

Sunday School Registration The start of the new Sunday school year is quickly approaching! Rally Day is scheduled for **September 8**. Sunday school registration has begun. 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. 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 fill out a card 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 started 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 gemteach@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!

Fall Handbell Choir Bethel is looking for members to join the handbell choir this fall. Practices will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday evenings with several performances throughout the fall. A minimum of 11 ringers are needed to re-start the choir and Bethel has enough handbells to accommodate up to 23 players. Ringers should be able to read sheet music and should be at least junior high age. The first practice will be on **September 12** and continue through Christmas. We will re-evaluate and decide if we want to continue in the spring at that time. Please contact David Ziegler with any questions or to sign up. zieglerds@hotmail.com or (847) 878-1482

Band Instruments Needed Band teacher Andre Rivera is looking for instrument donations for his music program at North Chicago middle school. If you have anything to donate, Susan Squires be glad to make sure your donation is delivered to North Chicago. **Andre's message follows:** *"Thank you so much to family and friends who have already donated instruments to support the growth of our music program in North Chicago! I have received so much support for helping our students. North Chicago is a district where 100% of students qualify for free lunch and breakfast. Our fee for students is only \$30 for the entire year, and includes an instrument rental and method book. Please help us ensure everyone gets an instrument by donating today! We have very strong enrollment numbers and need to provide even more students with quality beginner instruments across 6th-8th grade. If you or someone you know has a trumpet, trombone, french horn, flute or clarinet, those are what we need the most of! Thank you greatly for continued support for D187!"*



Bethel Preschool Bethel has 1 opening in our two day class (W,F) for children who are 3 years old by September 1 and 2 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 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>).

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Disciple Basics—Gospel of Mark Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study lead by Pastor Squires from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Study beginnings **September 8** with Rally Day Celebration for all ages.

Celebration of Ministry Join us on Sunday, **September 22** at 9:30 a.m. in the gym for a *Celebration of Ministry*. Games, prizes, fun and best of all you will learn where you can share your gifts with your Bethel family and beyond.

Pickleball - As Fall approaches we are gearing up for indoor Pickleball. We are using the same schedule as last year. We play at 1 p.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The gym is also available Thursday mornings. You can play anytime whenever the office is open. (or if you have a key, just let the office know you will be there.) Questions contact Carla Thompson: carlajothompson@gmail.com.



Brighter Futures Gala at Highland Park Country Club on **September 21** from 6-11 p.m. PADS Lake County cordially invites you to attend an evening celebrating the bright futures that we know are possible for our neighbors experiencing homelessness! Pastor Squires will be one of the guest speakers. Is your business, organization, or family interested in supporting PADS and connecting with fellow Lake County residents by sponsoring this event? Check out the Sponsorship Opportunities or contact Jamie Roberts at 847-616-2686 or jroberts@padslakecounty.org.

New Wednesday Morning Bible Study starting September 4 We will begin a new Bible Study entitled "Waiting - A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. Kathy Schwartz (224-575-2678) will be leading this study. Contact her at if you have questions or want to order a book. (Even if you can't attend in person, there could be an online group! Let me know if you are interested in that option).

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.

Question Persuade Refer—Suicide Awareness Course Friday, September 6 from 6:00—7:00 p.m. there will be a free course at 3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan—3rd Floor Board Room. Parents, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, caseworkers, and first responders are invited to attend a one hour, FREE training. Register now: tinyurl.com/qpr2019lake 7th Annual Walk for Awareness & Suicide Prevention

7th Annual Walk for Awareness & Suicide Prevention Hastings Lake Forest Preserve—21155 W. Gelden Rd. - Shelter A LAKE VILLA on Saturday, **September 7** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come out for a walk with "ASHER" and the opportunity to learn about some important and Lake County resources. Contact Al Diercks (apd727@gmail.com) if you need more information.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation—Students & Parents

Thursday, September 5

10:00 a.m.—Pickleball

3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use

Friday, September 6 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, September 7 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym

9:00 a.m.—Fellowship

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study

10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM—3PM

Call ahead because times may change.

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday—43, Sunday—111

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Sept. Altar Guild:

Sept. Counters:

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Mike Bandman

JJ Jones

Jude Squires/Dylan Love

Owen Squires, David Lubega

Youth, Youth

Maag Family, Chris Mason

BOCE

Becky Anderson

Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza

OPEN

Cameron Fleming/Ruth Ziegler

Kelly Dörner, Suzanne Fowler

John Schultz, Youth

Nuechterlein Family, Diane Perkins

Shari Hoppe

Bill & Kathy Schwartz