



THE BETHEL BEACON



5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
DECEMBER 10, 2023



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



We are collecting coats, gloves, warm hats and men's shoes for... Bernie's Blessing to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 25 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. As the weather turns cold and you realize a new coat would be nice, bring the old one for Bernie's blessings. Or, if you see a good deal on a new coat, we will gladly accept the new coat, too. This year, warm gloves, warm hats and men's shoes of all kinds will also be accepted. **Starting now and until December 10th, items donated can be dropped off with the Bethel office during office hours or before/after any worship service. We will have a table in the fellowship hall outside of the donation room for all donations.** Contact the Bethel office at 847-244-9647 with any questions or to arrange your drop-off.

You're Invited! To the Bethel Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event... On Friday, December 29th, the Youth Group is going to Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville to pack food specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition in countries where there is a need and that are partnered with FMSC. Packing time is from 4:30-6:15pm, then we'll go across the street to Culver's for dinner. All Bethel attendees are invited - friends are welcome too! Please note that children must be at least 5 years of age to participate. More details on packing day requirements will be shared closer to the packing date. Please RSVP to Stephanie Bunnell (stephanie.l.bunnell@gmail.com) by 12/21/23; if you are willing to help with carpooling, please let Stephanie know.



Purchase Holiday Meal Boxes to help a needy family for the Holidays... COOL Food Pantry is getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantry seeking food assistance for the Christmas holidays. This holiday season COOL is offering two ways to feed needy families. Holiday Food Boxes - Holiday food boxes are available for only \$20 each. This box is loaded with a turkey, vegetables, fruit, a beverage, potatoes, gravy & dessert. Checks can be made out to Bethel and marked "Holiday Gift Basket" on the memo line and dropped off with the Bethel office. Do Your Own Shopping—If you prefer to do your own shopping, COOL is happy to distribute your holiday gift to a needy family. Non-perishables can be dropped off with the Bethel office. The following items can be dropped off at the Bethel office...Canned Gravy, Stuffing, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit/Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread mix and Shelf stable or powdered milk (or juice). Please drop off all Christmas payments/items until December 17th. COOL thanks Bethel for the continued support!



Alakira Maasi Support Initiative... For more information on ALMASI you can view their website by clicking on the QR code on the right. Our Bethel members who are on the ALMASI board of directors are Lazaro Mathayo, Yassi Moringe, Jeff Eichner, Diane Boehm, Elizabeth Blasko and David Ross



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



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December Service Roster

| | Sunday 9:00 am | Midweek Advent Wednesday 6:30pm | Sunday 9:00 am | Midweek Advent Wednesday 6:30pm |
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| | December 10 | December 13 | December 17 | December 20 |
| ELDER | Mike Bandman | Mike Bandman | Paul DeLassus | Paul DeLassus |
| COMM. ELDER | | | | |
| ACOLYTE | Elizabeth Wait | Nate Gutzke | Gianna Bereczky | Will Jaronik |
| USHER 1 | Paul Werfelmann | Scott Gutzke | John Schultz | Scott Gutzke |
| USHER 2 | | | | |
| GREETERS | Chuck Kozlik family | | Carla Thompson | |
| FELLOWSHIP | Traynor family | | Youth Group | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Sheila Bunnell and Diane Sanders | | | |
| COUNTERS | Dave and Cheryl Ross | | | |
| Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at Cindy@bethelgurnee.org | | | | Updated 12/6/23 |

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.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service Sunday 9:00am

Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Fellowship 10:00 -10:30am

Sunday School 10:30 -11:30am

Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm

Call ahead because times may change.

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

for Worship Service need to be submitted to the Bethel Office by Thursday morning.

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