



WELCOME KATRINA JOHNS Katrina's installation is TODAY at the 10:45 a.m. service in the gym with a reception following.

Holiday Food Baskets TODAY is the Thanksgiving deadline. There are two ways to feed our Lake County families: 1. Holiday Gift Baskets for \$20.00. Donations can be placed in the offering with checks made out to Bethel and "C.O.O.L. Holiday Basket" marked in the memo. 2. If you prefer to do your own shopping, there is a list of food items on the Hub. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped in the plastic container near the sanctuary. If you have perishables, contact C.O.O.L. at 847-662-1230 to schedule a drop off.

Gift Card Program Next order deadline is Nov. 26.



For the months of October, November & December, BLAST has decided to take any money raised from the gift card program, and use it towards our December mission project: Adopt-A-Family. The youth will once again, "adopt" one or two children at Christmas (last year it was through the Battered Women and Children Foundation) and purchase them clothing and gifts. Please help us make this effort a big success. Any gift card you order helps....large or small. Forms are on the Hub. Thanks for your continued support. Questions, contact Sue Best at snsbest@gmail.com.

Attention High School Youth Our Adopt-A-Family night is this Tuesday (**November 21**). Meet here at Bethel at 6:00 p.m. After a quick dinner (provided) we will head out to shop, and return to Bethel around 8:00 p.m. to wrap the gifts. All high schoolers welcome! Questions, contact Sue Best (snsbest@gmail.com).

"Stuff A Sailor" Thanksgiving Dinner The Olson's will be hosting "STUFF A SAILOR" on Thanksgiving, **November 23**, here at Bethel. We will be serving Thanksgiving dinner for recently graduated and other sailors who are not able to make it home for Thanksgiving (or for anyone that doesn't have a place to go for Thanksgiving). Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. There is a sign up for food donations and volunteers in the back of church. Thank you for your past and present support!!! ~ Gayle Olson



Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday, November 22
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



Poinsettia Orders Orders for red poinsettia plants will be taken this month to decorate our worship areas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The cost for a plant is \$11, and orders are due in the church office by Monday, **December 4**. Order forms are not available on the Hub. Remember a loved one by purchasing a plant: In memory of..., In appreciation of..., To the Glory of God.



Bernie's Blessing We will again this year be collecting coats and blankets for Bernie to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. He shares the love of Christ with them while providing them warmth. We will accept old and new coats along with blankets. You may bring them to Bethel starting the first of December.



One Nation Under God Annual Breakfast This Tuesday, **November 21**, the Exchange Clubs will be sponsoring breakfast from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at the Village Church of Gurnee (1319 N. Hunt Club Road). This is a free breakfast and everyone is welcome.

C.O.O.L. 5K/10K Run & Walk The C.O.O.L. 5K/10K Run & Walk will take place in Libertyville at Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter C on Saturday, **November 25** at 9:30 a.m.



Information and registration are available at: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=127343.

C.O.O.L. food of the month for November: Tuna

Other food donation ideas: Rice, pasta, dried beans, cereal, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, beverages, peanut butter, pork and beans, canned meats, tuna, macaroni and cheese, toiletries and paper goods.

DEADLINE December Big Buzz
Monday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School Lesson This week's Sunday School lesson is Esther from the Book of Esther. Thank you to Pastor Squires for this enlightening summary: The book of Esther is a complicated story about identity. In its first few chapters, Esther offends almost everyone. Feminist liberals note her compliance and failure to identify as a strong woman. Religious traditionalists lament her hidden faith, which leads her to break religious laws. There comes a time, though, when Esther is forced to make a choice about her identity. Upon discovering that powerful forces are plotting to kill the Jews, Esther's cousin Mordecai urges her to use her political connections and risk her place in the palace in order to save her. But Esther is afraid. Approaching the king unbidden is a capital offense forgiven only by the king and, although she's the queen, there's no guarantee she'll receive his mercy. Esther has no prophetic vision or biblical promise to claim for her safety. Without knowing the end of the story, she must decide whether or not to identify with God's people. Mordecai's point is clear—her life may potentially be lost if she goes to the king, but it will certainly be lost if she doesn't. Perhaps with mixed motives of self-preservation and missional calling, she replies: Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf. . . . Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish. (Esth. 4:16). In this moment, Esther goes from being a young woman making compromises to a mature queen giving orders. Mordecai's call to action causes her to realize that she's not in the palace for herself, but for others.



Welcoming the Advent Season! TODAY the Sunday School will begin our countdown to our Children's Christmas Service! Our special Advent offerings will go to our Care in Community Committee to help purchase needed items for the Baby Shower delivery baskets through Love INC. Children will receive prayer boxes and a baby bottle to hold their offerings. The bottles will be brought to the Children's Christmas service as an offering! Information will be coming home with your children today!

Little Lambs Calling all Little Lambs! If you are under the age of 3 for this school year, come to Preschool Room 2 (nearest the gym) during the Sunday School hour!

Mission Packing Event November 26 during the Sunday School hour, our mission packing event returns! This year we will be in the gym packing items for and writing letters to the LCC Comfort Dogs (like Asher)! Music practice with Mrs. Souza will be at the regularly scheduled times! The packing event will be in the gym during typical classroom time. Come and join us in the fun!

This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 20

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Basketball
6:30 p.m. - Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 21

10:00 a.m.—Heritage Woods Worship
11:00 a.m.—Gurnee Meadows Worship
7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

6:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, November 23

8:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall in Use "Stuff A Sailor"

Friday, November 24 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25 Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, November 26

BLAST Gift Card Deadline

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym
9:00 a.m. - Fellowship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Serving Thanksgiving Eve

Elder: Mike Bandman
Communion Elder: Bob Souza
Acolyte: Allyson Adams
Lay Readers: Sue Bandman, Mike Bandman
Ushers: Lance Rasmussen, OPEN
Greeters: Rich & Karen Arnold, Marilyn Schill
Readings: *Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19*

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Communion

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 124

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - 100

Sunday School - 116

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Sam Squires
Ushers: Dave Hoffmeister, Chuck Johnson
Lay Readers: Dave Hoffmeister, Ben Sanders
Greeters: Silasiri Family, Carla Thompson
Fellowship: Olson & Redman Families
Nov. Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
Nov. Counters: Chris Mason

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
Al Diercks
Jake Kruse
Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick
Karla Stewart, Jack Warneke
Ziegler Family, Jack Warneke
Deb Wuethrick
Diane Sanders

Scripture Readings: *Psalms 95:1-7a 1 Corinthians 15:20-28*
Matthew 25:31-46