

The BIG Buzz

~October 2019~

Monthly communication
of events and
reports from
Bethel Lutheran Church

*Bethel Lutheran
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Information for
the weekly *Buzz*
is due in the
office by
9:00 a.m.
Thursday.



BETHEL Fall Fest

Join us for Fellowship and Fun
Friday October 25, 2019

14th Annual Trick or Treat Party
Games and Prizes to Win
Chili and Hot Dog Dinner
New this year: Family Concert featuring LEONARDO!



- **Chili and Hot Dog Dinner in Bethel's Fellowship Hall from 5 – 6 pm**
Please join us for food and fellowship before heading down to the gym for games and fun. A free will offering will be accepted. Proceeds from the offering will benefit Bethel Preschool.
- **Trick or Treat with games in the Gym from 5:45 - 6:30 pm**
Adults and Children can wear a fun costume. Children can trick or treat from table to table in the gym! We do ask that you do not wear scary costumes or masks. Also, no weapons allowed.
- **Leonardo Family Concert in the Gym from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**
Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves it's time to go **ROCKIN'** with **LEONARDO**. He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago! Concert begins at 6:30 pm.

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

**Breakfast
Items**

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

**DISCIPLE BASICS
WHAT WE BELIEVE**

Lutheran Introduction Course

Led by Pastor Squires

Tuesdays—7:30-8:30PM

October 1, 8, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

At Bethel, we ask members to trust that we will seek to teach God’s Truth according to His Word, in line with a Lutheran understanding of the Scriptures.

- But what does that mean?
- What do Lutherans teach?

Join Pastor Squires as we consider basic questions

- about the Christian faith
- and answer your questions.

Who Should Come to This Course?

- Those who are exploring Bethel—*this doesn’t commit you to joining.*
- Those who want to become members of Bethel.
- Those who have joined but still feel like they want to know more.
- Those who have been Lutheran for a while, but need a refresher.

Preschool News . . .

It’s been a very busy beginning to our school year. Our classes have had their traditional Brown Bag Picnic where families can get to know one another. The Bookmobile came for a visit. We are thankful that the Warren Newport Public Library includes our preschool in their Bookmobile schedule. We’ve met with Pastor Squires and had our first devotion time with him. New and returning students and teachers had fun getting acquainted and learning how God makes us each very special individuals. Praise the Lord for new beginnings!

Both classes will have their traditional orange parties on Wednesday October 30. Students wishing for additional fall fun can join us Friday October 25 in the evening for the Bethel Fall Fest! (See this Buzz for additional details, YOU are invited too!)



Our themes for the month of October will focus on the beautiful season of fall that God created. We learn about apples, pumpkins, squirrels, and fall colors. October is one of our favorite months. God’s Blessings from the Preschool.

Spread the word...we still have a few openings in our Monday Preschool Playtime class (2½-5 yrs), our 2 Day (WF 3 year old) class and our 3 Day (MWF 4 year old) class. 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 contact the preschool office at email preschool@bethelgurnee.org or call (847)244-9672.



Help "Fill Up" the Discretionary Fund

Bethel's Discretionary Fund is where Pastor, Staff, and Council can pull monies for periodic needs for Bethel members and those in the community. This can range from a gas card for a family in need to emergency assistance with rent. Recently, we have had the blessing of being able to help a number of people, showing the love of Christ through this direct support and building relationships. So we need to "fill up" this fund again. Ideally we would maintain about \$1000 in the fund to allow for needs to be covered quickly. This is outside of Bethel's General Budget. If you are able to give a gift over-and-above your normal giving*, please mark your gift - "Discretionary Fund." Thank you! If you have more questions, please contact Pastor. (*We rely on our regular Offerings to cover our General Budget which ensures all of our ministries are supported, so this is why we ask that Discretionary Fund gifts be over-and-above).



Save the Date Voters' Meeting Sunday, November 10



Thank you to all of the people who stepped out of their comfort zones to share their story with the Bethel family. It has truly been a blessing to hear of the many ways God's people are sharing the gifts He has given them. Tell me, how are you using the gifts God has given you? Email to Katrina@Bethelgurnee.org.

