



THE BETHEL BEACON



5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
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"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 by today.** 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. Culvers will be free for all youth who attend the event. 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) today.

As we grow our mental health ministry here at Bethel... we are always looking for opportunities to expand our mental health awareness. We discovered **MindSpring** through one of our Ministry Partners, Love INC. MindSpring provides no-cost mental health education, support, and advocacy programs. All of MindSpring's programs feature evidence-based curriculum and are available to everyone. We have signed up for several sessions and will watch them here at Bethel and then briefly discuss what was shared. We will watch them in either the lounge or fellowship hall and that will depend on how many people we have in attendance. The sessions we will watch are *Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder* on Jan 3, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 AM, *The Psychological Origins of Stigma & Bias* on Jan 3, 2024 from 12:00-1:00 PM, *Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder* on Jan 4, 2024 from 12:00-1:00 PM and *Understanding Social Anxiety* on Jan 17, 2024 from 12:00-1:00 PM. See Mission Facilitator, Ben Sanders, with any questions or for more information.



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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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
	December 17	December 20	December 24	December 25	December 31
ELDER	Paul DeLassus	Paul DeLassus	Mike Bandman	Paul DeLassus	Mike Bandman
COMM. ELDER					
ACOLYTE		Will Jaronik	Ben Gutzke	Sharon Victor Sam	Elizabeth Wait
USHER 1	John Schultz	Scott Gutzke	Scott Gutzke, John Schultz and Don Heidlauf	Don Heidlauf	John Schultz
USHER 2					
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 12/20/23

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

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