

VBS is Calling You! The BOCE is starting the planning process for VBS 2020. After reaching out to the congregation and families who have participated in VBS in the past, we have decided to begin planning for a 4 day (M-Th mornings) VBS to be held in mid to late June. In order to make this format possible, we need your help. There are many fun ways for you to assist us in making VBS a wonderful and Christ-centered experience. At this time, we are asking you to consider serving in one of several leadership positions. The adult positions we need to fill are: committee communication facilitator, registration leader, volunteer recruiter leader, craft leader, snack leader, game leader, Bible Challenge leader, Bible story leader, preschool leader, decoration leader, grade/class leaders (4 people/day), middle school leader, support during VBS week, tech support. All of these positions offer unique and important opportunities for us to reach out to the youth and support them in having a memorable experience. These positions could be filled with an individual or a group of 2 or 3, but we do need you to commit to planning for and attending all 4 days of VBS. We have heard from many of you about how important VBS is to both our congregation and as an outreach into the community. We need your support, ideas, and time in order to make VBS a reality. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for one of these positions, you can contact:



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2019 Giving Statements & 2020 Giving



Envelopes Please pick up your 2019 giving statements and 2020 giving envelopes in the back of church. Recycle your unused 2019 envelopes and then start using the new 2020 box. Your new envelopes may have a new number, so please put your name and donation amount on the outside of the envelope to help our counters. During the week, the giving statements will be available in the church office.

Meet the Staff!

Name and Job Title: Donna Stutzman Preschool Director & 3 Day Class (4 year olds) Classroom Teacher

What are your responsibilities at Bethel? As the Director I run the business end of the Preschool, keeping student and staff files current, finances, staying in compliance with state (DCFS) standards. As a teacher I plan/create lessons and curriculum for the classroom.

How long have you been with Bethel? A member since 2001. Teacher since 2006, Director since 2012

Family: I have been married to Vernon since 1997, we have two sons Jacob (20) and Nathan (17). Both Jacob and Nathan attended Bethel Preschool.

What is the best thing about Bethel? Definitely the people who are so supportive and genuinely care for one another.

Favorite color? Pink

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Favorite store/restaurant? Target/Big Eds BBQ

Sunday School Lesson This week the lesson comes from the book of *Luke 5:1-11*, where Jesus calls his disciples to follow Him and to be fishers of men. Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter's boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now the nets fill to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. The children will learn that Jesus calls us to follow him. The week's Bible verse is "[Jesus says,} Follow Me." *John 1:43*



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Farewell to Bethel It is difficult for me to say “goodbye” to my Bethel family and close this chapter. My life has been touched by so many of you in friendship and kindness. Thank you for being a blessing in my life.

- Lisa Schwarz

2020 Altar Flower Sign Up The new flower sign up sheets are up for 2020, the latest you can sign up for a date is one week before. The vases of fresh flowers placed on the altar every week are made possible by Bethel Members who sign up on the flower chart calendar (located on the wall to the right of Pastor's office). We ask a minimum donation of \$25 for each floral arrangement.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 27

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Tuesday, January 28

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Wednesday, January 29

9:30 a.m.—Women's Morning Bible Study
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation
6:15 p.m.—FEET—Session 2
6:15 p.m.—Equipping Moms

Thursday, January 30

9:00 a.m.—Pickleball
3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use
6:00 p.m.—Pickleball
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, January 31 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Saturday, February 1 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Sunday, February 2

8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Office Hours this Week

Please call ahead if you need to get into the building, our office hours may vary.

Monday	9 AM — 3PM	(Lisa & Cindy)
Tuesday	11AM— 3PM	(Lisa)
Wednesday	9 AM — 3PM	(Lisa & Cindy)
Thursday	9 AM — Noon	(Cindy)
Friday	9 AM — Noon	(Cindy)

Children's activity bags are on the backside of the Hub.

Wednesday Night Greeter: (2/5) Erin Lawler-Friedman

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Communion - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours Mon. 9AM-3PM,

Tues. & Thurs. 11AM-3PM

Wed. & Fri. 9AM-12PM

Call ahead because times may change.

Last Week's Attendance

8:00 am—101; 10:45 am—83

Sunday School—73

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Feb. Altar Guild:

Feb. Counters:

Sunday 8:00 AM

Mike Bandman
Al Diercks
Dylan Love, Owen Squires
Jude Squires, Karla Stewart
OPEN, OPEN
Rayos Family,
Robinson Family
Betsy Evans
Margie Tatgenhorst
Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45 AM

OPEN

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Ruth Ziegler, Michaela Rosenthal
Sheila Bunnell, Ellen Dalrymple
Scott Gutzke, **OPEN**
Don & Deborah Wuethrick,
Ziegler family

Dawn Werfelmann
Bill & Kathy Schwartz