

Voters' Meeting will be held TODAY in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15—9:30 a.m.

Fuller Road Clean Up Fuller Road is in dire need of a good spring cleaning. Wear your walking shoes and come out to help spruce up our adopted road **TODAY** from 1-3 PM. Anyone age 10 years and older is welcome to help. If you have any questions contact John Kozlik (karenkozlik@gmail.com) the coordinator.



Landscape Mornings It's that time again! Every Wednesday morning starting **May 8** will be landscape morning at Bethel from 9 a.m. for approximately 3 hours. Projects will include landscape planning, shrub and plant maintenance, transplanting, erosion fighting, flower bed prep/cleanup and anything else we might decide to do. You don't need a green thumb! Everything is flexible so be here when you can. Materials and tools we have will be supplied, if you have a favorite tool bring it along. For further info contact Monte Stoltzman at property@bethelgurnee.org.



Bling Bling Tea Party Fundraiser to benefit Love INC of Lake County. Sip, Nibble, & Shop. There will be door prizes, a silent auction and time to shop our Bling Bling Room! This event will be Saturday, **May 4** at 11:00 a.m. at Village Church of Gurnee (1319 N Hunt Club Rd) Tickets are limited! Tickets can be purchased at <https://one.bidpal.net/blingblingteaparty/welcome> If you would like to **Share your Bling!** Donations of new or gently used jewelry, purses, scarves, etc. requested for the sale can be dropped off at Love INC (339 Lakewood Ave, Waukegan) or call 224.280.8780 for pick-up.

COOL Plant Sale The C.O.O.L. Plant and Flower Sale will be held Saturday, **May 11** in the parking lot at Bethel. Volunteers are needed! Please sign up for one or more shifts: **Set-up:** 6:15-10AM, **Dist.:** 9:30AM-2PM, **Clean-up:** 1:15-3PM. Lunch is provided. Sign up on the side of the Hub if you would like to volunteer or you have a wagon we can borrow. Questions? contact Lisa (lisa@bethelgurnee.org).



Easter Breakfast Easter Breakfast 2019 was a beautiful day. Thanks for everyone who helped with setup, serving, making food, donating food and cleanup. The return of pancakes was well received, with the hope of sausages for next year. It is always a blessing when our Bethel family can share a meal together. Also, thank you to Donna Gerken for bringing back pancakes and all her hard work to make this breakfast a great success.



The Bethel Garden Mission: "The Bethel Garden will provide a place that will allow members/attendees of Bethel to gather together and share knowledge about gardening in a joyful and spiritual environment. Our faith will support the bond between experienced and newly participating gardeners. The Bethel Garden will benefit Bethel or COOL Ministries in the form of monetary or edible gifts." Email Alicia at Alicia.Kazarian@gmail.com if interested in reserving an individual or community space this season. **Upcoming Date to Remember:** Bethel Garden Prep day **May 11** at 11:00 a.m. Donations of soil and compost are welcome. **2019 Goal:** Get as many hands in the garden as possible!



Fellowship Volunteers Please sign up for Fellowship, **May 5, 12 and 19** are **OPEN**. The sign up sheet is outside the kitchen door.



Missionaries Coming to Bethel Bethel's friends, Chris & Heather, serve in the mission field, and are coming home this summer on furlough. The approximate dates they will be here are **June 26—August 24**. They will be visiting Bethel on Sunday, **August 11**. A Bethel member has graciously agreed to make their car available for our missionaries. If someone has a home that they can use for the length of their stay, please let the office know.

DEADLINE for May Big Buzz
Tuesday, April 30 before 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School News Today's lesson is about how Jesus Calls Matthew from Mark chapter 2. Levi (also known as Matthew) was a tax collector. In the Roman world, tax collectors often made their income by scraping every dime they could from their fellow man's wallet. Worse yet, since Jewish tax collectors, such as Matthew, were employed by the Roman government, they were viewed as backstabbers. Think of it as fusing together Ebenezer Scrooge and Benedict Arnold! Because of the tax collectors' reputation, when the Pharisees see Jesus dining with them, the Pharisees were aghast! Jesus' calling of a tax collector (Matthew) must have seemed like asking a convicted felon to head an ethics committee – it just isn't done. But, Jesus did it anyway... with two words "Follow Me" and Matthew did just that! As a friend of sinners, Jesus shares His life with them. He eats their food and touches the untouchable. Why? Because He is love. He loves the unlovable. He forgives the unforgivable.



Fundraiser at Panera in Honor of Micah

Join us as we celebrate Micah's 9th Birthday on **May 1** at the Panera on Grand Avenue. Bring/show a flyer from the Hub and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Micah's honor. We continue to be blessed to be a part of Bethel and overwhelmed by the support. Thank you.



Miles for Micah 5K Walk/Run Over the past eight years, with the help of almost 200 friends and family we raised just over \$140,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of our son, Micah James Silasiri. This year we are trying to add to that success by hosting our fifth race in Micah's honor: Miles for Micah 5K Walk/Run and Kids Dash. We hope that you can join us on Saturday, **May 25** to make Micah's fifth race a great success! You can get more information and register at : <http://tinyurl.com/MilesforMicah>.

VBS - Miraculous Mission Thank you to everyone who



has helped thus far with the VBS planning - we appreciate you! If you are interested in helping with VBS, YAY! Here is the list of just some of the committees for you to think about: Meals/Snacks; Decorations; Grade Leaders (walking with children as they move to various activities); Floaters (being flexible to jump into helping where needed). In the coming weeks, more details on the various committees will be in the Buzz and on the Sunday School bulletin board by the storage room! Please reach out to Katrina Johns or Diane Sanders - we are happy to provide more details! **Dates: June 21-23** for all ages (even adults!) with festivities kicking off Friday evening with a family supper and concluding on Sunday morning with a celebration after the 9:00 a.m. service. Our preschool friends have an additional opportunity on the mornings of **June 24-26**.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, April 29

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m.—Watch Party for Vicarage Assignment Service (Jake Stoltzman)

Tuesday, April 30 Big Buzz Deadline

- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, May 1

- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Lounge
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation Students and Parents
- 6:30 p.m.—Equipping Moms

Thursday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. —Pickleball

Friday, May 3 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, May 5

- 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
- 11:30 a.m.—LWML Spring Rally at St. Matthews

COOL Portillo's Fundraiser On Thursday, **May 2**, Portillo's in Gurnee is offering diners the opportunity to direct 20% of their check to COOL Ministries. Just bring a Portillo's flyer to the restaurant and present it to the cashier, then enjoy a wonderful dinner out while easily supporting COOL programs! You can get a flyer from the Hub.

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8AM—181, 10:45 AM—133

Serving Next Week

- Elders:**
- Comm/Asst. Elder:**
- Acolytes:**
- Lay Readers:**
- Ushers:**
- Greeters:**
- Fellowship:**
- May Altar Guild:**
- May Counters:**

Sunday 8:00AM

- Mike Bandman
- Al Diercks
- Kelsi Mulley / Emma Megerle
- Claudine Rayos, Karla Stewart
- Tony Young, Sam Squires
- Megerle Family, Mulley Family
- OPEN**
- Diane Mundrick
- Dave and Cheryl Ross

Sunday 10:45AM

- Randy Gifford
- Dave Ziegler
- Lily Freehling / Michaela Rosenthal
- Ellen Dalrymple, Sheila Bunnell
- John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen
- Kaiser Family, Kazarian Family
- Debbie Wuethrick