

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.



Here's some ideas: potluck or picnic-style meal, block party (new or annual), get together with your neighbors, neighborhood cleanup or service project, neighborhood rummage sale (new or annual), apartment building BBQ, move your grill to your front yard, ask a neighbor for help with a project, or playground playdate. If you are willing to plan an event, or are going to an existing event, **please register at:** www.tinyurl.com/gotogethereat.



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

????s email Matt Kearney — mattk@go-together.org

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

DEADLINE for August Big Buzz
Thursday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School—July 16-20

7/20 Clean Up Church after VBS - lunch provided . Thank you all for making Splash Canyon VBS a HUGE success! We appreciate all the help our congregation gave us during the week and before. We had 120 students join us celebrating God's promise on life's wild ride. We would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers—many from Bethel, but also many from other churches and the community—who donated their time during the week. We also want to thank the office for their support. Without you, none of this is possible. VBS is a very important tool we use every year to serve our community. May God bless the efforts we put in this week and keep all of the families and children in his loving care. Blessings, Kylie Brazda, Jeremy and Andrea Little

A Safe Place VBS offerings gathered during the week were directed to our Mission Project: A Safe Place which assists victims transforming their lives after domestic violence, prevents future abuse through intervention programs, and educates the community about domestic violence. In addition to monetary donations, rolls of toilet paper were collected. **It's not too late to make a difference! Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate and donations of toilet paper can be placed in the VBS Office (two rooms down from the office).**



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.

Intergenerational Game Day It's another Senior Game Day with a twist. At our next game day on Monday, **July 24**, 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 at Karen@bethelgurnee.org, or just come.

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This Week's Calendar

Pastor on Vacation July 22—August 5

Monday, July 23

5:30 p.m.—Basketball

Tuesday, July 24

9:30 a.m.—Intergenerational Game Day

7:00 p.m.—Care in Community

Thursday, July 26

6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.—COOL Board

Friday, July 27

Katrina's Day Off

9:30 a.m.—LWML Board Meeting in

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 28 Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, July 29

9:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym.

Deadline for putting an article in the Buzz
is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30PM & Sunday 9AM

Communion

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

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday 6:30PM— 78

Sunday 9:00AM— 129

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

July Altar Guild:

July Counters:

Thursday 6:30PM

Dave Ziegler

Bob Souza

Allyson Adams

Pat Rasmussen

OPEN, OPEN

The Adams Family,
Lance & Pat Rasmussen

Diane Rogala

Dave & Cheryl Ross

Sunday 9:00AM

JJ Jones

Jack Warneke

Brooke Ratzburg

Dave Hoffmeister

John Schultz

Dave Hoffmeister

The Stutzman Family,
Rod Threadgill

Shelia Bunnell