

# The BIG Buzz

~September 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.

## Our Education Year Kicks-off on September 8!



**There are learning opportunities for ALL age groups from  
9:30-10:30, right after fellowship.**

- For children under 3 as of 9/1/19 (or not yet potty trained), we have Little Lambs nursery time.
- We have classes and musical worship time for children from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We have Bible study and lessons for the middle and high school students.
- Adults have a Bible study with Pastor Squires in the fellowship room.

If you have not yet filled out a registration card for your children, we will be distributing them on Rally Day. Please take a moment to fill one out, even if your children have attended for several years. We want the most up to date information to ensure safety and to create a plan in case of emergency.

## Rally Day Festivities

- 9:00 a.m. - Treats, snacks, and chats in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - All students and parents will meet in the sanctuary for introduction of teachers and a few words about our mission for the year.
- 9:45 a.m. - Students will begin Rally Day activities and adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Squires
- 10:30 a.m. - Parents can collect children in the gym

This year the children's offerings will be used to support the missionary work of Pastor Salifu, in Ghana. After growing up in a mainly Muslim village, Pastor Salifu came to Christ and returned to his home to spread the gospel. He has helped to plant and grow several churches in his and surrounding villages. In addition they have projects (including a wells project) to meet the physical needs of the people in these villages. Adult offerings from Bible study will be used to help Dorcas Salifu in her education goals at Carthage College in Kenosha, helping to pay for books, etc.



## Regular Sunday Worship Schedule Begins September 8

- 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Services
- 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. - Adult & Children Education Hour

## A Note from the Church Council.....

In August, you should have received a letter in the mail on behalf of the church council. Our goal was to share an update about the financial health of the church and ask for you to prayerfully consider how you could help.

We have received a positive response from our members and attendees in the form of prayers, monetary gifts and online monthly giving sign ups. I want to sincerely thank everyone who has answered the call with generosity. Your support has had a tremendous impact in combating the current deficit.

However, there is a continued need for your help as we begin the fall season and approach the end of the fiscal year. As a reminder, here a few ways you can help:

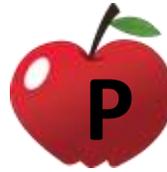
- Pray that God will provide for Bethel
- Increase your weekly/monthly giving
- Sign up for automatic electronic giving (email Joan Blasko [finsecretary@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:finsecretary@bethelgurnee.org))
- Check to see if your employer offers to match church donations
- Make a special one-time gift above and beyond your typical level
- Share your story of generosity with our Equipping Coordinator, Katrina, so she can share it with the congregation (email [katrina.johns@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:katrina.johns@bethelgurnee.org))

On behalf of the Bethel Council, thank you for your generosity and dedication to supporting Bethel.

In faith,  
Elizabeth Blasko,  
Bethel Council President

*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;  
another withholds what he should give,  
and only suffers want.*

- Proverbs 11:24



## Preschool News.....

### Preschool starts on Wednesday September 4

Preschool doors will open for the 2019-2020 school year on Wednesday September 4. We welcome back our wonderful teachers Becky Anderson, Christine Fleming, Nicole Kreamer and Donna Stutzman. Donna continues to serve as Preschool Director and will teach in the 4 year old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Nicole will also teach in the 4 year old class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Becky and Christine will work with the 3 year old class and Preschool Playtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The teachers have been working hard to get the classrooms ready in time for the start of school and we are looking forward to a fantastic 33<sup>rd</sup> year at Bethel Preschool.

We wish to thank the congregation for their continuous prayers for our preschool! We are starting this school year with very few openings! We have 1 open spot in our 2 Day (WF 3 year old) class and 2 open spots in our 3 Day (MWF 4 year old) class. Our playtime class is always very small at the beginning of the school year so please continue to pray for growth in our Playtime class. Playtime is open to 2 ½- 5 years year old students on Mondays. If you know of any child who would be eligible to attend, please pass on the word about Bethel Preschool to the parents. Tell prospective families to call the preschool office at (847) 244-9672 or email [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org)

### SAVE THE DATE:

### BETHEL FALL FEST

Friday, October 25

**Bethel Preschool will be hosting an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages!**



Family Concert featuring *Parents Choice Award* winner LEONARDO!

- Chili Hot Dog Supper,
- Trick or Treats Games,
- Leonardo Concert!



**Everyone (all ages) are welcome!**

# DISCIPLE BASICS GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Led by Pastor Squires

**9:30-10:30AM**

in the Fellowship Hall

*Beginning September 8*

*with Rally Day Celebration for All Ages*

Let's read the Gospel of Mark—slowly—together.  
We'll look at 2 chapters per week,  
consider basic questions  
and reflect on this Gospel shapes our lives  
as disciples—followers of Jesus.

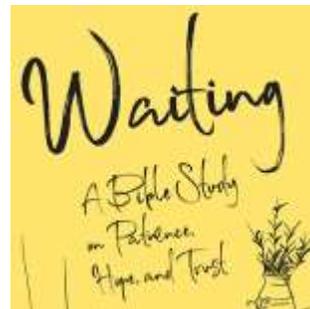
### What's Adult Bible Study Like?

- No pre-requirements! We're all learning together.
- A large group in a large room so all are welcome!
- A small group feel with round tables of 6-8 people
- Pastor leads from the front but gets the small groups talking
- Pastor will not call on people and put them on the spot.
- Connecting the Bible with living out our Christian faith.



## *Pickleball at Bethel*

The fastest growing sport in America! (And Gurnee) Really!!! As Fall approaches we are gearing up for indoor Pickleball. Do you play? Are you curious? Do you have questions? Maybe you used to play tennis but it's not as easy as it used to be, we all know how that goes. We are using the same schedule as last year. We play at 1:00 on Mondays and 6:00 on Thursdays. The gym is also available Thursday mornings. You can play anytime from 9:00 or whenever the office is open. (or if you have a key, just let the office know you will be there.) I can be there most days, just let me know if you want to play or learn to play. All are welcome. Contact Carla Thompson: [carlajothompson@gmail.com](mailto:carlajothompson@gmail.com) if you need more info or want to play.



## *New Wednesday Morning Bible Study on September 4*

We will begin a new Bible Study (1st Wednesday in September) entitled "Waiting - A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz.

### *Quoting from the back of the book.....*

"We wait. And....wait. In traffic, at the doctor's office, at the restaurant. For the right guy. For a baby. For the test results. For prayers to be heard. Waiting can be agony. In our culture where almost everything is instant, we are accustomed to getting what we want NOW. So when our lives are put in a holding pattern, we squirm. But what if the waiting rooms of life are God's best classrooms? What if the Holy Spirit changes us through the uncomfortable delays of life? Throughout history, God has called on His people to wait for His timing and His will. This study focuses on the lives of 8 biblical women who waited and yearned and ached. Women like us. "Waiting" highlights principals that make these times more bearable, and maybe more meaningful, even if it feels like God isn't present or there's nothing we can do. Learn how to surrender your worries to God, handle the daily-ness of waiting and draw closer to Jesus."

Kathy Schwartz (224-575-2678) will be leading this study. Please contact her 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).



## Fellowship

The sign up to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings is in the back of church on the Hub. Grab a friend and host together. If you have any questions contact Fellowship Chairman, Janet Jones at [janetfindshouses@msn.com](mailto:janetfindshouses@msn.com).

## Fall Handbell Choir

Bethel is looking for members to join the handbell choir this fall. Practices will be held from 6-7p.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 ([zieglerds@hotmail.com](mailto:zieglerds@hotmail.com) /847 878-1482) with any questions or to sign up.



## Beginning 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 will 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!"*

## Co-ed Basketball at Bethel



If you are High School age or older and would like to play basketball, come join us here at Bethel every Monday night from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

## Question Persuade Refer

Friday, September 6  
6:00—7:00 p.m.  
3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan  
3rd Floor Board Room

Lake County  
Suicide  
Prevention  
Task Force

Parents, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, caseworkers, and first responders are invited to attend a one hour, FREE training to learn the warning signs of suicide and how to respond. Refreshments will be provided. Spanish interpretation provided by WPS60.

Register now: [tinyurl.com/qpr2019lake](http://tinyurl.com/qpr2019lake)



## 7th Annual Walk for Awareness & Suicide Prevention

HASTINGS LAKE FOREST PRESERVE  
21155 W. Gelden Rd. - Shelter A LAKE VILLA

Saturday, **September 7th** 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. Presented by the Lake County Suicide Prevention Task Force.

