THE BETHEL BEACON

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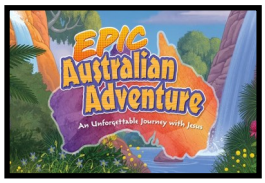
"Our mission is to help people be disciples; lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ."

Bethel's 2025 VBS will be July 28-31! Thank you to those who have volunteered to be in lead roles for this year's VBS! We couldn't do this without all of you. Donna Stutzman and Emily Schaefer (preschool group), Michelle Bereczky (crafts), Claudine Rayos (snacks), Ann Souza (music), Karen Kozlik (decor including prop nights), Andrea Wait (registration), Diane Sanders and Andrea Wait (co-chairs), Maggie Ranieri and Krissy White (group leaders). The theme of this year's VBS is *EPIC Australian Adventure - An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus.* We will have Bible stories, crafts, and snacks each day along with new activities this year (TBD). Registration is now open to children ENTERING preschool through 5th grade in the fall. We welcome the first 20 preschool children and the first 50 children entering K-5th. Use the QR code to sign up and send your questions to VBSLeads@BethelGurnee.org.



Men Reading the Bible….. Men, join in on the "men reading the bible" sessions at Bethel to charge up your spiritual life. Every Tuesday morning, men take turns reading as we follow the bible from Genesis to Revelation. We read, we discuss, and we open ourselves up to what God tells us through His word. We meet every Tuesday morning at 8 am. Check it out, read His word!

Wednesday Property Mornings at 9am… Join the Property Board each Wednesday as we maintain the outdoor landscaping and work on various projects. Projects include organization, cleanup, storage and light maintenance. You do not need any special skills and you can decide which Wednesday's you want to show up. Here's a chance for you to help maintain the Lord's house based on what you think you can do. Many hands make light the work! God Bless and we look forward to seeing you this Wednesday!

Have you ever played pickleball? Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Bethel gym several Bethel members and their friends get together for some friendly pickleball fun! We now have two courts and rotate teams in so that everyone gets plenty of exercise! We are also offering a *beginner pickleball* evening every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00pm. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.

Memory Verse Challenge • The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week. Scan the QR code for this weeks verse.

Have you tried yoga? Please join us if you can for beginning yoga on Mondays from 11:00 to 11:45am in the Fellowship hall. Carla Thompson will lead, talk you through it and even modify poses that may be too difficult. Bring your mat or a beach or large bath towel. (We have a few mats and blocks and straps to borrow.) We promise it will be relaxing and fun. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.

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DEADLINE for putting an article in the Beacon is 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

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Bethel Calendar

May Service Roster

	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 9:00 am	Thursday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
	May 11	May 18	May 22	May 25
ELDER	Jack Warneke	Bob Souza		Jack Warneke
COMM. ELDER	Scott Gutzke/Nick Kazarian	Jack Warneke	Scott Gutzke	Nick Kazarian
ACOLYTE	Nate Gutzke	Lucy White	Ben Gutzke	Sharon Victor Sam
USHER 1	John Schultz	John Schultz		John Schultz
USHER 2	Paul Werfelmann	Paul Werfelmann		Paul Werfelmann
FELLOWSHIP	Traynor family	Kitchen Angels		
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Sanders			
COUNTERS	Chris Mason & Diane Sanders			
Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at Cindy@bethelgurnee.org				Updated 5/15/25

Summer Worship Schedule

Worship Service Thursday 6:30pm
Worship Service Sunday 9:00am
Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday
Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm
Call ahead because times may change.

Usher/Elder Sign-up List 2025

Welcome to our visitors

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

Nursery

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

Electronic one time or reoccurring donations can now be made using VANCO. Just scan the QR code.