

Prepare in October for the Jan-Feb 2019 Explore God Series Coming to Chicagoland

Exploratory Explore God Group
Tuesdays @ 7-8PM

Meetings will be in the Prayer Room on **October 23** & at Bethel on **October 16 & 30**.



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. (Prayer Room is next to Dairy Queen, on Old Grand Ave). Bethel has committed to fill Friday, **Oct. 19**, but you are free to sign up for any open spot during the month. Sign up on the GO TOGETHER website:

<http://go-together.org/get-involved/prayer-room>

Bethel Fall Fest Join us for fellowship & fun on Friday, **October 26** at 6 PM. This is a family fundraiser to benefit Bethel's Preschool.



6:00-6:30 p.m.—Chili Cook-off —Vote for your favorite
6:00-6:45 p.m.—Chili & Hotdog Dinner Fundraiser
6:30 p.m.—Trick or Treat and games followed by the Balloon Pop. Sign up by the Hub for dinner/volunteers.



Fuller Road Clean Up Our adopted road clean up is scheduled for **October 14** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Anyone age 10 years or older is welcome to help. Questions, contact John Kozlik at karenkozlik@gmail.com.

Fall Clean Up Join the Bethel Property Board on Saturday, **November 3** as we prepare the building and grounds for the upcoming winter months. There will be a variety of chores both inside and out. Lists will be posted so you can see what you might want to do. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. with prayer, coffee and donuts and then get to it. Rain date will be November 10. Many hands make light the work.



Love INC Annual Dinner & Auction Friday, Oct. 19



at the Holiday Inn Gurnee. For more information, preview of auction items, how to use BidPal or register, go to: <http://www.loveinclakecounty.org/2018dinner/>

Pre-Reformation Ministry Day & Voters' Meeting

On Sunday, **October 21** there will be a Pre-Reformation Ministry Fair during education hour. After 10:45 a.m. we will have the Voters' meeting with a tailgate party. **Why a Pre-Reformation Ministry Day?** By explaining the ministries of Bethel Lutheran church through engaging its members, more people will feel needed and want to serve God, their church, & their community. Please come be a part of Bethel's Pre-Reformation Day Fair! We will use the time to share all of the wonderful and fulfilling ways people can engage in their time spent at Bethel.

What Does It Mean to Be a Member? Sundays, Today and **October 28**—Noon-1:30 p.m.—Light snacks provided. Through conversation with Pastor & Katrina Johns, you'll explore a Lutheran approach to Scripture and what our congregation teaches & believes. You'll also get a sense of how to be connected at Bethel and live out your faith in Jesus. Registration not required.

WE'RE GONG ON A FIELD TRIP! On Tuesday, **October 23** in lieu of Senior Game Day we are taking a trip to Love, INC. It will be a great opportunity for us to learn about the wonderful ministry happening at Love, INC and to see what volunteer opportunities there are too. This field trip is open to everyone, not just those over 60. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m. with the tour starting at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Karen Leicht (Karen@bethelgurnee.org), call the church office, or sign up on the side of the Hub. If you are not able to make this field trip, there will be another opportunity to go to Love, INC on a Saturday in November. Details are still being worked out, more information to come soon.



Preschool Openings Bethel Preschool still has

openings in the 3 yr old class & in the 4/5 yr old class. A new class called Monday Preschool Playtime for 2 ½ yr - 5 yr olds meets from 9AM-11:30AM. Choose which days you want to attend, it is \$19 per day. Contact the preschool office (847-244-9672) with ???s.

Can Recycling Please crush your cans before putting them in the Bethel recycling bin. Thanks for your help!



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Meant for More Please join Katrina Johns for a gathering at St. Paul Lutheran church in Oak Lawn to discuss how to find more meaning and significance in the ordinary places and day-to-day relationships in which we find ourselves. Special guest speaker: Rev Dr John Nunes (President of Concordia College, New York). Saturday, **November 17** 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. \$10 (includes lunch). Please RSVP to Katrina@bethelgurnee.org by **October 31**.

Sunday School Today's lesson is about the birth of Moses from *Exodus 1:1-2:10 KTBN 56-57*. Adapted from *Concordia Publishing House* (Teacher Guide): By the time of the birth of Moses, God's dire prediction of four hundred years of servitude has very clearly been fulfilled.



God's promise to Abraham of relief must have seemed small and remote compared with the sore backs and calloused hands that bricks, mortar, and forced labor produced. Now Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, has commanded that all of the newborn sons of Israel should be killed at birth. The people of Israel must have felt like there was no hope. Then God delivers a son--saves him from being killed. Through God's guidance, the midwives don't kill the baby like the king said, and they save the baby by putting him in a basket to float downriver. This baby, Moses, then is rescued and grows up in Pharaoh's household. And in this child, the Lord has now provided for His people to be saved from slavery. In this same way, God the Father rescues His Son, Jesus, saves Him from a death sentence by King Herod (Matthew 2:15), and that Son would grow up to rescue all of God's people from slavery to sin and bring us into the Promised Land of eternal life.

****Next Sunday (**October 21**) is the Pre-Reformation Celebration! During the Sunday School hour, children in the Preschool—5th grade classes will participate in some Reformation Day learning activities. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will enjoy the Ministry Fair in the gym with the adult Bible class! Parents - we'd love to see you at the fair while your kids are whooping it up at their activities!

****Interested in helping out with Sunday School but not sure how? Stop by the Ministry Fair table-**Oct. 21!** Otherwise, talk to Diane Sanders or Kylie Brazda! You could be a substitute teacher this year or....shadow a particular class to learn more for next year or...talk to us about being the team teacher for the 3rd/4th grade class this year!

CROP Walk The CROP Hunger walk will be held on Sunday, **October 21** at St. Anastasia's. Each participating organization must guarantee at least one walker. If you intend to walk, please let Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net) or Carla Thompson (carlajothompson@gmail.com) know. To register, please go online to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waukeganil>. For those who wish to donate, please make a check payable to Bethel, memo CROP Walk, and we will write one check or you can donate online.

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**. A collection box is in the back of church by the Hub.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 15

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m.—Basketball
6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 16

10:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Office Hours
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
7:00 p.m.—Explore God Training at Bethel

Wednesday, October 17

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
6:15 p.m.—1st Communion, Confirmation, FEET
7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Thursday, October 18

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in the Basement
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, October 19 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

5:00 p.m.—Love INC Dinner Auction

Saturday, October 20 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

10:00 a.m.—*Bridges Out of Poverty*

Sunday, October 21

8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship/Pre-Reformation Ministry Fair
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.—Voters' Meeting with Tailgate Party

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

Sunday 8:00 AM — 106

Sunday 10:45 AM — 87

Sunday School—117

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: JJ Jones
Acolytes: Mae Anderson, Ashley Plapp
Lay Readers: Mike Bandman, Sue Bandman
Ushers: **OPEN, OPEN**
Greeters: Mike & Sue Bandman,
Robin & Cassandra Kiser
Fellowship: Church Council
Oct. Altar Guild: Diane Rogala & Diane Sanders
Oct. Counters: Chris Mason & Diane Sanders

Sunday 10:45AM

Randy Gifford
Jack Warneke
Michaela Rosenthal, Annika Chudy
Ellen Dalrymple, Suzanne Fowler
OPEN, OPEN
The Chudy Family,
Scott & Diane Mundrick

Wednesday Night Greeter: Lynn Faitsch (10/17)