

The BIG Buzz

~May 2019~

Monthly communication
of events and
reports from
Bethel Lutheran Church

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Information
for the
weekly Buzz
is due in
the office
by 9:00 a.m.
Thursday.



2019 Vacation Bible School

New VBS Format

Weekend and Weekdays



Weekend VBS for preschool to 8th grade!

- June 21 (Friday)** 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Family meal will be served.
Followed by a Bible story, Bible challenge, and games.
- June 22 (Saturday)** 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided.
There will be Bible story, Bible challenge, games, and crafts.
- June 23 (Sunday)** 9:00 a.m.—Worship VBS celebration will follow the service.
Parents and high school students who are not involved as VBS staff are encouraged
to take part in a service project such as making blankets, quilts, etc. that could be
donated to PADS, Love INC, or a safe place. Materials will be available both days.

Weekday VBS for preschool to 1st grade!

- June 24 - June 26,** 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Snacks will be served.

Volunteers To participate as a volunteer you must be entering 9th grade. Check out
the bulletin board in the hall by the fellowship hall to see volunteer opportunities.

Registration Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019BethelVBS>. If you have
questions, please see Carla Thompson, Diane Sanders, (VBS@bethelgurnee.org) or
our Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns.



I'm sure you are wondering what to
do now that you have taken the
Spiritual Gifts Discovery assessment.

Please join us in Adult Bible study **THIS SUNDAY, May 5th at 9:30 a.m.** Katrina
will give you a packet and explain more about how you can use your spiritual
gifts to their fullest potential.

God gave you these gifts...let's use them!

Bethel leaders - Save the Date!

Thursday, **May 30** at 7:30 p.m. - meet with Katrina Johns in the fellowship hall to
Discover the gifts of our congregation! Keep an eye on your email inbox for more
detailed information soon.



GO TOGETHER is a partnership of congregations in Gurnee (Bethel, Epicenter, Gurnee Community, House of Prayer, Immanuel, Joy! Lutheran, La Vina, Lakeland, Life, Village, and New Abbey). We encourage one another and work together in reaching out to our communities with the Gospel of Jesus.

One of the visible expressions of our partnership is the GO TOGETHER Prayer Room. This is a place for individuals and ministry groups to go to the Lord in prayer on behalf of friends, families, neighbors, the greater Gurnee Community and the nation. The room is located on Old Grand Ave (near Gurnee Community Church) and is available through the sign-up at www.go-together.org, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. For access to the prayer room, contact the church office.

GO TOGETHER

Prayer Room



This year we will once again focus on the month of June and encouraging our congregation to have someone in the Prayer Room for every hour of the month.

This year's theme will be
"Just Come . . . - June 2019 24/7 prayer".

Prayer walk stations will be:

Look up, Look Inward, Look Outward.



Also, we are asking for some tangible prayer requests from our partners like Love, Inc., PADS, Gurnee police department, etc. that we can share as we pray for the community.



Bethel's days in the Prayer Room are:

Saturday, June 8,

Wednesday, June 12, &

Wednesday, June 26.

You can sign up for a slot on any day that is available, but those 3 days are the ones that Bethel will especially try to fill.



Jacob Stoltzman

Assigned to Redeemer Lutheran, Highland, IN

As Vicar, Jake will serve his year-long internship just over an hour from home.

Bethel's own, Jacob Stoltzman, is a 2nd year student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Our seminarians spend their third year on a year-long internship called Vicarage.

Continue to pray for Jake's final weeks of the school year and as he prepares for his transition to vicarage.

We support Jake's education through Bethel's budget by providing a portion of his tuition. If you would like to encourage Jake with funds to support his move to Highland, IN, you can do so via marking any donations - "Vicar Jake."

Jake will preach at Bethel on Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday, May 23 / Sunday, May 26) which will be a time as a send off for him as he heads to his vicarage.



Rite of Confirmation

Four Bethel 8th grade students will be confirmed on **May 19**. We celebrate and pray with the candidates and their families.

Lily Freehling

Jake Kruse

Jeremy Leicht

Griffin Pavletic

May the Lord bless and continue to awaken their head knowledge of the faith to "heart life".

The first 5 people to approach Katrina Johns with the right answer to this trivia question, will receive a prize!

Leukophobia is the fear of what?



Landscape Mornings Starting May 8

It's that time again! Every Wednesday morning starting **May 8** will be landscape morning at Bethel from 9:00 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.

Preschool News....



