

Sunday School News — RALLY DAY!



On **September 9th** the Sunday School year kicks off with fellowship at 9:00 a.m. Students (Preschool through High School) will be given instructions for their activities around 9:40 a.m. There will be Bible Study in the fellowship hall for adults led by Pastor. Students will meet back in the fellowship hall to finish up their Rally Day activities around 10:20 a.m. We'll also roll out info around this year's mission—*A Safe Place*—where Sunday School & Adult Bible Class offerings will go!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE—Interested? Need more info? PLEASE contact Diane Sanders, Kylie Brazda, Carla Thompson or Katrina Johns with ways you can help! **REGISTRATION**—Please register your children via the website/email link to help us keep our student lists current! The Board of Christian Education will be emailing parents several times throughout the year and we cannot get the info to you properly unless you register. Children must be 3 years old by 9/1/2018 and be potty trained to enter the preschool class. Children under the age of 3 or who are not potty trained on 9/1/2018 are welcome to attend out weekly Little Lambs class!



Regular Worship Schedule Begins September 9

Sundays

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. – Worship Services

Baby Swing Needed The Baby Shower Ministry is in need of a gently used baby swing for a client who requested one. Thank you for your continued support.



Bethel Gift Cards are Back Support the Bethel Youth and order a gift card. Forms are available on the Hub, and can be turned in at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, September 9**. Questions? Contact Sue Best at snsbest@gmail.com.



Support Group for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia

The Illinois Department of Aging will be sponsoring a “Stress-Busting” program for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia at Bethel on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration is due by Friday, **September 7**. A flyer with more information is posted outside of the church office. Additional information/registration is also available by emailing or calling Chris (847-596-8226, lessonsincare@gmail.com).

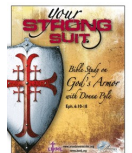
Fundraiser for Micah (Thursday)



James and Jennifer Silasiri are hosting a fundraiser at the new Panera in honor of Micah Silasiri. We feel very blessed to be a part of Bethel and to continue to receive the support of the congregation through our fundraising on Micah's behalf. This year, as you get back into the school year, consider Panera on Friday, **August 31**. Check out the new location and use either their drive-thru, rapid pickup, or dine in/patio. **An updated flyer, which has a new code, is available on the hub.** Panera will then donate 20% of your purchase to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Micah's name. Thank you again for all of your support!!

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning on the first Wednesday in September (5th) at 9:30 a.m., the ladies of the Morning Bible Study will begin a new series called “*Your Strong Suit*”. Join us in this study as we learn about the battle, our enemy, our armor, and our place in God's army. Our group meets in the lounge on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays. Join us when you can and check with Kathy Schwartz (847-231-4351 or 224-575-2678) if you have any questions or would like to get your copy of the student guide.



Bethel Picnic THANK YOU



A heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE that helped make the picnic such an enjoyable experience. We had beautiful weather, the food was delicious, and the games were such fun.

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

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Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Need Volunteers and Donations See the clipboards on the Hub for people and things that are needed on **Sept. 16** at the LWML Zone 1 Fall Workshop here at Bethel. We need people to help with serving the lunch, helping at the craft tables and to attend! We will be serving a soup and salad lunch (like our Lenten suppers) and we will need donations. If you can't come, we will be collecting granola bars for the PADS sack lunch program or for us to give to those clients that come to Bethel for showers. Choose a protein/healthier type of bar. Thank you for all your help and contact Kathy Schwartz (224-575-2678) if you have any questions.

Northern Illinois District Convention 2018

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Humility, Gentleness, Self-Control. Against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*
That is the theme verse for the biennial convention to be held on **September 22-23**. It will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center in Hillside. Rev. John Nunez will be the keynote speaker and there will be mission speakers from the 2016-2018 LWML NID grants. A Servant event will be held on Friday, **September 21** 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. with opening worship Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The convention includes Saturday lunch, dinner and entertainment. Closing service and installation of officers will be on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There are registration forms on the Hub. Call Kathy Schwartz (847-231-4351/224-575-2678) if you have questions or want a ride!



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.

Does any of this belong to you? The Bethel kitchen has a growing collection of dishes and serving pieces left behind from the picnic and a couple of funeral dinners. They will be on display after each of the services in the Narthex/back of the gym. Please take a look and see if any of them belong to you. If not claimed this week, items will be placed in the rummage sale.

Vases Needed The altar guild is missing some tall clear vases from altar flowers. If you have any from the church can you please drop them in the office.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 3

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4

5:00 p.m.—*A Safe Place* Training in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 5

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Lounge

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation

Thursday, September 6

5:00 p.m.—*A Safe Place* Training in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, September 7

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, September 8

Katrina's Day Off

9:00 a.m.—*A Safe Place* Training in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 9 RALLY DAY

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym

9:00 a.m.—Fellowship

9:40 a.m.—Sunday School Students are given instructions for their activities

10:20 a.m.—Students meet in Fellowship hall to finish up activities

10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3 PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday 6:30 PM— 62

Sunday 9:00 AM— 124

Serving Next Week Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: Al Diercks
Acolytes: Ashley Plapp, Dylan Love
Lay Readers: Samantha & Clint McDonald
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, **OPEN**
Greeters: The Plapp Family, Dave & Sue Hoffmeister
Fellowship: BOCE
Sept. Altar Guild: Becky Anderson
Sept. Counters: Chris Mason

Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza
David Ziegler
Michaela Rosenthal, Matthieu Weinberg
Ralph & Donna Danielsen
John Schultz, **OPEN**
Ralph & Donna Danielsen,
The Gutzke Family
Shari Hoppe
Diane Sanders

Wednesday Night Greeter: OPEN