

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 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). Sign up on the GO TOGETHER website: <http://go-together.org/get-involved/prayer-room>

Bethel Fall Fest Fundraiser Friday, **October 26** starting at 6:00 p.m. Fun & fellowship, everyone is welcome! Here is the schedule of what will be happening at Fall Fest:



Chili & Hotdog Dinner 6:00—6:45 p.m. Donations will be accepted. **Sign up by the Hub.**

Chili Cook-Off 6:00—6:30 p.m. Taste chili and vote for your favorite!!! A prize will be awarded for the best chili.

Trick or Treating! Games 6:30 p.m. Adults and children can wear a fun costume, and the kids can trick or treat from table to table in the gym. Everyone is welcome to bring candy and a game for the children to play. Tables will be set up for games. *****NO scary costumes, masks, or weapons allowed.*****

Balloon Pop Fundraiser Buy a balloon & win a prize. We have gift certificates to many places around Gurnee.

Help Needed Help is needed in the kitchen serving and cleaning up. You can also help with Trick or Treating/ Games. **Please sign up on the Hub.**

Fall Fest Set Up On Thursday, **October 25** at 6:30 p.m. we will be setting up tables and chairs. Please show up if you can help. If you have questions please email Donna Stutzman at preschool@bethelgurnee.org.

*** Dinner funding is provided by a Thrivent Action grant.

CROP Walk The CROP Hunger walk will be held **TODAY** at St. Anastasia's. 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.



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.



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 or signup 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.



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

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 by October 31.

COOL Needs COOL has a need for beds for a new housing family. We are looking to get a twin bed for the child and a full size bed for the mother. All they have right now is an air mattress. If you can help, please contact Mandy Williams, Family Housing Manager, at 847-662-1230, or email at awilliams@coolministries.org.

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.



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Sunday School The central issue of the Reformation was humanity's place in existence. How do we exist before God and before each other? Is there truth? Is there meaning? Is there evil? Is there love? How can God exist if evil exists? These questions occupy conversations today, and were the exact questions that Luther and the other Reformers wrestled with. Sure, their context was different than ours today, but the questions and their answers are the same. The Reformation is about not figuring out God by your own speculative thoughts. The person who follows that path is already wrong. Don't look within but without, to the Scriptures where God makes promises. The Reformation teaches us to look to God in the Scriptures to answer our questions. The questions we ask about humanity are addressed in God's love in Christ. The questions about who God is are answered through Christ's death and resurrection. And there are also questions that we learn we cannot answer. We are taught to trust in the God who is love. (c) 2017 LCMS/Concordia Historical Institute



Pre-Reformation Day Event TODAY!

During the Sunday School hour, we have a variety of activities planned for each grade level!

Preschoolers—5th graders will learn... some German words, about Luther's birthplace (enjoy a pretzel snack), about the "95 Theses" and also about Luther's Rose/Coat of Arms.

Preschool—2nd Grade:

9:30 am Meet in the sanctuary to sing with Mrs. Souza
10:30am Pick up from their classrooms

3rd—5th Grade:

9:30 am Meet in your classroom
10:30am Pickup from the sanctuary (singing with Mrs. Souza)

Middle School, High School and Adult Classes:

9:30-10:30am: Attend the Ministry Fair in the gym
*** A special thank you to Karen Kozlik and Emily Schaefer for upgrading the activity bags for kids during the service! Haven't used them in awhile? Have your little ones check them out!

DEADLINE for November Big Buzz
Monday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Mission Experience All LCMS Northern Illinois District congregations and their members are invited to attend Mission Experience on **November 4**.

- Fellowship with different congregation members
- Meet congregation members who are building community relationships
- Learn how you can serve and love others in a new context
- Hear how the Holy Spirit has changed lives
- Impact the way your congregation lives your missions
- Make a difference with your support

Please RSVP to Katrina Johns if you would like to attend the Mission Experience with her at Rolling Green Country Club, 2525 East Rand Road, Arlington Heights.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 22

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
- 7:00 p.m.—Indian Guides in the Building

Tuesday, October 23

- 9:30 a.m.—Senior Game Day
- 6:00 p.m.—IL Dept. of Aging—Caregivers
- 7:00 p.m.—Explore God Training @ Prayer Room
- 7:00 p.m.—Care in Community

Wednesday, October 24

- 6:15 p.m.—1st Communion, Confirmation, FEET

Thursday, October 25

- 7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in the Building
- 7:00 p.m.—COOL Board in the Building
- 6:30 p.m.—Set Up for Fall Fest
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, October 26 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 6:00 p.m.—Bethel Fall Fest

Saturday, October 27 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

- 10:00 a.m.—*Bridges Out of Poverty*

Sunday, October 28

- 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 Gym
- 12:00 p.m.—What Does it Mean to Be a Member ?

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—122
Sunday 10:45 AM—97
Sunday School—89

Serving Next Week

- Elders:**
- Comm/Asst. Elder:**
- Acolytes:**
- Lay Readers:**
- Ushers:**
- Greeters:**

- JJ Jones
- Jack Warneke
- Jeremy Leicht, Jude Squires
- Joanne Heidlauf, Tony Young
- Don Heidlauf, Tony Young
- Mark & Kathy Hipsher,
- The Kazarian Family

- Bob Souza
- Randy Gifford
- Lily Freehling, Griffin Pavletic
- David Ziegler, Shari Hoppe
- Monte Stoltzman, **OPEN**
- The Chuck Kozlik Family,
- Warren & Kathy Regnier

- Fellowship:** Preschool Board and Teachers
- Oct. Altar Guild:** Diane Rogala & Diane Sanders
- Oct. Counters:** Chris Mason & Diane Sanders

Wednesday Night Greeter: Susan & Sam Squires (10/24)