



THE BETHEL BEACON



5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
DECEMBER 17, 2023



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



Don't wait to mail your offerings..... For a mailed offering to qualify as a 2023 charitable contribution, allow it as much time as possible to arrive before the end of the year by giving a little earlier. **We suggest mailing your end of year offerings on or before December 22.** Of course, if you are attending in person you will need to drop it off during worship service, or with the office, by December 31st.



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.



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!



The 2024 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up! We have them on a table outside the office. Stop by before/after Worship or during office hours and grab your box of envelopes. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office.

Bethel Website: www.bethelgurnee.org **Office:** 847-244-9647 **Preschool:** 847-244-9672 **Email:** office@bethelgurnee.org



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



Scan for the Bethel Calendar

December Service Roster

| | Sunday 9:00 am | Midweek Advent Wednesday 6:30pm | Christmas Eve Sunday 6:30pm | Christmas Day Monday 10:00am | Sunday 9:00 am |
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| | December 17 | December 20 | December 24 | December 25 | December 31 |
| ELDER | Paul DeLassus | Paul DeLassus | Mike Bandman | | Mike Bandman |
| COMM. ELDER | | | | | |
| ACOLYTE | Gianna Berezcky | Will Jaronik | Ben Gutzke | Sharon Victor Sam | Elizabeth Wait |
| USHER 1 | John Schultz | Scott Gutzke | Scott Gutzke | Don Heidlauf | John Schultz |
| USHER 2 | | | John Schultz | | |
| GREETERS | Carla Thompson | | Kazarian family | Squires family | Ted and Margie Tatgenhorst |
| FELLOWSHIP | 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 12/15/23 |

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.

Please join us this **Tuesday, December 19th at 10AM** for Devotion at Gurnee Meadows.

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