

The BIG Buzz

~June & July 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.

Prop Night—Wed., June 12

The VBS decoration committee is calling for volunteers from middle school age on up on Wed, **June 12** from 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. We need your energy, creativity and hard work to decorate for a Miraculous Mission. We have several projects to work on, from assembling props to coloring to taping things to the wall. All willing hands will be put to work. Pizza will be served for all our hard working volunteers. We look forward to lots of fun and creativity as we prepare for VBS 2019!

Props & Decorations

The VBS committee is hard at work planning for this year's program. The congregations help is needed in collecting props and decorations. The theme this year is Miraculous Mission, celebrating all of God's creations, on Earth and into outer space. If you have anything that relates to space, stars, planets, etc. that you would be willing to donate or lend to us, we would appreciate it. In particular we are looking for a telescope, a large world map poster, a starlight projector, a small tent or teepee that can easily be moved, and strings of white Christmas lights.

If you have any items or questions, please contact: Emily Schaefer (gemteach@aol.com) or Claudine Rayos (claudkol@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Spiritual Gifts Discovery Worship & Sermon Series



Our Equipping Coordinator Katrina Johns launched the Spiritual Gifts Discovery tool for Bethel this Spring. Since then, over 125 people have completed the tool and found out their top 3 spiritual gifts. People are discovering who God has made them to be and where those gifts line up with serving in the church and community.

Beginning in June, we will embark on a worship and sermon series that will reflect on each one of the gifts. We'll see the biblical background for each gift, where God can use someone with that gift, and how we can work together to encourage each other as disciples and servants of Jesus.

- Some weeks we'll be talking about your gift. Lean in, and thank God for who He has made you to be.
- Some weeks we'll be talking about a gift that isn't your strength—but you'll learn about what it means for someone else you know to have that gift and how you need them also as you serve together.
- Each week, after worship, Katrina will huddle up with people who have that gift and pray over you, asking God to help you rejoice in the person He has made you to be.

<u>Thurs/Sun</u>	<u>Date in Church Year</u>	<u>Focus</u>	
June 6 & 9	Pentecost Sunday	Spiritual Gifts Overview	
June 13 & 16	Holy Trinity (Prayer Room)	Intercession	In
June 20 & 23	2 nd Sun after Pentecost (Sun - Vacation Bible School)	Faith	Fa
June 27 & 30	3 rd Sun after Pentecost	Prophecy	Pr
July 7 (no Thurs)	4 th Sun after Pentecost	Administration	Ad
July 11 & 14	5 th Sun after Pentecost	Helps	He
July 18 & 21	6 th Sun after Pentecost	Discernment	D
July 25 & 28	7 th Sun after Pentecost	Giving	G
Aug 1 & 4	8 th Sun after Pentecost	Wisdom	W
Aug 8 & 11	9 th Sun after Pentecost (Missionaries visiting)	Mercy	M
Aug 15 & 18	10 th Sun after Pentecost (Sun – Church Picnic)	Hospitality	H
Aug 22 & 25	St. Bartholomew (Aug 24)	Knowledge	Kn
Aug 29/Sept 1	12 th Sun after Pentecost	Encouragement	En
Sept 8	13 th Sun after Pentecost (Rally Day)	Teaching	Te
Sept 15	14 th Sun after Pentecost	Evangelism	Ev
Sept 22	15 th Sun after Pentecost	Leadership	Le
Sept 29	16 th Sun after Pentecost	Shepherding	S



Preschool News

At the end of our 2018-2019 school year, we like to send out a big "thank you" to everyone who has helped the ministry to young children here at Bethel Preschool.

Thank you to the dedicated teaching staff: Becky Anderson, Christine Fleming, Nicole Kreamer, and Donna Stutzman for the loving guidance, creative planning, and many extra hours they devote to the children and the classroom. It is the effort of a strong teaching team, dedicated to spreading the Gospel to young children that makes Bethel the special place it is.