1K & 5K Walk options  
Resource tables (mental / physical health)  
Community Services

Contact Al Diercks ([apd727@gmail.com](mailto:apd727@gmail.com)) if you need more information.

## Celebration of Ministry



**You've taken the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Assessment.....**

**you've been listening to pastor's sermons on those gifts.....now what?**

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.

Bethel ministry leaders are looking forward to meeting you and telling you all about how we  
can use our gifts to serve in our church and community.



### LWML Fall Gathering

On Saturday, **September 28** the Fall gathering  
will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
(2107 Three Oaks Road, Cary, Illinois).  
Annette Budzban will be the speaker at the event.

***Save the Date:***

### LWML Zone Fall Rally

Saturday, **October 26**  
at Faith Lutheran in Lake Forest, IL



**SAVE YOUR  
CANS!**

Bring your rinsed, empty aluminum  
cans (pop can type) to the marked  
container outside the main entrance  
doors. The cans are turned in for  
cash, which purchases apple juice for  
coffee hour, most of the white 8-foot  
tables in the fellowship hall and  
many other unbudgeted expenses.

THANK YOU !





**Brighter Futures Gala**  
Highland Park Country Club  
**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! The evening will include:

Cocktails & Silent Auction ~ 6 PM  
Dinner, Program & Paddle Raise ~ 7:30 PM  
Music & Dancing ~ 9:00 PM

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 our Sponsorship Opportunities or contact Jamie Roberts at [jroberts@padslakecounty.org](mailto:jroberts@padslakecounty.org) or 847-616-2686.

**Unmask  
the  
Violence**



**Saturday, October 19**

**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Chicago Marriott Lincolnshire Resort  
10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire, IL**

Mark your calendars for *A Safe Place* largest and most important fundraiser of the year, and prepare for an unforgettable evening amid dazzling, lights, sounds, and art to support the programs and services that save the lives of domestic violence victims and their children.

Go to <https://asafeplaceforhelp.org/get-involved/unmask-violence-gala/> to purchase tickets, become a sponsor or get more information.



**Love INC**  
**Love In the Name of Christ**

**25th Anniversary Celebration  
Annual Dinner and Auction**

**Friday October 18**

Holiday Inn, Gurnee

Tickets will become available in September at:

<http://www.loveinclakecounty.org/upcoming-events/>

**C.O.O.L.  
Food of  
the Month**

**Canned Fruit**

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

# Bethel Calendar

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am - Communion in Gym	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 6:15 pm - Confirmation - Students & Parents	<b>5</b> 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use	<b>6</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	<b>7</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
<b>8</b> 8:00 am - Worship in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in Sanctuary	<b>9</b> 12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts in the Building 7:00 pm - Property Management	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am - Mom's Club 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - Equipping Mom's 7:30 pm - Elders Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:30 pm - Preschool Board 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	<b>13</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	<b>14</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use 10:00 am - Those Were the Days Radio Players
<b>15</b> 8:00 am - Communion in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in Sanctuary	<b>16</b> 12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball 6:30 pm - Gideons in Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> 11:00 am - Gurnee Meadows Worship	<b>18</b> 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - Equipping Mom's 7:30 pm - Council	<b>19</b> 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	<b>21</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use 10:00 am - Those Were the Days Radio Players
<b>22</b> 8:00 am - Worship in Gym 8:00 am - Celebration of Ministry! 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in Sanctuary	<b>23</b> 12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball 7:00 pm - Indian Guides in Building	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am - Bethel Landscaping 6:15 pm - Equipping Mom's 6:15 pm - Confirmation	<b>26</b> 10:00 am - Pickleball 3:30 pm - Lower Level in use by A Safe Place 4:30 pm - Lounge in Use 7:00 pm - COOL Board	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off	<b>28</b> Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off 8:30 am - Lounge in Use
<b>29</b> 8:00 am - Communion in Gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study 6:00 pm - Offsite: Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting	<b>30</b> 12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pickleball 5:30 pm - Uline Basketball					





