

## A Message from Church Council:

Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights - *James 1:17*

We praise God that our giving has been consistent this year to what was given in 2017. With expenses up this year, if each family gave an additional \$10 a week, we will meet our weekly budgeted needs!

If you have any questions on the deficit or how you might be able to help out, please contact a member of Council or you can send an email to the whole Church Council at [council@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:council@bethelgurnee.org).

**Fellowship Volunteers** Please sign up for Fellowship, next Sunday and various other dates are **OPEN**. The sign up sheet is outside the kitchen door. Contact Janet Jones with ???s.



**Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser** Order forms are available on the Hub. The deadline for orders is **October 7**. Your check and completed form can be put in the offering plate or turned in at the church office.



## Prepare in October for the Jan-Feb 2019

### Explore God Series Coming to Chicagoland

**Exploratory Explore  
God Group**  
Tuesdays @ 7-8PM



Join us **October 2-November 13** to experience the 7 big questions in the Explore God series and see what it would be like to be part of a discussion group around those questions. In January-February, during the series which includes sermons each week, we also hope to invite our family, friends, and neighbors of all backgrounds to come have open conversation about these questions.

**A Month of Prayer in October** Join us in praying for the *Explore God* series that begins in January.

**To Prepare:** In October we are joining GO TOGETHER churches praying for those people we would invite to this series. Our churches will try to cover every hour with someone praying in our Prayer Room that the churches share (next to Dairy Queen, on Old Grand Ave). Bethel has committed to fill 3 Fridays in **October--5th, 12th, and 19th**, but you are free to sign up for any open spot during the month. We have helpers today at church who can sign you up online or you can do it on the GO TOGETHER website: <http://go-together.org/get-involved/prayer-room>

**Sunday School** Today's Lesson is Joseph Feeds Egypt Genesis 40-41 KTBN 46-47

*What happened to Joseph was NOT GOOD. And we don't have to call being sold into slavery a good thing. That wouldn't make sense. HOWEVER, we can celebrate that God can take a BAD SITUATION and still bring blessing from it. Like Jesus dying on the cross—there's really nothing good about the Son of God being killed by His own Creation. HOWEVER, God brought the blessing of salvation from this horrible event.*

Joseph's brothers sold Joseph into slavery, wresting him away from his vocations at home. But God drew Joseph to a new calling: he is put in charge of the "all the land of Egypt" (Genesis 41:41), where he exercises wise stewardship by storing grain from the abundant years so that famine could be endured. Although Joseph's brothers had meant to harm Joseph, God used their evil actions to work good for Israel. Joseph's new vocation enables him to do God's providential work by saving Israel from starvation.

Contemporary examples will vary. Even if we suffer hardships such as job loss, illness, or divorce, which tear us away from our current vocations, God will provide new work for us to do. A painful experience may lead to a new opportunity to serve.

\*\*\* Anyone interested in an opportunity to serve? Please consider the team teaching role for the 3rd and 4th grade class with John/Karen Leicht. Interested? please see Diane Sanders or Kylie Brazda.

**COOL Fundraiser** COOL is having a fundraiser at Portillo's in Gurnee on **October 3** from 5—8PM  
Flyers are available on the Hub.



## Pre-Ministry Day & Voters' Meeting Sun., Oct. 21

**Education Hour:** Pre-Reformation Ministry Fair

**After 10:45 Service:** Voter's Meeting w/ Tailgate Party

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**COOL Ministries – Veteran Box Drive** The COOL Food Pantry, Family housing and Veterans Aid Program will be collecting toiletries to assist Food Stamp eligible Veterans from **Oct. 9 - Nov. 11**. Bethel will be a collection center for members of the congregation and Preschool families. Donated items may be placed in the box located in the Narthex/Back of the gym. The following items have been requested: Razors, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Paper towels, Lotion, Laundry Soap, Depends – men’s & women’s, Bar Soap, Washcloths, Body Wash, Shower Loofa, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Mouthwash, Denture Cream, Shaving Cream .



**October Workshops When Helping Hurts** Tuesdays, Noon – 1:00, **Oct. 2 – Nov. 6** at Love in the Name of Christ (339 N. Lakewood, Waukegan) We love our neighbors and we want to help people who are struggling in poverty. What kind of help is truly helpful? **Bridges Out of Poverty** Saturdays, 10:00 – Noon, **Oct. 13 - 27** at Bethel. “I found this workshop helpful to increase my compassion and understanding for people in poverty. The class is engaging, interactive, and makes you think about attitudes and assumptions.” – Workshop participant. Both classes led by Susan Squires. Register online at [www.livingjustly.us/register](http://www.livingjustly.us/register).



**A Race for Unity** The speaker at "Race for Unity" simulcast event challenged us to recognize how racism works, even unintentionally, in our lives and to actively practice seeing each other as created in the image of God. All that we heard was based on a book called *The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation* by Miles McPherson. You can find out more at <https://www.sdrock.com/messages/thirdoption/> or <https://www.milesmcpherson.com/> Sign of the Dove Church, Waukegan, plans to host a monthly event. If you'd like to know about this or related events in the future, let Susan Squires know ([susan@livingjustly.us](mailto:susan@livingjustly.us)).

**Preschool Openings** Bethel Preschool still has openings in the 3 year old class and in the 4/5 year old class. A new class called Monday Preschool Playtime for 2 ½ year – 5 year olds and meets from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. You can choose which days you want to attend and it is \$19 per day. Contact the preschool office for more information at 847-244-9672.



Bethel Preschool

**Love INC Annual Dinner & Auction**



Friday, **October 19** at the Holiday Inn Gurnee. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of 8. This year Bethel is one of the sponsors of the “balloon pop” portion of the auction. If you would like to donate money or gift cards you can place in the offering plate marked with “Love INC Auction”. We would like the contributions by Monday, October 8. If you have questions please contact Karen Leicht or Dave Ross ([daveross945@comcast.net](mailto:daveross945@comcast.net) or 847-244-2809). If you would like to register for the dinner, please go to: [loveinlakecounty.org](http://loveinlakecounty.org)

**LCMS Bible Study** The Task-Filled Life , authored by Jan Brunette, will be available online beginning Saturday, **October 6** or may be viewed as downloadable at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

**This Week’s Calendar**

**Monday, October 1**

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m.—Basketball

**Tuesday, October 2**

5:00 p.m.—PADS in the Building  
6:00 p.m.—IL Dept of Aging–  
Caregivers of People with Dementia  
7:00 p.m.—Explore God Training

**Wednesday, October 3**

9:30 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study  
6:15 p.m.—First Communion Class  
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation  
6:15 p.m.—FEET

**Thursday, October 4**

7:00 p.m.—Cool Board Meeting in Basement  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

**Friday, October 5** Pastor & Katrina’s Day Off

6:00-8:00 p.m. Sanctuary in Use

**Saturday, October 6** Pastor & Katrina’s Day Off

**Sunday, October 7**

8:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym  
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

**Worship Schedule**

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

**Communion**

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

**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3 PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

**Last Week’s Attendance**

Sunday 8:00 AM — 122

Sunday 10:45 AM — 61

Sunday School — 83

**Serving Next Week**

**Sunday 8:00AM**

**Elders:** Mike Bandman  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:** OPEN  
**Acolytes:** Ellie Kreamer, Dylan Love  
**Lay Readers:** Nicole Kreamer, Karla Stewart  
**Ushers:** Donald Heidlauf, OPEN  
**Greeters:** Kevin & Holli Boivin,  
The Brazda Family  
**Fellowship:** Open  
**Oct. Altar Guild:** Diane Rogala & Diane Sanders  
**Oct. Counters:** Chris Mason & Diane Sanders

**Sunday 10:45AM**

**OPEN**  
Jack Warneke  
Lily Freehling, Matthieu Weinberg  
Joan Blasko, Elizabeth Blasko  
John Schultz, **OPEN**  
Stephanie Bunnell,  
Karen Kailer

**Wednesday Night Greeter:** (Oct. 3) Karen Leicht