

July 4th Fireworks! Do you know that our neighbor Waukegan has one of the best 4th of July fireworks shows around? This year Bethel is going to enjoy the show together! The 4th of July is on a Thursday this year and the elders have canceled our usual worship service. Let's meet by Lake Michigan to picnic, play games, enjoy a great fireworks display.

When: Thursday, **July 4th**—6 p.m.

Where: near Dockside Ice Cream,
100 E. Madison St, Waukegan

What: BYO picnic & hang out!
Fireworks @ 9:30 p.m.



How: Sign up by the Hub with your name & cell phone number. We will text you a photo of our spot and help you find the group!

A few volunteers will go early to stake out a spot for us. Bring your own chairs, blankets, picnic dinner (or buy from the local vendors), bug spray, and games to share. Friends are welcome!

Pastor's Fall 2020 Sabbatical A few people have asked me recently about my sabbatical, which is great, but I thought I should make sure everyone realizes: **My sabbatical is still 14 months away.** We have scheduled it for the Fall of 2020 (September-November). But since you asked, here's the update:

- The grant application was submitted in April to the Lily Foundation Clergy Renewal Program. We will hear sometime late in August if we receive the grant. The funds will cover all of my expenses plus the cost of our interim pastor.
- If the grant is not received, the congregation voted to support this sabbatical through other means.
- Pastor Ron Weidler, retired from Immanuel, Batavia, has agreed to serve as our interim pastor.

The basic plan for my sabbatical is to do some traveling on my own, especially a trip to England to kick it all off. There also will be time to take trips with my family on weekends. We will remain in the parsonage, and I will use my time for rest, and renewal through reading, writing, and photography. If you have any other questions about the sabbatical, please email the Sabbatical Team at sabbatical@bethelgurnee.org

VBS—Thank You Vacation Bible School 2019, A Miraculous Mission, drew to a close on Wednesday. Lots of fun, fellowship, and learning of God's Word was had by all. We owe the success of our VBS to the dedication and work of our volunteers. Our group leaders were very well prepared and their enthusiasm was much appreciated! Each and every one of you did an excellent job. To our volunteers who helped pull off all the lessons, games, decorations and food, we couldn't have done this without you. Thank you so much for your time and efforts! We thank God for all of you, and hope to work together in the future! Know that the hearts of children were touched in these days we had together. Thank you!



CPR and First Aid Certification If you would like to be trained and certified in CPR and First Aid, join us Sunday, **July 7** from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. The cost for certification is \$17.50 per person. Please have checks made out to: Sarai Soto. You may bring a sack lunch, if needed. **RSVP is required!!!** Please contact Katrina Johns with any questions or concerns.

IT'S BACK! What's your favorite hymn? Just like last summer, you have the opportunity to submit your favorite hymn. One will be chosen each week to be included in the service. Fill out a slip located on the small cart at the back of the church with the name of your favorite hymn or email the title to Karen Leicht at johnleicht@comcast.net.



Chips Ahoy—Saturday June 29 (for Thursday) Property Board needs help moving the wood chips from the piles in the parking lot to various garden beds around the building. The majority of chips will be spread close by on the west end by the creek bed. Wheel barrows will be provided plus there will be dump carts for two of the tractors. We'll start around 8:30 a.m. Many hands make light the work.

C.O.O.L. food of the month: Peanut Butter

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Fire Doors Steel fire doors throughout the building are in place to slow the advancement of fire from one section to another. However, they do no good if they are left open. The doors to the gym and fellowship hall are two pairs of fire doors that are far too frequently left propped open when there's no one in attendance. Staff at the end of the day and after-hours users should ensure that fire doors are properly closed and the center latches are set in the fellowship hall doors before leaving the building. Fire doors left propped open could result in extended damage to the building, lawsuits, reduction of insurance compensation and fines by the village in the event of a fire. In short; if you prop a steel door open please make sure the door is closed properly when you vacate the area.

C.O.O.L. Golf Outing Come out for some fun and fellowship and help support C.O.O.L. at the same time. Friday, **July 12** at Bonnie Brook Country Club. We'd like to have a good group from Bethel represented, both men and women! Best-ball Scramble format with course prizes, door prizes, silent auction, lunch and dinner - \$150.00 per person. Contact Lance or Pat Rasmussen if you are interested. Lance - 224-622-1378; Pat - 847-219-4064 or email: patjolly@sbcglobal.net



Great America—Six Flags Days

Do you love Six Flags? Want to go with some church friends? On Tuesday, **July 9** and Wednesday, **July 24** meet up at Bethel at 10:00 a.m. for a day at the park! Kids under 13, please bring your favorite adult. If you have questions contact: Donna Stutzman (stutz624@gmail.com) or Karen Kozlik (karenkozlik@gmail.com)



Dear Bethel Family in Christ, Sabrina, Jake, the family, and I want to thank all of you for the outpouring of love, compassion, prayers, cards, and food that was shared with us following Nancy's passing. We are truly overwhelmed that you all thought so much of Nancy. Your love and concern has helped us get through some very tough weeks and was of great comfort. We rejoice that Nancy has passed from this world and is waiting for us with our Savior Jesus but her presence with the family is greatly missed. Please continue to remember us in your thoughts and prayers as we wait for the time she will welcome us into the loving arms of Christ our Lord. Yours in Christ, Sabrina, Jake and Monte Stoltzman



AN INVITATION from the LCC K-9 Ministries (Home of the Comfort Dogs) - Join us for a meet and greet on Wednesday, **July 24** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook! - Over 80 (!!!) golden retrievers in one place! To register, please visit: <https://luthcc.org/2019-meet-and-greet>

FOODSTOCK A benefit concert to support the COOL food pantry. It will be held on Sunday, **June 30** (4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) at Lake Bluff Village Green. Please bring a bag of non-perishable food items for donation. All donations benefit COOL Ministries; Food Pantry & Transitional Housing Program .



This Week's Calendar

- Monday, July 1**
 - 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
 - 6:30 p.m.—BOCE Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m.—Property Management
- Tuesday, July 2**
 - 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball
- Wednesday, July 3**
 - 9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping
 - 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
- Thursday, July 4 No Worship Service**
 - 6:00 p.m. - Waukegan Fireworks
- Friday, July 5 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off**
- Saturday, July 6 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off**
- Sunday, July 7**
 - 9:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
 - 10:30 a.m.—CPR & First Aid Certification

Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30 PM & Sunday 9 AM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday—69, Sunday—134

Serving Next Week

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

Sunday 9:00 AM

- Mike Bandman
- Jack Warneke
- Ellie Creamer, Michaela Rosenthal
- Sue Bandman, Diane Boehm
- John Schultz
- Sheila Bunnell, Brazda Family
- Diane Rogala
- Mary Kay Ams
- Diane Sanders
- Joan Blasko