

**Bethel's Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, August 19 ~ 11:30 a.m.**

New Location

VanPatten Woods, Wadsworth ~ Shelter C



Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. There will be games and activities for all ages. Bethel will provide meat, cups, plates, napkins, utensils, and drinks. A sign up sheet is posted in the back of church or outside the church office on which you can choose to bring side dishes or dessert.

Vacation Bible School

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. **Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate.**

**Children's activity bags are on the
backside of the Hub.**

Bethel Preschool Open House The Preschool will hold a Back to School Open House on Wednesday, **August 22** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children from the community as well as currently enrolled children are welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the classrooms and meet with the teachers. Please invite your friends with preschool aged children to attend.



Bethel Preschool welcomes our new 3 Day Classroom Teacher Nicole Kreamer

Nicole will join the Bethel Preschool Staff for the 2018-2019 school year. She will work with Donna Stutzman in the 3 Day class teaching the 4 year old students. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa. Nicole is a Bethel Member along with her husband John and children Katie, Ellie and Thomas. Please join us in welcoming Nicole as our newest member of the Bethel Preschool staff.



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 a 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.

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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.**



COOL Requests for Assistance

1. A COOL Housing family is in desperate need of a vehicle. Both are working full-time and doing great in the program. However, they are in danger of losing their employment and their place in our program as they do not have transportation. The buses do not run by their places of employment, nor at the times they work. Also, they have been spending close to \$1000.00 per month in Uber and Lyft fees.



2. COOL is also looking for help to put the fence back up at Sherman Place. We need the physical labor to dig holes for the posts and raise the fence. The storm blew it down and we want our little ones to be safe!

If you can help with either of these needs, please contact Amanda, Family Housing Manager, at 847-662-1340, ext. 2 or email at awilliams@coolministries.org.

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

This Week's Calendar

Pastor on Vacation until August 5
Fellowship Hall in use Monday-Friday 8-1PM

Monday, July 30

5:30 p.m.—Basketball

Thursday, August 2

6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Friday, August 3

Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, August 4

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Sunday, August 5

9:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym

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— 170

Sunday 9:00AM— 85

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

August Altar Guild:

August Counters:

Thursday 6:30PM

Mike Bandman

Jack Warneke

Jake Kruse, Logan Rosenthal

Lori Hoonstra

OPEN, OPEN

The Hoonstra Family,
 Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst

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Sunday 9:00AM

JJ Jones

Al Diercks

Nathan Faitsch, Holly Faitsch

Karen Kozlik

John Schultz, **OPEN**

Diane Boehm,

John & Karen Kozlik

Dawn Werfelmann

Sue Best