When May arrives it means we have almost reached the end of the 2018-2019 preschool year. The little ones, who were afraid to come or to leave their parents last fall, are now eager to arrive and start their preschool days. Many have made friends with other children and now happily share and play cooperatively. They've all grown taller and become more capable and coordinated. Most importantly, they all can tell you about their best friend, Jesus, who came as a baby at Christmas, grew to manhood, did marvelous wonders for his friends, made the ultimate sacrifice for us sinners on Good Friday, and rose again on Easter morn.

The month of May starts off with parent-teacher conferences for the 3 Day (MWF) families on Friday, May 3. We get to tell the parents about how their child has grown, and how their child's kindergarten readiness skills have developed during this school year.

During the first weeks of May, the children will be busy making special projects for Mother's Day. During the very last week of school, they will also make a gift for their Father. Mothers and Fathers are special gifts from God. The example of loving parents is the child's first model of our loving heavenly Father.

If the weather cooperates, we hope to spend a lot of time playing outdoors this month. The children love to observe the spring changes outdoors. They will be busy picking dandelions and collecting beautiful rocks for their families. Our classroom caterpillars are arriving this week and will give the children the opportunity to watch an amazing metamorphosis.

Our closing day program will be held on Friday, **May 24**. Parents and families are expected to attend the closing program on the last day of school. We will gather in the church sanctuary for our closing devotion with Pastor Squires and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and our last goodbyes.

We still have a number of openings in our Preschool Playtime, our 3 year old (2day) class and 4 year old (3day) class. If you know of any child who would be eligible to attend in September, please pass on the word about Bethel Preschool to the parents. Tell prospective families to contact the preschool office at (847) 244-9672 or email preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Friday, May 3: 3-Day Parent-Teacher Conferences - no school



Friday, May 24: Closing program for both classes



Bethel's Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday Nights - 6:30PM
Sunday Mornings - 9:00AM

Beginning Thursday, May 23



Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, and the Thursdays prior



Bethel Garden Mission

The Bethel Garden will provide a place that will allow members/attendees of Bethel Lutheran Church 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 deliver aid to Bethel Lutheran Church 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!

Special Event Cubs-Brewers Game & Tailgate Party Sunday, July 28th



The Elders are sponsoring a day at Miller Park in Milwaukee for a Cubs-Brewers Game on Sunday, **July 28**. The baseball game begins at 1:10 p.m. but the fun starts at 10:30 a.m. with a tailgate party. A "grid" has been reserved so we will have a space in the parking lot to tailgate before the game. 36 tickets are available. \$40 per person - Includes ticket to game, parking and burgers/dogs and brats at tailgate. You bring chairs, drinks and dish to pass. First 36 people to contact Mike Bandman at mbandman1@excite.com or 224-280-6266 are in!

Once we have our 36 people, tickets, parking tickets and other information will be distributed. We could use a grill or 2 and a couple cooks as well. Go Cubs!!



C.O.O.L. Annual Plant and Flower Sale



The 19th Annual C.O.O.L. Plant and Flower Sale will be held Saturday, **May 11** in the parking lot at Bethel. Remember to come and pick up your pre-ordered plants and flowers from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.!

Did you forget to order? Items will be available the day of the sale so come at 11:00 a.m. for the best selection. These make great Mother's Day gifts also!

Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up, distribution, and clean-up of the plants. You don't need to know plants to help. You can sign up for one or more shifts:

Set-up: 6:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Distribution: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clean-up: 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the side of the Hub or contact Lisa Schwarz in the church office if you are able to volunteer or have a wagon we could borrow at 847-244-9647 or lisa@bethelgurnee.org.



C.O.O.L. Golf Outing

Save the Date

COOL will have it's 16th Annual Golf Outing on **FRIDAY July 12** at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, come enjoy their famous Friday Fish Fry!!

Graduate Information



If you have a High School or College graduate, contact Linda Gifford (linda@bethelgurnee.org) in the church office. Information needed is when and where they will be graduating from and their future plans. We need this information no later than Monday, **May 20** for this to be included in the June/July Big Buzz.

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>.

Love INC Staffing Change



At the end of April, Jacqui Franclemont will be leaving Love INC. She has worked there 11 years.

Please join us at the Love INC office on Thursday, **May 9** for an Open House from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. to celebrate Jacqui's time in the ministry and to say good-bye & best wishes.

There is a guest book available to share thanks and encouragement as she enters this new chapter of her life. If you are unable to attend and would like to share something, please email info@loveinclakecounty.org and we will be sure to include your notes.



