

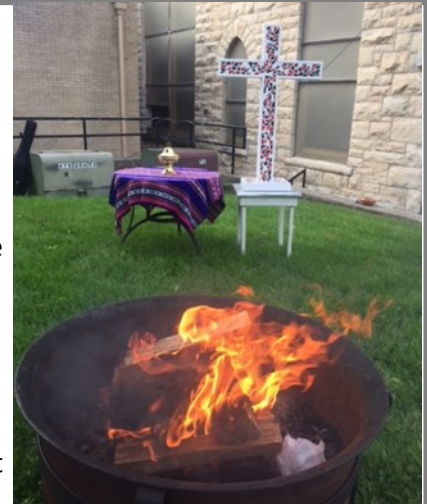
# The Messenger

## JULY 2019



### Bonfire Worship

As you can see, we had a wonderful night for our last Bonfire Worship. Join us again around the campfire this Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm. Following worship, we will have some campfire treats. Bring a chair if you are easily able to do so; some seating will be available. This is a great opportunity to invite and bring



a friend to Bethany. Remember, picking up a friend and arriving with them at Bonfire Worship (or any worship service, for that matter) makes for a much safer and welcoming experience for a guest. Next Bonfire Worship will be on August 7.

### After Hours

Following worship, on Wednesday, July 17, we will head down to Next Mex (319 Front Street) for conversation and connection. Those not attending worship can join us at the restaurant around 7:30/7:45. All are welcome!



### Habitat for Humanity

Wow! Thank you for your generosity! At our Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, we raised \$520 with our Musical Bingo and 50/50 Raffle! Additional funds from Gelsosomo's based on food sales totaled \$110. We had a fun time jamming to Disney tunes, music from the 70s and 80s, and movie soundtracks. Charles Carter of Will County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity joined us and provided a gift basket to go along with our Raffle. If you were unable to attend, but would still like to support our work with Habitat for Humanity, you can still make a donation, designating it for Habitat. Thank you for your generosity!



# GIVING BACK TO LEMONT

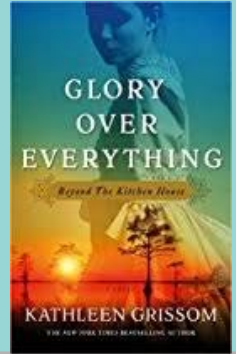
The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving Back to Lemont Concert will be held on Saturday, August 3 from 4-9pm on the lawn right by Next Mex (319 Front Street). The concert is free and all bands donate their time. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be collected and then distributed between Lemont's two food pantries. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy a night of music under the stars.

Congratulations to proud parents Elena and Brad Ceci on the birth of their daughter, Mila Jacqueline Ceci. She was born on June 29. Thrilled grandparents are Kris and Joe Falese.



**JULY BOOK CLUB**

Not a reader? Join us anyway for lunch at a local restaurant and social hour. Book discussion follows lunch so if you haven't read the book, feel free to leave. The July selection is Glory Over Everything: Beyond the Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Book Club will meet at 1PM on July 17th at Tap House Grill.



**Installation of Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry**

At this year's Synod Assembly, Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected the next Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. Rev. Curry served as pastor of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Riverdale since 2013, and as mission developer of Shekinah from 2007 to 2012. His term as Bishop officially begins on September 1, 2019. He is replacing

Bishop Wayne Miller who is retiring August 31 after two terms as bishop. The installation service for Bishop-elect Curry will be on October 19 at 2pm at the Tinley Park Convention Center. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend.



Alison Parker, Pastor Elaina and Zach Howell attended the Synod Assembly.

**National Helpline Numbers**

At the Synod Assembly of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, a resolution was passed that guided congregations to support those dealing with depression and thoughts of intentional death (or suicide). One of the recommendations was to post the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number (1-800-273-8255) in conspicuous places. In addition to that phone number, we have included other helpline numbers that offer support to people dealing with domestic violence, crisis, substance abuse, and sexuality. In a moment of crisis, these helplines have trained staff, most of them available 24 hours a day, to offer care and referrals to callers. You may want to take a picture of the helpline numbers to store in your phone for your own use or in the event someone you know could benefit from having these numbers.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**



We are again collecting school supplies for the children of the Open Pantry.

We are in need of:

- #2 pencils (lots of them!)
- 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binders
- black dry erase markers
- Crayola washable markers classic colors 8-10 ct.
- plastic poly pocket folders with or without prongs (no orange)
- earbuds or earphones
- boxes of Kleenex
- paper towels
- 2 inch 3-ring binders
- wide rule loose leaf paper
- 5 subject notebooks, wide rule

**\*\*We have a full supply of crayons this year\*\***

**You may sponsor a child for \$20.00 or offer any monetary gift you like.**

**Please have donations in by July 27th**

**A Gift to General Fund** from Leslie & Michael Hall of Zionsville, IN

**A Gift to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Carl Ahlberg on Father's Day by Kelly and John Jaje

**Gifts to the Open Pantry**

in honor of the baptism of Delaney Grace Walker from Rev. Glenn & MariLynn Bergmark

in loving memory of their parents, Margaret & Walter Johnson, from Jerry & Walter Johnson

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Bethany Members**

Ginny Connelly

Nancy Iwan

Theora Kujawa

Vivian Gunsaulus

Leona Nelson

Vivian Tiemeier

Peyton Kirk

Frank Iwan

Ben Sabourin

Marie Heeren

Norma Johnson

Glenn McAdam



**Friends and Relatives of Bethany Members**

Joanne Bauer—friend of Jim & Ginny Connelly

Gene Sobba—uncle of Carole & Jim Ross

Bernie Schroeder—father of Cheryl Hagedorn

Finley Engnell—friend of the Olkiewicz Family

Monica Johnson—friend of Beth Howell

Stella Slowik—friend of Kim Stowe

Jim McKeever—colleague of Kris Falese

Sean Clark—friend of Kelsey Schroeder

Rudy Cozzi—friend of Glenda & Ed Anderson

The Halama Family—friends of the Iwans

John Shea—brother-in-law of Heather & Mike Nilles

Sue Lucheon—friend of Ginny Connelly

Brenda Short—friend of Kealy Schroeder

Marianne Carlson—friend of Ginny Connelly & Karen Rae

Justin & Stephanie Wormsley—friends of Jodi & Bruce Taylor

Bob Meisenheimer—friend of Dave Staudt

Tim & Virginia Schroeder—relatives of Jim & Carole Ross

David Gray—brother of Gary Gray

Michael Ludwig—neighbor of Dave & Mary Staudt

Evelyn Cahill and Raymond Cahill—neighbors of Dave & Mary Staudt

Gary Cobbett—friend of the Bergmarks

Pam Patterson—sister-in-law of Ed & Glenda Anderson

Dennis Murphy—friend of the Andersons

Yvonne Borkhuis—sister of Rev. Glenn Bergmark

Jim Driscoll—friend of Gary Gray

Sue Bea Wright—friend of Sue & Gary Gray

Anita Bromberek—friend of Sharon Ahlberg

Frank Roy—friend of Barb & Michael Woods

Zane Diaga—friend of Mary Staudt

Kyle Williams—friend of Sue Gray

Janice Johnson—relative of Pat Engwall

Mike Hoffman—friend of Kerri & Corey Schroeder

Kelli Wilson—relative of Cliff & Bev Wilson

Ranada Rymkus—friend of Don Garling

Beau Dowling—friend of Kris Falese

Rev. Glenn Bergmark

Sherri Vick—cousin of Gary & Sue Gray

Frank Miller—brother-in-law of Marlene & EJ Ahlberg

*If you would like to add anyone to the Bethany Prayer List, call or email the church office OR drop a note in the offering plate—be sure to include your name.*

*Conversely, if anyone listed is no longer in need of our prayers, please notify us as well.*



- Zach Howell for donating Musical Bingo prizes
- Marica and Chris Hueneke for creating and hosting Musical Bingo
- Glenda and Ed Anderson for providing campfire treat ingredients
- Alison Parker and Zach Howell for attending Synod Assembly
- Cemetery Committee members: Kealy and Corey Schroeder, Scott Ahlberg, Rudie Gotlund and Rich Gotlund for seeing to the driveway seal coating and cemetery clean-up
- Jodi Taylor, Zach and Tyler Hueneke and Marge McLaughlin for counting school supplies
- Dave Staudt, Floyd Kujawa, and Dave Forkel for making connections on additional roof repair and masonry work bids
- Mary Staudt and Pam Laasch for Pentecost decorations and flowers
- Pam Laasch, Sharon Ahlberg, Dolores Gutowski, Nancy Mason, and Gary Gray for their ongoing care of the finances at Bethany
- Bruce Taylor for taking down chalkboard in east pantry room



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD STAPLES TO THE BETHANY OPEN PANTRY**

St. Patrick Church	Jurgis Matulaitis Mission
The DuBois Family	Luke & Melissa Taylor
Church of the Transfiguration	Community Christian Church
Starbucks Coffee patrons	Lemont Police Department
Ken Novak and Lois Miller	Lori & Keith Olkiewicz
T.O.P.S Chapter #2196	Ashley Vass
St. Alphonsus Church	CCI Manufacturing
The Joiner Family	The Salmon Family
	The Gutowski Family

**MONETARY GIFTS TO THE OPEN PANTRY WERE GIVEN BY**

Don & Patty Krengiel	Elsie Schultz
Lois Miller	Matthew & Elizabeth Clarage
Lemont Junior Woman's Club	Lemont Township
Debra Beck	Geraldine & Roger Beck
Mayor's Drive for Charity	T.O.P.S Chapter #2196

**CALENDAR**

July 10	Bonfire Worship, 7PM
July 14	Sunday Worship, 10:30AM
July 17	Book Club at Tap House Grill, 1PM
	Evening Worship, 7PM
	After Hours Event at Next Mex, 7:45PM
July 21	Sunday Worship, 10:30AM
July 24	Evening Worship, 7PM
July 28	Sunday Worship, 10:30AM
July 31	Evening Worship, 7PM