Please take a moment to let the following people know you appreciated hearing their story:

Ben Sanders	Jodi Megerle
Diane Sanders	Susan Squires
Karen Kailer	Sue Bandman
Tony Young	Janet Jones
Katerina Kozlick	Bob Souza
Owen Squires	Sara Pipia
Cameron Fleming	Cheryl Ross
Jack Warneke	Elizabeth Blasko
Jacob Leicht	Aaron Fleming
Donna Stutzman	Jeanine Hautzinger
Kelsi Mulley	Alicia Kazarian
Nichole Todd	Kathy DeLassus
Susan Boardman	Jocelyn Sanders
Paul DeLassus	Audrey Brazda
David Ziegler	Kylie Brazda
Michael Bandman	Tom Pipia
Cindy Ellwein	Nick Kazarian
Carla Thompson	Karla Stewart
Jeremy Little	JJ Jones

In Him,
Katrina John, Equipping Coordinator

Bethel Fall Clean Up

Don't forget to mark Saturday, **October 26** at 8:30 a.m. on your calendar for fall cleanup. Further information will be posted in the weekly Buzz. Rain date of November 2.



Fuller Road Clean Up

Our adopted road clean up is scheduled for **October 13** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Anyone age 10 years or older is welcome to help. Questions, contact John Kozlik at karenkozlik@gmail.com.



Fellowship

The sign up to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings is outside the kitchen door. There are still Sundays available. Grab a friend and host together.

If you have any questions contact Janet Jones, Fellowship Chairman at: janetfindshouses@msn.com.

Hello Bethel Family

Thank you so much for supporting our scholars! The LEARN 6 Wolves (formerly Thunderbirds) basketball team had an extraordinary experience last season and it was much due to your generosity, selfless heart, and humanitarianism. This experience gave our boys a stronger appreciation of team, a better understanding of what it means to be respectful, and a better awareness for the major connection between sports and education. This past season built character and instilled accountability.

Many of our boys went on to College Preparatory high schools with full or nearly full scholarships. In fact, one of our players was accepted to attend Phillips Exeter Academy, considered to be the best private high school in America. Thank you for playing a significant role in providing uniforms, bus transportation, meals, equipment, tournament fees, along with so much more for helping us make our mission a reality. Please visit our team website (Learn6wolves.com) for more information as well as the opportunity to support our scholars this season!

John Jones (Coach JJ)



Bernie's Blessing

We will again this year be collecting coats and blankets for Bernie to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 22 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats and blankets that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. He shares the love of Christ with them while providing them warmth. As the weather turns cold and you realize a new coat would be nice, bring the old one for Bernie's blessings. Or, if you see a good deal on a new coat, we would gladly accept it also. Blankets of all kinds will be accepted. You may bring them to Bethel starting the first of December.

Deadline will be Thursday, **December 19.**



Recycling

Bethel has experienced increased costs for recycling due to contamination of the items being placed in the recycling bins. The two major types of contamination are: 1) Food Containers, 2) Plastic bags being used to line the recycling bins. To minimize contamination, all recycling containers are now blue and have a sign posted on them that plastic liners are not allowed. In addition, all are asked to NOT place used food containers in the recycling bins. Even the slightest amount of food will result in additional contamination charges as well as render all items in that load as being ineligible for recycling. If in doubt, place the item you wish to discard in the trash can.

