

**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](mailto:sabbatical@bethelgurnee.org)

**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](mailto:johnleicht@comcast.net).



**Great America—Six Flags Days** Our last trip to Great America will be on 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:



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Karen Kozlik ([karenkozlik@gmail.com](mailto:karenkozlik@gmail.com)).

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

**Meals Needed** We have the opportunity to minister to the Freehling family by providing meals on a weekly basis. Please sign up on the side of the Hub or call the church office.



**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

**Sunday School** Plans for next year are already in progress. While we have many teachers returning for next year and a few new volunteers, we do have a few openings remaining. Our goal is to have at least two adult teachers for each grade level. Each grade already has at least one volunteer, but we need co-teachers for preschool, 3rd grade, 4/5th grade, and middle school. If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you have any questions, contact either: Emily Schaefer ([genteach@aol.com](mailto:genteach@aol.com)) or Jose Rayos ([rayos.jose.j@gmail.com](mailto:rayos.jose.j@gmail.com)). We look forward to working together next year!



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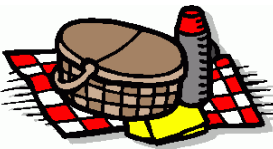


**AN INVITATION from the LCC K-9 Ministries**  
 (Home of the Comfort Dogs) - Join us for a meet and greet on Wednesday, **July 24** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook! - Over 80 (!!!) golden retrievers in one place! To register, please visit: <https://luthcc.org/2019-meet-and-greet>.

**Snail Mail Station** One way in which to encourage others in our "Life Together" in Christ is to send them a handwritten note. We've supplied the cards and envelopes. You write the note, and then the Bethel staff will make sure to address it and get it in the mail. The station is located outside the church office.



## Save the Date:



**Bethel Church Picnic and  
 All Member New Member  
 Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.  
 at Viking Park in Gurnee**

## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, July 15

- 10:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, July 16

- 11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

### Wednesday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping
- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, July 18

- 10:00 a.m.—Pickleball
- 3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use
- 6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

### Friday, July 19 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Saturday, July 20 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

### Sunday, July 21

- 9:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym

### Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30 PM & Sunday 9 AM

#### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9AM—3PM

Friday 9AM - 12PM

#### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday—136

### Serving Next Week

#### Thursday 6:30 PM

**Elders:** JJ Jones  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:** OPEN  
**Acolytes:** Jake Kruse, Kate Kruse  
**Lay Readers:** Madeline Adams, Joan Blasko  
**Ushers:** Don Heidlauf, OPEN  
**Greeters:** The Fleming Family  
**July Altar Guild:** Diane Rogala  
**July Counters:** Mary Kay Ams

#### Sunday 9:00 AM

Mike Bandman  
 Jack Warnke  
 Emma Megerle, Brooke Ratzburg  
 Karla Stewart, Claudine Rayos  
 John Kozlik, Christie Kozlik  
 The Dorner Family, Cindy Daluga  
 Diane Sanders  
 Joan Blasko