A big "thank you" goes out to the Preschool Board who attends monthly board meetings, and helps organize and coordinate our fundraisers. Thank you to Kathy DeLassus our Chairman, Becky Moylan our (outgoing) parent representative, and board members Susan Boardman, Sue Fren dreis, Karen Kozlik, Emily Schaefer and Donna Stutzman. We thank them for their wisdom and support in making decisions that guide the preschool. We also thank them for organizing our Fall Fest and rummage sale. The board worked hard on these events and helped make them successful fundraisers!

Thank you to Pastor Squires for leading us in worship during our monthly devotion times. Thank you to the Bethel Church Staff, Lisa Schwarz, Linda Gifford, and Katrina Johns for the warm welcomes and your continued support of the preschool.

Thank you to all the preschool parents for their help throughout the school year: for the timely return of paperwork and tuition envelopes, for volunteer help in the classroom, and for all of the help at the rummage sale. We also thank them for their support and encouragement of our educational program here.

Summer Worship Schedule

Thursdays 6:30PM & Sundays 9AM



Beginning Monday, June 3

Hours are Monday—Friday ~ 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Note: Please call ahead just to verify that someone is in the office because our schedules may change.

Thank you to Becky Anderson, our hardworking Scholastic Book order coordinator. Her efforts give Bethel free books and bonus points that allow us to increase our teacher resource library.

Thank you to the Bethel Lutheran Church congregation for its support and prayers, and its continued support of the rummage sale.

But most of all, thanks be to God for His aid to us all as we seek to spread the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to His precious little lambs.

We now look forward to next fall and the 2019-2020 school year. We have a limited amount of openings in our 2 Day, 3 Day, and Playtime classes. Please pass the word on to anyone in your neighborhood who has young children: we would love to have them join us at Bethel. We have openings for children who will be two and a half through five years old by Sept. 1, 2019. Over the summer the best way to contact preschool staff is through email, preschool@bethelgurnee.org. Donna Stutzman will be available during the summer months for preschool tours, or to answer questions. Appointments can easily be set up through an email. You can always lead potential families to the preschool website for full details, www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org.

We wish you God's Blessings as we enter the summer months.





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.



New Members



Leola Baron



Nick Kazarian



Glen Drollinger

...to our Bethel family.

Landscape Mornings



It's that time again! Every Wednesday morning 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.

Great America/Six Flags Days



Do you love Six Flags?

Want to go with some church friends?

On Wednesdays, **June 5 & July 24** or Tuesdays, **June 18 & July 9** meet up at Bethel at 10:00 a.m. for a day at the park! Maybe you'll get the courage to try a new ride with a buddy. Come alone or bring a friend. Kids under 13, please bring your favorite adult. Questions contact:

Donna Stutzman (stutz624@gmail.com) or
Karen Kozlik (karenkozlik@gmail.com)

The picture above is from a trip to the park last year.



Remembrance

Evelyn Kovac,
Mother of Linda Moran
Passed to eternal life on April 29.
A memorial service was held
May 7 here at Bethel.

Bethel Member

William "Bill" Smith
Passed to eternal life on May 10.
A memorial service was held
May 18 here at Bethel.

Bethel Member

Nancy Stoltzman
Passed to eternal life on May 25
A funeral service will be held
June 1 here at Bethel.

Please keep their families
in your prayers.

C.O.O.L. Food of the Month

June—Side Dishes
Mac & Cheese, Stuffing Mix, Boxed Potatoes, etc.

July—Peanut Butter

**Place non-perishable items in the box
in the sanctuary hallway.**



C.O.O.L. Golf Outing

Spring is here and it's time to get out the clubs. 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/person.

Contact Lance or Pat Rasmussen if you are interested.

Lance - 224-622-1378;

Pat - 847-219-4064 or

email: patjolly@sbcglobal.net



BENEFIT CONCERT TO SUPPORT THE COOL FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, **June 30** from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lake Bluff Village Green

Enjoy Music By:

Good on Sunday Band, Bushwood, & Housewreckers

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food items for donation. Cash, Checks & Credit Cards welcome. There will be food available for purchase from Meatheads & Suzy's Swirl. Drawings held between bands for gifts from local businesses Sponsored by St. James Lutheran Church.