# September 2019 Service Roster



	Sunday - 9:00 am September 1	Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 September 8	Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 September 15	Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 September 22	Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 September 29
<b>ELDER</b>	JJ Jones	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>	Jack Warneke	JJ Jones	Jeremy Little	JJ Jones	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>ELDER</b>		Bob Souza	JJ Jones	Bob Souza	Bob Souza
<b>DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER</b>		<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Randy Gifford	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Emma Megerle	Jude Squires/Dylan Love	Owen Squires/Jacob Plapp	J. Leicht/K. Leicht	M. Anderson/E. Kreamer
	Brooke Ratzburg	C. Fleming/R. Ziegler	A. Chudy/J. Chudy	J. Kruse/K. Kruse	Amanda Adams/M. Rosenthal
<b>LAY READERS</b>	Tim Moran	Owen Squires	Joanne Heidlauf	Ted Tatgenhorst	Madeline Adams
	Linda Moran	David Lubega	Diane Boehm	Margie Tatgenhorst	Jose Rayos
		Kelly Dörner	Pat Rasmussen	Shari Hoppe	Diane Mundrick
		Suzanne Fowler	Ann Souza	Michelle Ramon	Deb Pelletiere
<b>USHER 1 - 8 am</b>	Don Heidlauf	Youth	Don Heidlauf	<b>OPEN</b>	Don Heidlauf
<b>USHER 2 - 8 am</b>	John Schultz	Youth	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>USHER 1 - 10:45 am</b>		John Schultz	Scott Mundrick	Karen Kailer	John Schultz
<b>USHER 2 - 10:45 am</b>		Youth	Karen Kailer	<b>OPEN</b>	Jay Souza
<b>GREETERS</b>	Leicht Family	Maag Family	Megerle Family	Mulley Family	Novacek Family
	Little Family	Chris Mason	Matt & Kiwol Messmer	Scott & Diane Mundrick	Cindy Offerdahl
		Nuechterlein Family	Pipia Family	Lance & Pat Rasmussen	Richardt Family
		Diane Perkins	Javier & Michelle Ramon	Bill & Midge Ratzburg	Diane Rogala
<b>WEDNESDAY GREETER</b>	(9/4) Jenelle Gifford	(9/11) Dave Ziegler	(9/18) Susan Squires	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>		BOCE	<b>OPEN</b>	K. Schwartz (Gifford Farewell)	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Becky Anderson & Shari Hoppe				
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Monte Stoltzman, Bill & Kathy Schwartz				

Regular type denotes early service servers. *Italic type denotes late service servers. Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.*

# September

2019

## Celebrations and Membership Updates

### Birthdays

1 Tim Faitsch  
Christine Fleming  
3 Steve Freehling  
4 Kersten Cox  
6 Alicia Kazarian  
8 Diane Boehm  
11 Bob Piepenbrink  
Jocelyn Sanders  
12 Carol Cook  
14 Logan Rosenthal  
18 Caden Krueger  
Javier Ramon  
Shanon Sam  
19 Sierra Pursley  
20 Tom Pipia  
21 Leah Anderson  
David Pruett

23 Jeremy Little  
24 Leona Keller

26 Sarah Boyle  
Chuck Kozlik  
Aaron Ratzburg  
27 Rachel Ziegler  
28 Ellen Dalrymple  
Brian Hoppe



### Membership Updates

#### Transfer:

David Hessel  
transferred to  
Brookfield Lutheran Church  
in Brookfield, WI

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Anita Maddox Sept. 10, 1989  
Dennis & Holly Robb Sept. 10, 2005  
Jim & Donna Gerken Sept. 11, 1976

Mike & Jody Jakolat Sept. 14, 2013  
Steve & Bette Ann Hansen Sept. 21, 2017  
Greg & Shannon Swanson Sept. 26, 1998

\*\*\*Please let the church office know if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. It can also be marked on the attendance cards. If you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office ([office@BethelGurnee.org](mailto:office@BethelGurnee.org)) so that we can correct our records. Thank you!

## Church office hours

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday  
9:00 a.m.—12 noon

**Pastor and Katrina's**  
weekly hours  
are posted outside  
Their  
office door.

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*Worship  
Schedule*

**Starting  
September 8**  
**Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**  
**and 10:45 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:**  
**1st, 3rd, & 5th**  
**Sundays**



To: