

The BIG Buzz

~April 2016~

**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.



You are Invited

April 10th at 12 noon

for our

All Member - New Member Potluck Dinner

New members from the past year will be recognized. We will also celebrate Bethel's 50th anniversary as a congregation. Singing entertainment will be provided by Pastor Gary Scharrer from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Antioch. Pastor Scharrer will be attending this summer's youth gathering in New Orleans with the Bethel group.

*****Sign-up on the board in the back of church or call the church office
to attend and bring a side dish or dessert.**

Meat, beverage and all table service will be provided.

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Pictorial Directory

50th Anniversary Edition



Help is needed for the new Pictorial Directory. People are needed to make phone call reminders for photography, be a host for photography sessions and help with designing the directory. Contact Carol Cook at Carol@BethelGurnee.org or 847-244-9647 — to volunteer.

Sign-up now on the table in the back of church for the **April 27 - 30** photography dates. If you can not make these dates please talk to Carol, we would like this 50th anniversary edition to be as complete as possible.

*****Only those who have their picture taken will
receive a directory.**



Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30-10:30AM Adults & High School Youth ~ Led by Pastor Squires

Apr 3 What Does Evangelical Mean?

We hear the term "evangelical" a lot during election season, but what does it really mean according to Scripture?

Apr 10 Pastor will be developing a 1-day study

Apr 17 Love INC (in the Name of Christ)

Executive Director Spark Ball will be with us to update us on the work of Love INC and Bethel's partnership with them to serve the underserved, combined with Scriptural insights into why we serve in God's Name.

Apr 24 Q Place (Arts of Spiritual Conversation)

Pastor Jeff Klein, the guy from the "Arts of Spiritual Conversation" videos and National Field Director, will share the next steps we could take to encourage us to have spiritual conversations in our circles of influence.

May 1 A Safe Place

A Safe Place serves those who suffer from the effects of domestic violence and provides prevention education. Lauren Riley is a staff counselor who will share with us while Pastor helps us see what Scripture has to say related to this.

May 8,15 Romans 12: "Therefore" (Doctrine Leads to Living for Jesus)

Loosely based on a portion of Pastor Squires' Doctor of Ministry thesis, we'll see what it means that DOCTRINE is essential for us to live as disciples of Jesus. Yes, "doctrine," which seems like a scary ogre, but actually forms the basis for all that it means to be a Christ-follower.

May 22 Last Day of Education Year

Activities for all ages on this last day of Bible study & Sunday School.

MERE CHRISTIANITY

7:25

Final Sessions
Wednesdays, April 6 & 13
@ 7:25 PM



Our study series has
2 additional sessions
we didn't cover during Lent.
Come join the conversation
in April.

4/6—"God in Three Persons"
4/13—"Counting the Cost"



Fuller Road Clean Up

Fuller Road is in dire need of a good spring cleaning. Wear your walking shoes and come out to help spruce up our adopted road on Sunday, **April 17**, from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Anyone age 10 years and older is welcome to help.

If you have any questions contact John Kozlik (karenkozlik@gmail.com) the coordinator.

Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School



June 13 -17 ~ 9 AM - 12 PM

Register at www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs
Last day to register - MAY 31

Jesus Gathers Us Together!
At Barnyard Roundup VBS, your child will learn
how Jesus works in and through us!
We will sing, we will pray, we will play & learn
about God's plan & purpose for us!

There is no fee for sending your child to VBS. Our program is an outreach effort supported by congregation members seeking to have children from the community gather to learn of God's love.

VBS is for children 3 years old through those entering 5th grade in the Fall of 2016. Please register your child by **May 31** so they will receive a VBS t-shirt and a daily craft project.

We are looking forward to a great week of VBS with a purpose! If you have questions, please contact Sara Pipia or Shannon Swanson at vbs@bethelgurnee.org.

Volunteers Needed for Barnyard Roundup VBS!

Every child needs to hear the Good News that Jesus gives them courage, gives His wisdom, saves them, gives them faith and gives them His love to share. At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, you will connect children with the most important message of their lifetime: the miraculous story of God's plan and purpose for us.

If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Even if you can't volunteer the week of VBS we still need help with planning! Visit our website, www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs to sign up as a volunteer. Questions? Email Sara Pipia or Shannon Swanson at vbs@bethelgurnee.org.

Mark your Calendar for VBS Prop/Craft Nights & FREE Dinner!!!

Every skill level needed- no need to be an expert!

Thursday, May 12 & June 2
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.



Little children,
let us love,
not in word or speech,
but in truth
and action
1 John 3:18

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. They are then shipped to distribution partners where their meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. Bethel packaging events are scheduled for:

Thursday, April 21

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (30 spots available)

Saturday, June 18

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. (50 spots available)

Sign-up on the YFM board and sign-up early, spots go quickly.

Preschool News....



Spring is in the air and we have been so excited to play out on the playground! The weather has warmed up a bit and signs of spring are all around us. We are looking forward to bird & bug watching and leaf & bud observing. Thank you God for spring!

The preschool would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the help with the annual rummage sale. First, a huge thank you goes out to our chairperson, Melissa Wettstein. Thank you Melissa for organizing and running the event. We would also like to thank the Preschool Board and Staff for their continued support of our fundraiser. The proceeds from the sale help to keep tuition costs down, and help to purchase big-ticket items that cannot be included in the annual budget. Thank you ALL for the help, this year's sale was quite profitable bringing in over \$6,500!



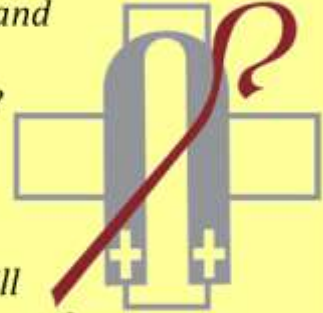
Thursday April 21
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our best advertisement is word of mouth from our Bethel family, so please pass the information about Bethel Preschool to any new families whom you think would benefit from our Christ-centered early learning programs. If your friends are unable to attend the Open House, please invite them to call Judy Richardt at 847-244-9672 or email preschool@bethelgurnee.org for more information and a tour of our classrooms.

Funeral Planning Workshop

Wednesday, April 13
6:30-7:25PM

*How can planning your funeral now
help your family and
ensure that
Jesus is the focus?*



*Pastor Squires will
lead a conversation about
pre-planning your funeral service
and how the congregation cares
for families who are having funerals
through Bethel. He can also answer
you basic questions about
what to expect from funeral homes
and cemeteries.*

C.O.O.L.

Food of the Month

Juice or Powdered Milk

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

Love INC of Lake County Volunteer Orientation



Learn more about ways *you* can share your God-given talents through Love INC of Lake County (we're more than just lifting furniture!).

Join us for Volunteer Orientation on **May 7** from 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. at the Love INC office.

RSVP to info@loveinlakecounty.org.



COOL Fundraiser

April 30th

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Fountain Square in Waukegan

Please bring a flyer with you that will be located on the Hub as the event gets closer. A flyer must be given at checkout in order for COOL to get credit.



EmpoweRun 5K Run/Walk

A Safe Place is presenting its 8th Annual EmpoweRun 5K Run/Walk, on Saturday, **May 7** at Independence Grove in Libertyville, IL. This family-friendly fundraising event supports the efforts of A Safe Place, a nonprofit organization that provides a continuum of care for survivors of domestic violence and their families here in Lake County. Register as an individual or form a team to raise money and support for A Safe Place. Walkers, runners, and strollers are welcome at this event that features a flat course and free parking. For more information or to register for this event, please visit <https://asafeplaceforhelp.ejoinme.org/empowerun>.

If you have any questions about participating or donating to A Safe Place's EmpoweRun 5K Run/Walk, please call Denise Gentes at (847) 731-7165 x104, or e-mail dgentes@asafeplaceforhelp.org.

BAGS OF BLESSINGS

RUMMAGE SALE

THURS 9-4
FRIDAY 1-8
SATURDAY 9-2

APRIL 7TH-9TH



339 North Lakewood Waukegan, IL

adult clothing - shoes
housewares & furniture
Furniture only on sale Thursday and Friday.



Love INC
Love in the Name of Christ
of Lake County



Walk MS May 7, 2016

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a debilitating disease that causes ones immune system to attack itself and damages the nerve endings. This causes nerve impulses from the brain to become distorted or interrupted which can affect speech, walking and other motor functions. Such is the case with my wife, Teresa, and that is why Susan, John and I are walking in this year's MS Walk. You can help fight this disease by sponsoring our family. Envelopes and a donation box will be available in the back of church starting the week of **April 10**. Any checks should be made payable to "National MS Society". If you would like more information or wish to make a credit card donation, please contact Bob or Teresa at paulson9292@yahoo.com or 847-629-5288. Thank you for your support and more importantly your prayers.

Bob Paulson

Digital Spring Cleaning

Emerging flowers, more sunshine, and returning birds are a reminder to clean and get ready for the warm weather ahead. Your electronic devices should be part of that process. Here are just a few ways you can be sure your devices are performing as well as they can.

- * *Dust and sweep* - Remove dust and dirt from screens, air vents, and ports. (Make sure that you use the right cleaner or tool; an aggressive approach could do damage.)
- * *Cut the clutter* - Delete old data and uninstall programs and apps you don't use.
- * *Organize* - Arrange data and programs so that you can quickly find what you need.
- * *Check your backups* - Ensure that your data is getting backed up regularly and that your device can be restored should anything go wrong.
- * *Verify security and maintenance processes* - Make sure that security and maintenance services are updated and running as expected.

If you want more details or are not sure how to do any of this, get in touch with Doug Mulley (doug@kamdam.net or 262-705-6880). No question is too big, too small, or too silly.



New Members

...to our Bethel family.



Kevin & Michelle Kruse
Kelly, Jake & Kate




Rich & Karen Arnold



Holy Baptism



Elise Melanie
Baptized on March 6th
Parents: Bob and Dana Harvey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Communion in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in sanctuary	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 7:25 pm - Mere Christianity	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 9:00 am - Little dresses for Africa workshop (Fellowship Hall)
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Worship in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in sanctuary 12:00 pm - All member-new member potluck	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 6:30 pm - Building in use by Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty 7:30 pm - Elders	6:30 pm - Funeral Planning Workshop 7:25 pm - Mere Christianity	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 9:00 am - Property Board
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Communion in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Communion in gym 12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall in use 1:00 pm - Fuller Road Clean-up	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	10:00 am - Worship at Heritage Woods 11:00 am - Worship at Gurnee Meadows 6:15 pm - Confirmation 6:15 pm - F.E.E.T. 6:15 pm - First Communion 6:15 pm - Bridges Out of Poverty 7:00 pm - Council	9:30 am - Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 6:30 pm - Preschool Board 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off 9:00 am - Disciple Care Workshop
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am - Worship in gym 9:00 am - Fellowship 9:30 am - Sunday School & Bible Study 10:45 am - Worship in sanctuary	12:30 pm - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Basketball 7:30 pm - Grace, Fully Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm - Confirmation 7:00 pm - Care in Community 8:00 pm - Disciple Care Elders	Directory Photography	Directory Photography 6:15 pm - Gospel of John 2.0 Study 7:30 pm - Adult Vocal Choir	Directory Photography Pastor's Day Off	Directory Photography Pastor's Day Off 1:00 pm - Fellowship Hall in use
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 2016 Service Roster

	Sunday APRIL 3	Sunday APRIL 10	Sunday APRIL 17	Sunday APRIL 24
ELDER	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Mike Bandman	Matt Messmer
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	John Kozlik	Matt Messmer	Tim Faitsch	John Kozlik
ELDER	Bob Souza	Randy Gifford	Bob Souza	Bob Souza
DISCIPLE CARE/COMM. ELDER	Jack Warneke	Paul DeLassus	Paul DeLassus	Tim Faitsch
ACOLYTES	Katie Kreamer	Jessica Chudy	Logan Rosenthal	Nathan Stutzman
	Lauren Best	Ellie Maag	Lily Erwin	Sam Squires
	Kelly Kruse	Brennen Hautzinger	Allyson Adams	Hillary Fleming
	Jay Souza	Dane Peplow	Tanner Swanson	Lexi Dörner
LAY READERS	Diane Boehm	Tim Faitsch	Bill Oesterreich	Sandy Lahera
	Sue Bandman	Lynn Faitsch	Tony Young	Warren Regnier
	Larry Peters	Lee Mundrick	Becky Lanzito	Bob Piepenbrink
	Linda Peters	OPEN	Deb Pelletiere	Linda Piepenbrink
USHER 1 - 8 am	JJ Jones	Bob Paulson	Al Diercks	Sandy Lahera
USHER 2 - 8 am	Scott Mundrick	John Paulson	Dave Hoffmeister	Chuck Johnson
USHER 3 - 8 am	Diane Mundrick	Don Heidlauf	Morrie Cook	JJ Jones
USHER 1 - 10:45 am	John Zilligen	Larry Peters	Cook Westendorf	Lance Rasmussen
USHER 2 - 10:45 am	Bill Schwartz	Linda Peters	John Schultz	OPEN
GREETERS	Dave & Sue Hoffmeister	Al Diercks	June Dougherty	Mark & Kathy Hipsher
First name listed for service	Sue Bandman	Jones Family	Cheryl & Faye McDonald	Warren & Kathy Regnier
greeters at the front door, last	Norm Balliet	Emma Bartman	Sheila & Stephanie Bunnell	Robin & Lori Hoomstra
name listed greets back door	Gene & Ellen Bartelt	Boyle Family	Javier & Michelle Ramon	Buttler Family
TUESDAY GREETER	(4-5) Michelle Chudy	(4-12) Cindy Maag	(4-19) Michelle Kruse	(4-26) Kevin Kruse
FELLOWSHIP	Pipia Family	Barkley, Leicht, Mulley Families	OPEN	LWML
ALTAR GUILD	Shari Hoppe and Becky Anderson			
COUNTERS	Chris Mason and Diane Sanders			

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



~ April ~

Celebrations & Membership Changes

2016

Birthdays

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| 1 - Cindy Offerdahl
2 - Randy Gifford
Matt Messmer
Xavier Ramon
3 - Don Michehl
4 - Tom Anderson
5 - Nick Jakolat
Kevin Kruse
Tera Redman
Mark Starkweather
6 - Holli Boivin
7 - Marge Bonora
Thor Peplow
Margie Tatgenhorst
10 - Leah Johanson
11 - Rick Gottman
J.J. Jones
Lee Mundrick | 12 - Lauren Battista
Emily Daluga
Adam Daluga
13 - Morrie Cook
Kelly Kruse
Gretchen Anderson
16 - Lexi Dorner
Kevin Kaufmann
Ryan Silasiri
Tanner Swanson
Rich Walker
17 - Sara Anderson
Eileen Smith
Carla Thompson
18 - Doug Mulley
Paul M Werfelmann
20 - Gayle Olson
21 - Lynn Barkley | 21 - Theresa Carlson
22 - Donna Gerkin
23 - Matt Chudy
Roxanne Peplow
24 - Chris Pursley
Diane Rogala
Rod Threadgill
25 - Mark Hoppe
Collette Mink
26 - Keith Kaiser
Aubriana Rayos
27 - Kylie Christenson
Matthew Kaiser
28 - Shari Hoppe
29 - Susan Touhy
30 - Lori Christenson
Jeanine Hautzinger
Lauren Swanson |
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Holy Baptism

Elise Melanie Harvey,
daughter of Bob and Dana,
was baptized on March 6.

May the Lord keep Elise in
her baptismal grace, now
and forevermore.



Wedding Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Javier & Michelle Ramon | April 9, 2011 | Nick & Jenny Witter | April 18, 2009 |
| Frank & Barb Unhold | April 10, 1971 | Chuck & Christie Kozlik | April 22, 2006 |
| Calvin & Maria Kube | April 11, 1970 | Pat & Lance Rasmussen | April 26, 2014 |
| Ralph & Donna Danielsen | April 14, 1968 | Kevin & Holli Boivin | April 28, 2001 |
| Tom & Gretchen Anderson | April 16, 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, Tuesday &
Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 noon

Pastor's weekly hours
are posted outside his
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**

New Sessions for *Bridges Out of Poverty*



Two new sessions for *Bridges Out of Poverty* are coming up on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Choose one session:

May 4, 11 & 25 or July 6, 13, & 20

Register online at www.tinyurl.com/bethelbridges2016 or find a form on the Hub.

Bridges Out of Poverty is a workshop designed to help us recognize the hidden rules of generational poverty, middle class, and wealth. For example, attitudes about time, types of support systems, and resources can be different. Understanding differences helps us to build relationships with patience, generosity, and without judgment.

Questions? email Susan Squires at susan@musicspectrum.org.

To: