

Moving Supplies Needed A few of our members are in need of moving supplies. If you have sturdy boxes, bubble wrap, or plastic shopping bags you can donate, please contact the church office.



Bethel Preschool Bethel has 2 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

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



Sunday School Registration The start of the new Sunday school year is quickly approaching! Rally Day is scheduled for **September 8**. Sunday school registration will begin this week. We will be doing things a little differently this year. Rather than completing online registration, as in the past, we will be asking families to fill out Emergency Information cards. The Board of Christian Education is dedicated to updating our records this year so that we are fully prepared for any situations that might arise. We have the safety and protection of our students in the forefront of our minds. These Emergency Information cards will allow us to have contact information for each student should we ever need to find you. A table will be set up after both the Thursday and Sunday services where you can fill out these short cards. We appreciate you taking the time to help us keep our children safe!

Rally Day We are very excited about the start of a new Sunday school year at Bethel! Rally Day is scheduled for **September 8**. We have music and other fun activities planned for the kids that day. We will kick off Rally Day at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We request that all Sunday school students, from Little Lambs all the way through high school meet there, along with parents, to meet this year's teachers and to learn a bit about our mission for the year. From there, the kids will proceed with their teachers to their activities. We look forward to seeing all of you there! ~ Board of Christian Education



Calling all families with high school and middle school children!! Board of Christian Education is looking for high school students to help run activities on Rally Day (September 8). We are having a training session on Sunday, **August 25** following the church service until 12:30 p.m. for those high schoolers who can commit to be at church on Rally Day. Also that day, we plan to have middle school students meet after church to finish up the murals in the basement that were begun at VBS. After the work and training is complete, we will have pizza and open gym time for those who can stick around. We would really appreciate your help! If you have any questions, you can email either Emily Schaefer at genteach@aol.com or Jose Rayos at rayos.jose.j@gmail.com. We would appreciate a head count so we can plan food, so please contact us to let us know if you will be attending. Thank you!

COOL FUNDRAISER (Thursday)

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.



August 22/25 Buzz
Cut-off date for articles to be submitted is
Tuesday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.

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*Please join us this Tuesday for
Worship at Gurnee Meadows 11:00 AM*

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.



DEADLINE for September Big Buzz
Monday, August 26 before 9:00 a.m.

**C.O.O.L. food of the month:
Pasta & Rice**

This Week's Calendar

**Please Note: Bethel will be closed
Friday, August 30
due to maintenance on the floors.**

Monday, August 19

9:15 a.m.—Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 a.m.—Buzz Deadline
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, August 24 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym
6:00 p.m.—Offsite: Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting

Summer Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30 PM & Sunday 9 AM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM—12PM

Call ahead because times may change.

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday—34, Sunday—117

Serving Next Week

Thursday 6:30 PM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: David Ziegler
Acolytes: Jake Kruse, Kate Kruse
Lay Readers: Bill Schwartz, Randy Gifford
Ushers: Scott Gutzke, **OPEN**
Greeters: Marie Hupp

August Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
August Counters: Chris Mason

Sunday 9:00 AM

Bob Souza
JJ Jones
Brooke Ratzburg, Michaela Rosenthal
Glen Drollinger, Victor Sundararaj
Christie Kozlik, John Kozlik
Kenny & Sue Hessel,
Becky Lanzito
Dawn Werfelmann
Diane Sanders