MISSIO Cohort
- 6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m.—Preschool Board Meeting

**Friday, July 13** Pastor and Katrina's day off

**Saturday, July 14** Pastor and Katrina's day off

- 2:00 p.m.—Prop Assembly VBS

### Sunday, July 15

- 9:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym
- After service decorate Gym for VBS

**C.O.O.L. food of the month  
for July: Peanut Butter**

### Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30PM & Sunday 9AM

#### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday & Thursday prior

#### Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM - 12PM

#### Last Week's Attendance

Thursday 6:30PM—71  
Sunday 9:00AM—108

### Serving Next Week

**Elders:**  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:**  
**Acolytes:**  
**Lay Readers:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:**

**July Altar Guild:**  
**July Counters:**

#### Thursday 6:30PM

Mike Bandman  
David Ziegler  
Jeremy Leicht  
Randy Gifford  
**OPEN, OPEN**  
Jack Warneke,  
Randy & Linda Gifford  
Diane Rogala  
Dave & Cheryl Ross

#### Sunday 9:00AM

JJ Jones  
Jack Warneke  
Katie & Ellie Kreamer  
Kelley Dörner  
George Bruszer, **OPEN**  
Ken & Susan Hessel,  
The Kaiser Family  
Shelia Bunnell