The following guidelines apply:

What to Recycle:

- Paper: newspaper (with inserts), magazines and catalogs, office/school paper, advertising/junk mail, brown paper bags, cardboard, paperboard.
- Plastic containers (NEED TO BE RINSED): beverage (milk, juice, water) containers, liquid detergent and shampoo containers, yogurt cups
- Glass (NEED TO BE RINSED): bottles, jars, and brown, green, or clear glass
- Tin cans (NEED TO BE RINSED)

What to NOT Recycle:

- Soiled paper: napkins, used paper plates, pizza boxes
- Wire hangers
- Styrofoam, plastic film, plastic bags

DO NOT:

- Place materials in plastic bags
- Recycle electronics
- Recycle batteries





Saturday, October 19 ~ 6:00 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. 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

Annual Dinner & Auction



The annual Love INC dinner is Friday, **October 18** at the Holiday Inn in Gurnee. This is their biggest fundraiser. In the past several years Bethel members have contributed funds to purchase gift cards to be used in the auction. If you are able and willing, you may make a contribution for the gift cards by designating an offering as: "Love INC Gift Cards" and should be contributed by Sunday, October 6.

If you are interested in attending the dinner, you may register at: loveinclakecounty.org. Please talk to Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



Holy Baptism



Grace Bayless

baptized on September 15.

Parents: Anthony & Tanya
 Brother: Thomas



Purchase Holiday Meal Boxes Today to help a needy family for the Holidays

Fall is here!! That means that the holidays are not far behind! COOL Food Pantries are getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. This holiday season COOL is offering two ways to feed needy families.

1. Holiday Food Boxes are available for only \$20 each. This box is loaded with a 12-16 pound turkey, 4 cans of vegetables, 2 cans of fruit, a beverage, potatoes, gravy & dessert. Checks can be placed in the offering plate made out to Bethel and marked "Holiday Gift Basket" on the memo line.
2. If you prefer to do your own shopping COOL is happy to distribute your holiday gift to a needy family. The list of items will soon be available on the Hub and non-perishables can be placed in a the rubber tub outside the sanctuary. If you have perishables, contact COOL at 847-662-1230 to schedule a drop off .

Deadline for Bethel drop off:

Thanksgiving is **November 10**

Christmas holiday is **December 8**

Thank you for your continued support.

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 form from the Hub and submitting it to the church office or to Joan Blasko. Did you know you can also use Bill Pay at your banking institution? Put your Tithe on auto pilot. If you have questions or would like to change your giving amount, Joan Blasko can be reached at 847-356-5125 or by email bg.finsecretary@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration of this program.



Northern Illinois CROP Walk.

The annual CROP walk to fight hunger is Sunday, **October 20**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bethel does not have a formal team organized for the event, but if you are interested you can register at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waukeganil/Account/Register>.

The walk begins at St. Anastasia church (624 Douglas Ave, Waukegan) and has options of 5K or 10K routes. It can be a fun family event on a beautiful fall day. You can also contribute to CROP by designating a contribution to "CROP" in a special offering envelope and we will have a check sent to them from Bethel. If you have questions, please contact Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net or 847-244-2809).

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 is then used to purchase apple juice for coffee hour and many other unbudgeted expenses.



Friends,

The Partnership for a Safer Lake County held its first symposium in 2016 just months after the election. It was in response to a major uptick in hateful crimes in the county and country. Since the beginning, many of us in the faith community have wanted to walk alongside this effort that helps agencies and organizations across Lake County to collaborate to combat hatred and violence. While not everything in the conversations may be in line with our beliefs, it is necessary that the Church be a voice of the compassion, love, mercy, judgment, justice, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

I strongly encourage to attend this year's Symposium on Friday, **November 8**, at Trinity International University. For some of us, Friday is our day off (me!). For some of us, Friday is crunch day in preparing for the weekend. However, I urge you to adjust your schedules that week to allow you. . .and possibly other staff and leaders. . .to attend this day.

This year's Symposium focuses on responses to violence, especially domestic and sexual violence. How do we respond? How do we seek help to collaborate with others in responding?

If you have any questions, please let me know.



In Jesus,
Pastor Squires

COOL Fundraiser

COOL is having a fundraiser at Portillo's in Gurnee (6102 W. Grand Ave.) on **October 9** from 5:00-8:00PM. Bring in a flyer from the Hub and 20% of the proceeds will benefit COOL Ministries.

Bethel Calendar

October 2019

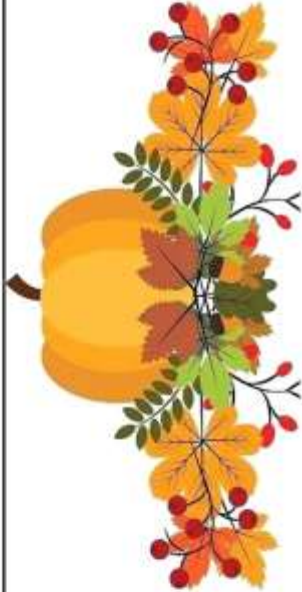
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>6 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 5:30 pm Uline Basketball 6:30 pm BOCE Meeting</p>	<p>1 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym 7:30 pm Disciple Basics: What We Believe</p>	<p>2 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am Women's Wednesday 6:15 pm Morning Bible Study 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Equipping Mom's</p>	<p>3 9:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 4:30 pm Lower Level in Use 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Pickleball 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p>4 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	<p>5 8:30 am Lounge in Use 10:00 am Those Were the Days Radio Players Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>
<p>13 8:00 am Worship in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary 1:00 pm Fuller Road Clean-Up</p>	<p>14 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 Meeting</p>	<p>8 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym 7:30 pm Disciple Basics: What We Believe</p>	<p>9 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</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 4:30 pm Lower Level in Use 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Preschool Board 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p>11 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	<p>12 8:30 am Lounge in Use 10:00 am Those Were the Days Radio Players Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>
<p>20 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Youth Open Gym 10:45 am Communion in Sanctuary 12:00 pm Youth Open Gym Lunch - Kitchen</p>	<p>21 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 5:30 pm Uline Basketball 6:30 pm Gideons in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15 11:00 am Gurnee Meadows 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym No Disciple Basics</p>	<p>16 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 9:30 am Women's Wednesday 6:15 pm Morning Bible Study 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Equipping Mom's 7:30 pm Council</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 4:30 pm Lower Level in Use 6:00 pm Girl Scouts in Lower Level 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Pickleball 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p>18 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	<p>19 8:30 am Lounge in Use Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>
<p>27 8:00 am Communion in Gym 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am Communion in Gym 6:00 pm Offsite: Mosaic Initiative Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>28 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Pickleball 5:30 pm Uline Basketball 7:00 pm Indian Guides in Building</p>	<p>22 5:00 pm HRK Eagles use of Gym 7:30 pm Disciple Basics: What We Believe</p>	<p>23 9:00 am Bethel Landscaping 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Equipping Mom's</p>	<p>24 9:00 am Pickleball 4:30 pm Lounge in Use 4:30 pm Lower Level in Use 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Pickleball 7:00 pm COOL Board 7:30 pm Adult Vocal Choir</p>	<p>25 5:00 pm Fall Fest Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>	<p>26 8:30 am Bethel Fall Clean up 8:30 am Lounge in Use Pastor's Day Off Katrina's Day Off</p>
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OCTOBER 2019 Service Roster



	Sunday OCTOBER 6	Sunday OCTOBER 13	Sunday OCTOBER 20	Sunday OCTOBER 27 - REFORMATION
ELDER	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Al Diercks	Al Diercks	JJ Jones	JJ Jones
ELDER	JJ Jones	JJ Jones	Bob Souza	Bob Souza
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Jack Warneke	Scott Mundrick	Monte Stoltzman	Scott Mundrick
ACOLYTES	Holly Faisch, Ashley Plapp	Jacob Plapp, Owen Squires	Dylan Love, Kelsi Mulley	Kaylee Leicht, Emma Megerle
	Xavier Ramon, Cameron Fleming	Jacob Chudy, Annika Chudy	Ruth Ziegler, Amanda Adams	Michaela Rosenthal, Kate Kruse
LAY READERS	Sue Bandman	Tim Faisch	Nicole Kreamer	Sandy Lahera
	Nathan Faisch	Karen Kozlik	Caludine Rayos	Diane Sanders
	Tim Moran	Elizabeth Blasko	Linda Peters	Bill Schwartz
	Ellen Dalrymple	Joan Blasko	Larry Peters	Monte Stoltzman
USHER 1 - 8 am	Christie Kozlik	OPEN	John Kozlik	Don Heidlauf
USHER 2 - 8 am	OPEN	OPEN	Christie Kozlik	OPEN
USHER 1 - 10:45 am	OPEN	OPEN	John Schultz	Monte Stoltzman
USHER 2 - 10:45 am	Monte Stoltzman	Lee Mundrick	OPEN	Scott Gutzke
GREETERS	Deb Pelletiere/Becky Lanzito	The Kellie Ratzburg Family	Marilyn & Tom Robinson	The Schaefer Family
	The Plapp Family	The Rayos Family	OPEN	Marilyn Schill
	The Rosenthal Family	The Traynor Family	Cook & Marilyn Westendorf	The Ziegler Family
	The Swanson Family	Jack Warneke	Don & Debbie Wuehrick	The Adams Family
WEDNESDAY GREETER	Todd Friedman (10/9)	Erin Lawler Friedman (10/16)	Kellie Ratzburg (10/23)	OPEN (10/30)
FELLOWSHIP	Faisch Family	Brazda Family	Kozlik/Ramon/Maratta Families	Preschool Board
ALTAR GUILD	Sheila Bunnell & Diane Sanders			
COUNTERS	Dave & Cheryl Ross			



***Regular type denotes early service servers.

****Italic type denotes late service servers.*

Anyone unable to serve, contact the church office.

October

Celebrations and Membership Updates

2019

Birthdays

3	Jason Freek	24	Wyatt Fleming
7	Karina Hoppe	25	David Carlson
8	Lily Erwin		Parker Krueger
10	Tom Robinson		Susanne Zilligen
11	Gordie Mulley	26	Donna Danielsen
14	Megan Best		Linda Gifford
15	Nevaeh Ramon	27	Elli Novacek
16	Paige Boivin		Grace Novacek
	David Boyle		Susan Squires
	Annika Chudy		Sarah Ziegler
	Noah Zilligen	28	Alex Herstowski
17	Samantha McDonald		Joshua Leicht
18	Donald Henderson	29	Rachel Ams
	Thomas Kreamer		John E. Blasko
19	Naomi Zilligen		Tony Brazda
	Bob Schweigerdt	30	Isaac Nuechterlein
22	Kelley Dorner		
23	Dylan Black		
	Finnegan Traynor		

Membership Updates

Address Changes & Transfer:

Tony Young

2929 169th St. SE, Bothell, WA 98012

Randy, Linda & Jenelle Gifford

239 Hilton View Court

Chapin, SC 29036

Jon, Jennie, Luke & Evie Vana

350 David Lane, Roselle, IL 60172

Transferred to:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, IL



Wedding Anniversaries

JJ & Janet Jones	October 1, 1988	John & Joan Blasko	October 20, 1990
Chad & Becky Anderson	October 11, 2003	Scott & Diane Mundrick	October 20, 1979
Richard & Debi Pavletic	October 11, 1986	Calvin & Susan Cox	October 22, 1988
Jason & Shelly Adams	October 12, 2002	Scott & Mary Gutzke	October 26, 2002
Bill & Kathy Schwartz	October 12, 1974	Juan & Sandy Lahera	October 27, 1990
Ben & Diane Sanders	October 14, 1995	Dave & Cindy Daluga	October 28, 1988
David & Theresa Carlson	October 17, 1981	John & Desi Zilligen	October 31, 1987
Mike & Jeanine Hautzinger	October 19, 1996		

***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. Also, if you see an error or omission in the celebration information, please contact the church office (office@BethelGurnee.org) so that we can correct our records. Thank you!

Church office hours

Monday & Wednesday
9AM—3PM

Tuesday & Thursday
11AM—3PM

Friday
9AM—Noon

Pastor & Katrina's

weekly hours
are posted outside
their office door.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.

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