Annual EmpoweRun 5K

Saturday, May 4 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Independence Grove Forest
Preserve, Libertyville



Create a team or join as an individual to fundraise with as you run to promote awareness of the impact and consequences of domestic violence. You are also running to raise money to continue providing a full range of services to adult survivors of domestic violence and their children. Consider forming a team and honoring an important woman in your life by naming your team after her. For more information go to: <https://asafeplaceforhelp.org/get-involved/empowerun-5k/>



Friday, May 10

Lincolnshire
Marriott Resort

Fashion, wine, and shoes come together for an interactive, fun evening that will tickle your taste buds and satisfy your shopping urges!

For information about tickets, sponsorships, and event details, please visit our Wine Women & Shoes website at: <http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/asafeplace/>

Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield, IL

11:00AM REGISTRATION AND LUNCH
12:30PM SHOTGUN START
5:30PM COCKTAILS AND DINNER



Registration includes green fees, cart, caddie, lunch, on-course events, beverages, cocktail reception, dinner, and more!

Register at:
<https://asafeplaceforhelp.ejoinme.org/golf2019>

Creative Beginnings



Becky Nuechterlein, a full-time professional photographer, would like to share her gift of photography with you!

If you have a point & shoot or a DSLR, Becky will take you through the basics of photography and equip you to discover how to create better images yourself.

Bring your own camera **May 14** at 6:30 p.m. to the fellowship hall for part 1. **May 28**, the group will be meeting at Van Patten woods to put into practice all you learned!

Thank You from Love INC.



Pastor Ben and Bethel Lutheran,

Your continuing support make the life changing relationships possible. God bless all for your work and partnership with us.

Pat Schwartz, Executive Director


Words of Love INC Servants....

"What drew me to Love INC is the ability to bring the services and strengths of churches together, to bridge the gap and create a community working together. It is outside the church walls—how God wants us to love. I serve in Transformational Ministry because I have a desire to help others. I am currently in a similar situation and saw it as a way to share knowledge and life experience with others." ~ A servant in Transformational Ministry from The Chapel

**C.O.O.L. Food of the
Month: Canned Fruit**

Bethel Calendar

May, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary 11:30 am LWML Spring Rally at St. Matthews Church in Hawthorn Woods</p>	<p>6 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm BOCE Meeting</p>	<p>7 5:30 pm Uline Basketball</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am Mom's Club 6:15 pm Confirmation - 8th Graders Only 7:30 pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 6:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Preschool Board</p>	<p>10 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	<p>11 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 11:00 am COOL Plant Pick Up 8:30 am Lounge in Use</p>
<p>12 8:00 am Worship in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary 12:00 pm What it Means to be a Servant Class</p>	<p>13 9:00 am COOL Plant Pick Up for Preschool 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 7:00 pm Boy Scouts in the Building 7:00 pm Property Management Board</p>	<p>14 Noon - 1:00 pm Office Closed 5:30 pm Uline Basketball 6:30 pm Photography Class with Becky Nuechterlein</p>	<p>15 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation Faith Story Night 7:30 pm Council</p>	<p>16 Katrina on Vacation 10:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 6:00 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Pickleball</p>	<p>17 Pastor's Day Off Katrina on Vacation</p>	<p>18 Pastor's Day Off Katrina on Vacation 8:30 am Lounge in Use</p>
<p>19 Katrina on Vacation 8:00 am Communion in Gym - Confirmation 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary</p>	<p>20 Katrina on Vacation 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Gideons in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21 Katrina on Vacation 5:30 pm Uline Basketball</p>	<p>22 Katrina on Vacation 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping</p>	<p>23 Katrina on Vacation 10:00 am Pickleball 11:00 am Gurnee Meadows Worship 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 6:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7:00 pm COOL Board</p>	<p>24 Katrina on Vacation 10:30 Preschool Closing Devotion</p>	<p>25 Pastor's Day Off Katrina on Vacation 8:30 am Lounge in Use</p>
<p>26 9:00 am Worship in Gym 6:00 pm Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>27 9:00 am Memorial Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>28 9:30 am Game Day 5:30 pm Uline Basketball</p>	<p>29 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 6:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Communion in Sanctuary</p>	<p>31 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	

May, 2019 - Service Roster

	Sunday May 5	Sunday May 12	Confirmation Sunday May 19	Thursday, 6:30 pm May 23
ELDER	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Al Diercks	JJ Jones	Jeremy Little	OPEN
ELDER	Randy Gifford	Randy Gifford	Randy Gifford	
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Dave Ziegler	Bob Souza	Jack Warneke	
ACOLYTES	Kelsi Mulley / Ellie Kreamer	Jeremy Leicht / Griffin Pavletic	Emma Megerle / Holly Faltsch	Xavier Ramon
	Lily Freehling	Cameron Fleming / Amanda Adams	Ruth Ziegler / Joseph Kaiser	Dylan Love
LAY READERS	Claudine Rayos	Ted Tatgenhorst	Sue Bandman	Joanne Heidlauf
	Karla Stewart	Margie Tatgenhorst	Jude Squires	Michelle Ramon
	Pat Rasmussen	Diane Mundrick	Jack Warneke	
	OPEN	Lori Hoonstra	Monte Stoltzman	
USHER 1 - 8 am	Tony Young	Christie Kozlik	Don Heidlauf	Don Heidlauf
USHER 2 - 8 am	Sam Squires	John Kozlik	Tony Young	Scott Mundrick
USHER 1 - 10:45 am	John Schultz	Scott Mundrick	John Schultz	
USHER 2 - 10:45 am	Lance Rasmussen	Jay Souza	Karen Kailer	
GREETERS	Megerle Family	Novacek Family	Rayos Family	Lance and Pat Rasmussen
First name listed for service	Mulley Family	Cindy Offerdahl	Tom and Marilyn Robinson	
greeters at the front door, last	Kaiser Family	Kruise Family	Nuechterlein Family	
name listed greets back door	Kazarlan Family	Maioire Family	Diane Perkins	
FELLOWSHIP	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
	Sunday, 9:00 am	Thursday, 6:30 pm		
	May 26	May 30		
ELDER	JJ Jones	Mike Bandman		
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Dave Ziegler	OPEN		
ELDER				
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Annika Chudy	Kaylee Leicht		
ACOLYTES	Jacob Chudy	Mae Anderson		
	Randy Gifford	Joan Blasko		
LAY READERS	Jose Rayos	Elizabeth Blasko		
USHER 1 - 8 am	Al Diercks	OPEN		
USHER 2 - 8 am	OPEN	OPEN		
USHER 1 - 10:45 am				
USHER 2 - 10:45 am				
GREETERS	Pavletic Family	Traynor Family		
First name listed for service	OPEN			
greeters at the front door, last				
name listed greets back door				
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Mundrick and Debbie Wuelthrick			
COUNTERS	Dave & Cheryl Ross			



Regular type denotes early service servers. *Italic type* denotes late service servers. If you are unable to serve, please contact the church office, 847-244-9647

MAY

2019

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Tanya Bayless
Bill Oesterreich
Nicole Siragusa
- 3 Jann Freehling
Sue Hoffmeister
Sarah Kaiser
Lisa Schwarz
Tony Young
- 4 Lynda Oesterreich
- 5 Hunter Kregel
Katie Kruse
Rebecca Nuechterlein
- 7 Jerry Friedrichs
- 8 Joan Blasko
Robin Kiser
- 9 Ken Hessel
Lauri Rizzo



- 10 Caitlin Sandoval
- 11 Emma Bartman
- 12 Jalen Jones
Emily Schaefer
Owen Squires
- 13 Danya Francis
Lauren Jaronik
- 16 Brooke Ratzburg
- 17 David Hessel
Ben Rosenthal
- 18 Mary Kay Anderson
Jennifer Silasiri
- 19 Sue Hessel
- 21 Cook Westendorf
- 22 Janet Jones
- 23 Jake Stoltzman
- 24 Kevin Maag
- 26 Michelle Chudy
- 28 Mike Jakolat
Katrina Johns
Kevin Mason
- 29 Andrea Little
- 30 Irene Karlovics

Wedding Anniversaries

Philip & Rebecca Nuechterlein	May 1, 2004	Earl & Robin Kiser	May 16, 1987
Mark & Shari Hoppe	May 2, 1987	Bob & Linda Piepenbrink	May 26, 1978
Dan & Erin Novacek	May 3, 2003	Tony & Kylie Brazda	May 27, 2007
Doug & Kari Mulley	May 4, 2002	Paul & Kathy DeLassus	May 29, 1971
Paul & Linda Groh	May 11, 1968	Ruben & Lana Ramirez	May 30, 2015
John & Laurel Schultz	May 14, 2005		

***Please let the church office know if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. It can also be marked on the attendance cards. Also, if you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office (office@BethelGurnee.org) so that we can correct our records. Thank you!

Church office hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

Pastor & Katrina's
weekly hours
are posted outside
their office door.

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*Worship
Schedule*

***Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.***

***Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd, & 5th
Sundays***



To: