

The BIG Buzz

~August 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.

Bethel's Annual Church Picnic & New Member Celebration

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



Bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. There will be games and activities for all ages. Meat, cups, plates, napkins, utensils, and drinks will be provided. A sign up sheet is posted in the back of church or outside the church office during the week on which you can

choose to bring side dishes or dessert.

Viking Park is located off of Old Grand Rd in Gurnee. There are picnic tables for eating, but if you are more comfortable sitting in a lawn chair, please bring one. Hope to see you at the picnic on **August 18!**

———— New to the Picnic – COOL CARS ————

If you, or someone you know, has a “COOL” car/” Vintage” car; and would like to share it with others at the picnic, please let the office know so we can set aside the appropriate number of parking spaces at Viking Park.

———— White Elephant Gifts ————

White elephant gifts are being collected for the picnic games. There is a collection box in the back of church or outside the church office during the week.



Mark your calendars,
Rally Sunday is September 8th!!!

A fun day for all, so plan on joining in the fun!

If you are interested or have questions please contact:

Emily Schaefer (genteach@aol.com) or
Jose Rayos (rayos.jose.j@gmail.com).

Preschool News.....



August is a time for the teachers to start preparing for the upcoming school year. We are so excited to get ready to open for our 33rd year!

We have a few openings for the 2019-2020 school year in the following classes:

3 day (4 year old class) - 5 openings,
Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9 a.m.—12 noon.

2 day (3 year old class) - 2 openings
Wednesday & Friday - 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Preschool Playtime (2 ½ to 5 year olds)
Mondays - 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Please spread the news about our program to your family, friends, and neighbors.

We hope you all are enjoying the summer and look forward to school starting back up in September. Our first day of class is Wednesday, **September 4**. Blessings!



Tuesday, August 27
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We are going to hold a Back to School Open House. Children from the community as well as currently enrolled children are welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the classrooms and meet with the teachers.

Please invite your friends with preschool aged children to attend.

Heart Warming Story from Love INC Thank You Letter

Dear Pastor Ben Squires,

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Recently, a new customer came into our store, Love Twice Thrift Boutique on Grand Avenue. Once he learned it supported the ministries of Love INC's churches, he was curious! Our store manager, Lynn, spent a bit of time explaining our mission and how our churches serve. He was amazed that churches of different denominations would work together to help those in need. She shared, "It was such a joy to answer his questions. I'm not kidding—this guy was thrilled and said we have restored his faith in the Church!"

...
God bless you,
Pat Schwartz
Executive Director

Hand written note in letter:

*Pastor Ben and Bethel Lutheran,
Thanks you for your partnership. Bethel is such a great beacon—casting light on Christ's church at work. God Bless you all.
Pat*



Electronic Giving

It is a great time to consider signing up for the Joyful Response electronic giving program. It is a quick and easy, safe and secure way for you to automate your gifts to Bethel. You can sign up by filling out a Joyful Response form found on the Hub, then submitting it to the church office or to our Financial Secretary, Joan Blasko.

Joan can be reached at (847)356-5125 or at joyfulresponse@bethelgurnee.org if you have questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this program.

LWML Convention



In June Kathy Schwartz and 3100 other women attended the LWML Convention in Mobile, AL. Jan Bersano from Faith, Lake Forest was our zone delegate. The convention business included choosing new mission projects for our mite money collections during the next 2 years, electing new officers, and changing a few bylaws. The convention was opened with a worship service, included several mission speakers, a Bible study lead by Donna Pyle, singing, and keynote speaker, Dr. Rev. Brent Smith. It was great to hear about many of the mission projects completed during the 77 years of LWML collecting mites. Mission speakers shared their stories of how God has used our mites (coins collected in mite boxes) to expand His kingdom. The sewing center in Tanzania was touching!

Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,100,000 mission goal for the 2019–2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 21 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too–Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin (LSEM), \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa, \$100,000
4. God’s Grace for This Generation (LAMP), \$100,000
5. God’s Word Changes Everything (LBT), \$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala, \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families, \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala, \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie in Wyoming, \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity in Mobile, AL, \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW), \$100,000
12. Women’s Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL), 30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE, \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa, \$62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries), \$80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio), \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction, \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, \$100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX, \$98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission), \$39,523
(partially funded)

The LWML website at LWML.org has more convention information, plus Bible studies, and resources to assist women in serving the Lord with gladness.

Fall Workshop

The zone LWML will have a fall workshop at Faith Lutheran in Lake Forest in September. Details will be planned at the Zone Board meeting on **August 9**. See the Sunday Buzz for details as they are determined. Contact Kathy Schwartz (224-575-2678) if you would like more information on the convention, attend zone events, or how to donate mites.



Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield, IL



11:00 a.m.—Registration and Lunch
12:30 p.m.—Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m.—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>

Save the Date

Unmask the Violence Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

Tickets \$275 or \$2,500 for a Table of 10



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Volunteer Orientation

(serving opportunity)

Tuesday August 6th, 6:30-8:00pm

At their office & warehouse,
339 Lakewood Ave., Waukegan

Learn more about the Love INC model and where your God-given talents may be used in ministry.

RSVP to us at 847-782-8630
or info@loveinclakecounty.org today!

Save the Date

Annual Dinner & Auction

(fundraiser)

Friday October 18

At the Holiday Inn – Gurnee


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

Pasta & Rice

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

Bethel Calendar

August, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 am - Communion in Gym 10:15 am - VBS Debriefing	5 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 6:30 pm - BOCE Meeting	6 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	7 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study	8 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Worship in Sanctuary	9 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	10 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
11 9:00 am - Worship in Gym Gurnee Days Parade 	12 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts in the Building	13 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	14 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Mom's Club 6:30 pm - Preschool Board	15 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary 7:30 pm - Elders Meeting	16 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	17 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
18 9:00 am - Communion in Gym 11:30 am - Bethel Church Picnic/All Member Celebration	19 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 6:30 pm - Gideons in Fellowship Hall	20 11:00 am - Gurnee Meadows Worship 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	21 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study	22 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Worship in Sanctuary 7:00 pm - COOL Board 7:30 pm - Council	23 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	24 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
25 9:00 am - Worship in Gym 6:00 pm - Offsite: Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting	26 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball	27 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball	28 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping	29 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Communion in Sanctuary	30 Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	31 8:30 am - Lounge in Use

August, 2019 ~ Service Roster

	Thursday - 6:30 pm August 1	Sunday - 9:00 am August 4	Thursday - 6:30 pm August 8	Sunday - 9:00 am August 11	Thursday - 6:30 pm August 15
ELDER	Randy Gifford	Bob Souza	Randy Gifford	Bob Souza	OPEN
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	JJ Jones	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	JJ Jones
ACOLYTES	Jeremy Leicht	Dylan Love	Cameron Fleming	Annika Chudy	Amanda Adams
LAY READERS	Kaylee Leicht	Owen Squires	Ruth Ziegler	Jake Chudy	Xavier Ramon
	Diane Mundrick	Jude Squires	Dave Ziegler	Owen Squires	Michelle Ramon
	Deb Pelletiere	Karen Kozlik	Jack Warneke	Dave Hoffmeister	Sheila Bunnell
USHER 1	Don Heidlauf	John Schultz	OPEN	John Schultz	OPEN
USHER 2	OPEN	Jay Souza	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
GREETERS	Paul & Linda Groh	Paul & Kathy Delassus	Gutzke Family	Jim & Donna Gerken	Roxanne Hopkins
		Suzanne Fowler		Hautzinger Family	

	Sunday - 9:00 am August 18	Thursday - 6:30 pm August 22	Sunday - 9:00 am August 25	Thursday - 6:30 pm August 29
ELDER	Bob Souza	Mike Bandman	Bob Souza	Mike Bandman
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	OPEN	OPEN	JJ Jones	OPEN
ACOLYTES	Mae Anderson	Jake Kruse	Brooke Ratzburg	Holly Fajtsch
	Ellie Kreamer	Kate Kruse	Michaela Rosenthal	Kelsi Mulley
LAY READERS	Ralph Danielsen	Bill Schwartz	Glen Drollinger	Lynn Fajtsch
	Donna Danielsen	Randy Gifford	Victor Sundararaj	Ellen Dalrymple
USHER 1	Jay Souza	Scott Gutzke	OPEN	OPEN
USHER 2	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
GREETERS	Jaronik Family	Marie Hupp	Kenny & Sue Hessel	Kruse Family
	Chuck & Julie Johnson		Becky Lanzito	
ALTAR GUILD		Margie Tatgenhorst and Dawn Werfelmann		
COUNTERS		Chris Mason and Diane Sanders		



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

Membership Changes

AUGUST

2019

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Shelly Adams
Robin Hoornstra
Michelle Ramon
Dominick Richardt
- 3 Mae Anderson
- 4 Steve Kregel
- 5 Cody Nuechterlein
Nicole Sabaj
- 6 Dana Harvey
- 8 Aaron Freeck
Jenelle Gifford
Peter Plapp
Maggie Richardt
Chelsi Todd
- 9 Mavis Henkel
Spencer Pavletic
Midge Ratzburg
- 10 Arietta Lindgren



- 11 Deb Pellettiere
Muriel Schmidtke
- 12 Susan Boardman
Kyle Snyder
- 13 Jacob Chudy
Susan Cox
James Franz
Becky Lanzito
- 15 Allyson Adams
Chris Livingston
Peyton Schaefer
Evie Vana
Luke Vana

- 18 Lauren Best
John Kozlik
- 19 Melissa Gerros
Brie Ratzburg
- 20 Mary Kay Ams
- 21 Katie Lahera
- 22 Jennie Vana
- 23 Jeremy Leicht
- 24 Lily Freehling
- 25 Alyssa Buttler
Michelle Kruse
Bob Livingston
Tanna Megerle
Marilyn Robinson
Bob Souza
- 26 Carola Spivey
- 27 Claire Mason
- 29 Brittany Johnson
- 31 Kylie Brazda

Wedding Anniversaries

Jose & Claudine Rayos, Jr.	August 1, 2011	Dick & Diane Rogala	August 15, 1964
Dave & Sarah Ziegler	August 1, 1992	Dave & Sue Hoffmeister	August 19, 1972
Dave & Gayle Olson	August 2, 1997	Adam & Shannon Jaronik	August 19, 2006
Bill & Midge Ratzburg	August 2, 1969	Al & Leah Diercks	August 21, 1971
Vern & Donna Stutzman	August 2, 1997	Tim & Lynn Faitsch	August 21, 1999
Jeremy & Andrea Little	August 6, 2006	Lou & Karen Kailer	August 25, 1979
Joe & Maggie Richardt	August 6, 2011	David & Sarah Boyle	August 26, 1989
Bob & Dana Harvey	August 7, 2010	Warren & Kathy Regnier	August 27, 1966
Charles & Julie Johnson	August 7, 1982	Robin & Lori Hoornstra	August 29, 1987
Keith & Chris Mason	August 10, 1985	Mark & Kathy Hipsher	August 30, 1980
Randy & Linda Gifford	August 11, 1984	Steve & Sue Best	August 31, 1996
Rich & Sue Walker	August 11, 1973		

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

Summer Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 noon
Times may vary.

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



Please join us the third Tuesday of each month!
Worship at Gurnee Meadows at 11:00 a.m.

What we Do:

On the third Tuesday of each month, Pastor Squires leads hymn singing, prayer, and conversation at Gurnee Meadows.

We would love for you to join us for conversation with the residents. Even if you cannot commit to coming every month, we'd love for you to join us whenever you can.

How you can help:

We need one or two readers each month. If you don't mind reading a few sections of Scripture, please let Lisa (lisa@bethelgurnee.org) know. If you would like to help greet the residents, that'd be great too!

Gurnee Meadows

1380 Pauly Drive (Coffee Room)
Gurnee, IL 60031

To: