

Installation for Vicar Jake Stoltzman The installation of Vicar Jake Stoltzman will be held Sunday, **August 4** at Redeemer Lutheran in Highland, Indiana. There will be a service at 10:45 a.m. with a light lunch following provided by the Lady Society. If you plan on attending, please let Bethel's church office know so we can inform Redeemer Lutheran.

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

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.



DEADLINE for August Big Buzz
Monday, July 29 before 9:00 a.m.

Bethel Preschool Bethel has 3 openings in our two day class (W,F) for children who are 3 years old by September 1 and 5 openings in our three day (M,W,F) class for children who are 4 years old by September 1.



Bethel Preschool

We also have a playtime program offered on Mondays for children 2 1/2—5 years old from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., you don't have to be enrolled in preschool to take advantage of playtime. You can pick up a packet in the back of church or visit our website (<http://www.bethelpreschoolgurnee.org/programs.html>).

Does your Company do Matching Funds? Some companies do! Check with your HR or payroll person to find out if your donations to Bethel could be enhanced by the generosity of your workplace. For more information, contact Joan Blasko (finsecretary@bethelgurnee.org).

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.

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.



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Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

Meals Needed We have the opportunity to minister to the Freehling family by providing a meal on a weekly basis. There are weeks in September that are available. Please sign up on the side of the Hub or call the church office.



Sunday School 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 or if you have any questions, contact either:



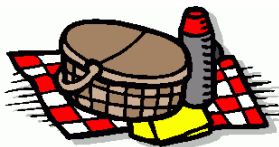
Emily Schaefer (gemteach@aol.com) or Jose Rayos (rayos.jose.j@gmail.com). We look forward to working together next year!

COOL FUNDRAISER COOL Ministries is having a all-day fundraiser at City BBQ, 887 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL on Friday, **August 16**. Please pick up a flyer from the Hub. This is a great way to have some delicious food and help support COOL - 25% of your order goes to COOL.



Bethel Church Picnic and New Member Celebration

Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.
at Viking Park in Gurnee



This Week's Calendar

Monday, July 29

1:00 p.m.—Pickleball

Tuesday, July 30

5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

Thursday, August 1

10:00 a.m.—Pickleball

3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use

6:30 p.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Friday, August 2 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, August 3 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, August 4

9:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. —VBS Debriefing Meeting

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—48, Sunday—70

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

August Altar Guild:

August Counters:

Thursday 6:30 PM

Randy Gifford

JJ Jones

Jeremy Leicht, Kaylee Leicht

Diane Mundrick, Deb Pellettieri

Don Heidlauf, **OPEN**

Paul & Linda Groh

Margie Tatgenhorst

Chris Mason

Sunday 9:00 AM

Bob Souza

OPEN

Dylan Love, Owen Squires

Jude Squires, Karen Kozlik

John Schultz, Jay Souza

Paul & Kathy DeLassus,
Suzanne Fowler

Dawn Werfelmann

Diane Sanders