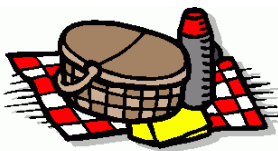


Installation for Vicar Jake Stoltzman The installation of Vicar Jake Stoltzman will be held Sunday, **August 4** at Redeemer Lutheran in Highland, Indiana. There will be a service at 10:45 a.m. with a light lunch following provided by the Lady Society. If you plan on attending, please let Bethel's church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

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 will be 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. 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.

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.



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.

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>).



Bethel Preschool Open House Bethel is going to hold a Back to School Open House on Tuesday, **Aug. 27** from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. 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.

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).

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.

COOL FUNDRAISER

COOL Ministries is having an 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.



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Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org

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

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
or Sunday morning need to be submitted to
Katrina Johns by Thursday morning.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, August 5

10:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m.—Pickleball

Tuesday, August 6

5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

Thursday, August 8

10:00 a.m.—Pickleball

3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use

6:30 p.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

Friday, August 9 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, August 10 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym

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

Thursday 6:30 PM

Elders:

Randy Gifford

Comm/Asst. Elder:

OPEN

Acolytes:

Cameron Fleming, Ruth Ziegler

Lay Readers:

Dave Ziegler, Jack Warneke

Ushers:

OPEN, OPEN

Greeters:

Gutzke Family

August Altar Guild:

Margie Tatgenhorst

August Counters:

Chris Mason

Sunday 9:00 AM

Bob Souza

OPEN

Annika Chudy, Jake Chudy

Owen Squires, Dave Hoffmeister

John Schultz, OPEN

Jim & Donna Gerken,

Hautzinger Family

Dawn Werfelmann

Diane Sanders