All donations benefit COOL Ministries; Food Pantry & Transitional Housing Program

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>

ElderCARE

Need a ride to the doctor? Need help getting groceries? There is a wonderful service here in Northern Lake County that was created to help you. How?

Transportation to medical appointments:

a volunteer will pick you up, stay with you, and bring you back home.

Grocery Shopping: Volunteers will take your grocery list and make the trip to the store for you.

Safer than the bus.

More convenient than the bus.

Volunteers are screened and trained to assist and give support.

Have you realized that you would like to volunteer somewhere, but don't know where? Are you a legal, licensed driver? ElderCARE could use your assistance, too! Volunteers are needed to accompany seniors to medical appointments, do a bit of grocery shopping, or even just visit with a lonely, home-bound senior. The scheduling is flexible and the reward for helping someone is so valuable.

To receive the services of ElderCARE, or to volunteer, call 847-406-4683 or go to eldercarelakecounty.org for more information.



to our 2019 Graduates

High School

Megan Best – Megan graduated from Warren Township High School and will be attending the University of South Carolina majoring in Sports Management.

Jack Erwin – Jack graduated from Lakes Community High School. He will be attending The Ohio State University seeking a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Liam Maag – Liam graduated from Warren Township High School and will be attending Marquette University majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Spencer Pavletic – Spencer graduated from Warren Township High School and will be attending the College of Lake County.

Lauren Swanson – Lauren graduated from Warren Township High School She will be attending the University of Iowa majoring in Sports Management

College

Ryan Ams – Ryan graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. His future are to work for Kimley-Horn doing land development.

Jenelle Gifford – Jenelle graduated from Concordia Wisconsin with a double major in Social Work and Criminal Justice.

Graduate School

Scott Gutzke – Scott graduated from Ashford University with a Master of Arts in Teaching.



***God's blessings to you as you start this new adventure in your life.
Let the Lord lead your way!***

Confirmation Class ~ May 19, 2019



Bethel Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June, 2019						
						
2 9:00 am - Communion in Gym	3 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 6:30 pm - BOCE Meeting	4 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	5 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 10:00 am - Six Flags Day	6 10:00 am - Pickleball 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary	7 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use 10:00 am - Radio Players in the Fellowship Hall
9 9:00 am - Communion in Gym	10 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball	11 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	12 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 7:30 pm - Elders Meeting at the Prayer Room 5:30 pm - VBS Prop Night	13 10:00 am - Pickleball 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary 6:30 pm - Preschool Board	14 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	15 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
16 9:00 am - Communion in Gym HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	17 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 6:30 pm - Cideons in Fellowship Hall	18 11:00 am - Gurnee Meadows Worship 10:00 am - Six Flags Day 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	19 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study	20 10:00 am - Pickleball 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm - Council	21 3:00 pm - Vacation Bible School	22 8:00 am - Vacation Bible School 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
23 9:00 am - Worship in Gym	24 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School Pre-K 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball	25 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School Pre-K 9:30 am - Game Day 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	26 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School Pre-K	27 10:00 am - Pickleball 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary 7:00 pm - COOL Board	28 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	29 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
30 9:00 am - Communion in Gym 6:00 pm - Offsite: Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting						

June 2019 Service Roster

	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 2	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 6	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 9	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 13	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 16
ELDER	Jack Warneke	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones	Randy Gifford	JJ Jones
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Bob Souza	JJ Jones	Jack Warneke	OPEN	Bob Souza
ACOLYTES	Jude Squires	Jake Kruse	Owen Squires	Cameron Fleming	Emma Megerle
LAY READERS	Brooke Ratzburg	Kate Kruse	Joseph Kaiser	Xavier Ramon	Kelsi Mulley
	Owen Squires	Larry Peters	Ralph Danielsen	Ted Tatgenhorst	Kelley Dörner
	Al Diercks	Linda Peters	Donna Danielsen	Margie Tatgenhorst	Suzanne Fowler
USHER 1	John Schulz	OPEN	John Schulz	Don Heidlauf	Tony Young
USHER 2	Jay Souza	OPEN	Sam Squires	OPEN	OPEN
GREETERS	Dawn Werfelmann	Don & Debbie Wuethrick	Rich and Sue Walker	David & Theresa Carlson	Nichole & Chelsi Todd
	White Family		Jack Warneke		Paul W. Werfelmann
	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 20	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 23	Thursday - 6:30 pm JUNE 27	Sunday - 9:00 am JUNE 30	
ELDER	Randy Gifford	JJ Jones	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones	
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	OPEN	Bob Souza	JJ Jones	Jack Warneke	
ACOLYTES	Kaylee Leicht	Annika Chudy	Ruth Ziegler	Griffin Pavletic	
	Jeremy Leicht	Jacob Chudy	Amanda Adams	Dylan Love	
LAY READERS	Deb Pellettierre	Bill Schwartz	Dave Ziegler	Bob Souza	
	Michelle Ramon	Jack Warneke	Victor Sundararaj	Ann Souza	
USHER 1	Scott Mundryck	Tony Young	Don Heidlauf	John Schulz	
USHER 2	OPEN	Karen Kailer	OPEN	OPEN	
GREETERS	Faitsch Family	Silasiri Family	Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst	Susan Boardman	
		Mary Kay & Jeff Ams		Diane Boehm	
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Rogala and Margie Tatgenhorst				
COUNTERS	Margie Tatgenhorst and Sue Best				

Yellow highlighted areas are Thursday worship. If you are unable to serve, please contact the church office.

June

2019

Celebrations & Membership Updates

Birthdays

- 2 Mikayla Boyle
- 3 Sam Squires
- 5 Faye McDonald
- 6 Thomas Martin
Jude Squires
- 7 Laura Hamm
Diane Mundrick
Larry Peters
- 10 Linda Piepenbrink
- 11 Amy Ross
- 12 Chris Pelletiere
Kristina White
- 13 Bonnie Battista
Norm Balliet
- 13 Steve Best
Jack Erwin
Erin Novacek
- 14 Cindy Maag
- 15 Chad Johnson
- 16 Cindy Daluga
Joe Souza
- 18 Kellie Ratzburg
Kathy Regnier
Joan Wennerstrom
- 22 Will Jaronik
- 22 Jeff White



- 24 Donna Stutzman
- 25 Chris Mason
- 26 Ardell Maata
Dawn Werfelmann
- 27 Brandon Freeck
- 30 Chuck Johnson
Ted Tatgenhorst

Wedding Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Andy & Holly Traynor | June 3, 1980 |
| Morrie & Carol Cook | June 6, 1981 |
| Bill & Lynda Oesterreich | June 7, 1958 |
| Ardell & Sharon Maata | June 8, 1963 |
| Don & Debbie Wuethrick | June 10, 1990 |
| Gene & Ellen Bartelt | June 12, 1965 |
| Bob & Patty Livingston | June 13, 1981 |
| Bob & Ann Souza | June 15, 1985 |
| Steve & Irene Karlovics | June 16, 1962 |
| Steve & Jann Freehling | June 17, 2000 |
| Don & Joanne Heidlauf | June 20, 1987 |
| Jon & Nicole Creamer | June 21, 1997 |
| Ben & Susan Squires | June 22, 1996 |
| Larry & Linda Peters | June 23, 2013 |
| Jon & Jennie Vana | June 26, 2010 |
| Dave & Cheryl Ross | June 28, 1975 |

Membership Updates

New Members

Leola Baron, 1380 Pauly Dr. #207, Gurnee, IL 60031

Glen Drollinger, 1818 Jenkinson Ct., Waukegan, IL 60085

Nick Kazarian, 1606 Williams Ave., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

***If there is an error or omission in the celebrations information above or you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please contact the church office (Email: office@bethelgurnee.org or Phone: 847-244-9647). Thank you!!!

Church office hours

Summer Hours
Starting
Monday, June 3

Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
These hours may vary
for Summer.

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

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Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
or
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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

**You're
Invited!!!**



Save the Date

*Church Picnic/All Member New Member
Sunday, August 18th at 11:30 a.m.*

Bethel's church picnic will be held at the summer kitchen at Viking Park in Gurnee. Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. Come ready to have a fun day!

Watch for more information in the August Big Buzz.

To: