

“  
God  
is still  
speaking,



Bethany Chicago

Newsletter

Volume 7, Issue 4  
June 2009



## Return With Us to Our Outdoor Cathedral

One of the traditions at Bethany Church has been our outdoor worship services throughout the summer months, extending through Labor Day weekend (and sometimes beyond). Services in our “outdoor cathedral” resume on the 7th of June at the earlier hour of 10 AM to take advantage of cooler conditions.

While we are in the process of distributing door hangers advertising our summer schedule, there is no substitute for personal invitation. Please do us the favor of inviting your neighbors and friends to join you on Bethany’s lawn this summer. Tell them that the dress code is informal, and that nursery care will continue to be provided during worship. We are also blessed to have Stephen

Hargreaves with us for the summer season, so outstanding music is a guarantee.

Furthermore, on the 21st of June, following worship, Bethany will be celebrating its annual congregational picnic. The grill will be out, we’ll have games for the children, and bingo will probably round out the afternoon, as it usually does. Remember, too, that Bethany will be hosting a block party on the 8th of August. Kelly Aaron has done this before, and it’s great to have her leadership of this event, about which you’ll be hearing much more in the coming weeks.

Phone: 773-472-0729; Fax: 773-472-1096; 4250 N. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60613

Rev. William Bordonaro, Pastor

Email: [bethanychicago@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethanychicago@sbcglobal.net) ; [www.bethanychicago.com](http://www.bethanychicago.com)

Worship and Sunday School Sundays at 10:00 a.m.





Council Members from left: Dean Arnold, Kelly Aaron, Robyn Schultz, Leroy Larsen, Mike Termini, Pastor Bill Bordonaro, Ray Graves, Bill Parker, Kathy Rodriguez and Nicole Macaluso

## Four Elected to Serve on Council at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bethany United Church of Christ resulted in the election of four council persons, two to a second two-year term and two to their first term. Bill Parker and Robyn Schultz are Bethany's newest members of council. Congratulations! Leroy Larsen and Kathy Rodriguez have been returned to their leadership positions. We would also like to recognize Scott Esser and Karen Theel, who have completed their service on council and whose faithfulness has been much appreciated.

The May 17th meeting contained a new wrinkle or two: a slide show of pictures from the past twelve months was assembled by Kathy Rodriguez and shown in the fellowship hall during lunch, and the annual report, as compiled by office manager Shaun Baer, was far more attractive than in recent years. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like a copy of the report, simply contact the church office and we'll send one your way.

## On the June Calendar

### JUNE 1

Bethany takes its turn with the Night Ministry

### JUNE 6

The Wedding of JD Bartelme and Melanie Zanoza at 1 p.m.

### JUNE 10

Church Council meets at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall

### JUNE 21

Annual Congregational Picnic

### JUNE 28

Bethany marches with welcoming churches in Pride Parade



## Around the Congregation

...Bethany congratulates Danielle and Alan Neff who became the proud parents of Samuel Alan pictured above

...Bethany congratulates Nicole Macaluso, who delivered her first sermon on Sunday, May 24th, at St. Philip Lutheran Church in Glenview. Nicole is a student at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

...Jeff Peek watched with a mixture of pride and wistfulness as his drumline marched from Lakeview High School to Graceland Cemetery on Memorial Day. This was Jeff's final parade with Lakeview. He will be teaching at Whitney Young High School as of this fall.

...The Academy, which meets on Wednesdays at 7:30, has been so well received that Jack Mc Clelland will be continuing our lively discussions of faith-related issues during the summer months. If you haven't given it a try, get in touch with Jack and he'll tell you what topics are in store, and which readings he recommends.

...Please keep in prayer both Karen Theel and Mike Termini, who are dealing with health-related concerns. We were pleased to have Barbara Baderstadt at worship last Sunday following a recent hospital stay.

## SIGN-UP REMINDERS

Thank you to the following persons who have volunteered to provide flowers, serve as lector or host a coffee hour during the months of May. Contact Shaun in the church office if there has been an error or you need to change a date.

JUNE 7

L: TBD

F: TBD

C: TBD

JUNE 21

L: TBD

F: Ruth Cato

C: Alice Peterson

JUNE 14

L: Sara Bosch

F: Sara Bosch/Bryan Haas

C: Sara and Bryan

JUNE 28

L: TBD

F: Alice Peterson

C: Ruth Cato

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

13...MARGOT DIBBERN

16...ELAINE DALL

17...SARA BOSCH

18...DANIELLE NEFF

22...BARBARA BAKER

23...MELANIE ZANOZA

25...JUREK POLANSKI

28...CHARLOTTE WELLS

29...MICHAEL MURPHY



## MONTESSORI MAGIC

The children of Chicago Montessori School are a daily delight. Here they are on a recent school day being entertained by a visiting magician.



C. 1930



C. 2009

## Parlor Pictures

When Bethany Church remodeled its parlor in 1971, the furniture, light fixtures, curtains and carpeting were all faithful to that era. Like the southern tendency to deep fry, perfectly good wood was typically covered over with paint or carpet, as was the case with the parlor's beautiful oak floors.

Nothing major had been done to the parlor since 1971...until, that is, this past month, when the walls and ceiling received a fresh coat of paint, the carpet was removed and the floor refinished to its natural beauty. The result, I hope you'll agree, has been stunning. Our parlor has the potential to be something special, depending on what council and our membership decide to do from this point forward. Even now, however, we invite you to stop by and see for yourself, and, as I often do, thank those who provided for us so generously in generations past.

**Bethany United Church of Christ**

**4250 N. Paulina St.**

**Chicago, IL 60613**



“  
God  
is still  
speaking,