



**O SING OF CHRIST
ADVENT MIDWEEK-WORSHIP SERIES
NOV 28, DEC 5, 12, 19 - 6:30PM
EXPLORING 4 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HYMNS
THAT SING OF CHRIST & HIS WORD**

Poinsettia Orders Red poinsettia plant orders are being taken 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 3**. Order forms are available on the Hub. Remember a loved one by purchasing a plant: In memory of..., In appreciation of..., To the Glory of God.



Holiday Food Baskets There are two ways to feed our Lake County families this holiday season: **1.** Holiday Gift Baskets for \$20. Donations can be placed in the offering with checks made out to Bethel & "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. Deadline for Bethel drop off is **December 9**.



SENIOR GAME DAY This Tuesday is our next game day from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come have fun and get to know your peers better. Bring a snack to share if you would like, coffee and other beverages will be provided. For more information contact Karen Leicht, Disciple Care Coordinator, at karen@bethelgurnee.org or the church office (847) 244-9647.



VBS is going through some wonderful changes!

In order to reach children who attend camps during the week and to encourage more adults to participate in a great outreach opportunity, next summer we will be offering a 3-day VBS. It will be held on a Friday evening, Saturday morning and early afternoon, and end with the celebration on Sunday in church. Currently, there is a need for a director (or co-directors). If you are interested, but nervous about what to do, Kylie Brazda and Jeremy & Andrea Little will be available to assist you! As director, you have the ability to choose the month and weekend for VBS. Contact Katrina Johns, Kylie (kbrazda3030@yahoo.com), or the Little's (alittlesong29@gmail.com) to learn how you can help!



Fellowship Volunteers Please consider signing up for Fellowship, December 2 & 16 are **OPEN**. The sign up sheet is outside the kitchen door.



Christmas Tree Trimming Everyone is invited to help beautify our worship areas in the sanctuary and the gym. On Thursday, **December 6** at 6:30 p.m. we will be trimming the trees. Contact Kathy Schwartz if you have any questions (847)975-9637.



GO-Together and Bernie's Book Bank Team Up **December 1**, 9:00-11:00 a.m., GO TOGETHER churches have the **GO TOGETHER** opportunity to serve together at Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff. This is also an opportunity to bring a friend that doesn't attend church. Here is a link to register with the group: <http://go-together.org/get-involved/serve-together>. All volunteers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers aged 14-17 who have a current waiver on file may volunteer without a parent or guardian present. No outside food or beverage in the Processing Center. Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to your scheduled start time for check-in. Bernie's Book Bank will also be collecting new or gently used children's books.

DEADLINE for December Big Buzz
Monday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Donna Stutzman - Preschool Director preschool@bethelgurnee.org



Attention all Christmas Shoppers The due date for December gift card orders is **Sunday, December 2**. This will be the last order for the year, and there will be **NO ORDERS IN JANUARY**. Order turnaround time is typically 2 weeks, so orders should be at church by Sunday, December 16. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue Best at snsbest@gmail.com Thanks!!!!

TODAY DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



Children in preschool through high school will participate in our annual packing event to support the Sunday School mission! This year as we support *A SAFE PLACE*, Bethel kids will be packing items such as hats, gloves, animal crackers, and hot chocolate into Christmas bags. We'd love to have you help out! Here is the schedule for the Sunday School hour:

Preschoolers through 2nd graders

- Begin in the SANCTUARY with Mrs. Souza then end in the GYM at the packing event which includes another fun activity

3rd graders through Middle Schoolers

- Begin in the GYM at the packing event which includes another fun activity then end in the SANCTUARY with Mrs. Souza

High Schoolers

- Begin in the GYM at the packing event which includes another fun activity then end in your classroom

Adults—you will be meeting in the fellowship hall

Stay tuned for more activities in Dec. to support our mission!
****December 9** is the Christmas program. Look for more details from Music Director, Ann Souza, in the Big Buzz.
****December 30** no lesson

Bernie's Blessing We will be collecting coats and blankets for Bernie to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 21 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats and blankets that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. He shares the love of Christ with them while providing them warmth. 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 would gladly accept it also. Blankets of all kinds will be accepted. You may bring them to Bethel starting the first of December.



Cleaning Help Need a little extra help with cleaning? Roberto and Berty, the cleaning people for Bethel, are available for any housekeeping you might need done. If you are interested in their services, contact the church office at office@bethelgurnee.org.

Ushers Sign-up If you are an usher and would like to sign up you can do so on the side of the Hub or online at <https://tinyurl.com/bethelushersnov18>. If you have never ushered before and would like to, contact Bob Souza (847-345-2157) for free on the job training.

This Week's Calendar

- Monday, November 26**
 - 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m.—Indian Guides in Building
- Tuesday, November 27**
 - 9:30 a.m.—Senior Game Day
 - 5:30 p.m.—Basketball
 - 7:00 p.m.—Care in Community
- Wednesday, November 28**
 - 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
 - 6:30 p.m.—Advent Midweek Worship
 - 7:30 p.m.—Exploratory Explore God Group
- Thursday, November 29**
 - 7:00 p.m.—Radio Players in the Basement
 - 7:30 p.m. - Adult Vocal Choir
- Friday, November 30** Pastor & Katrina's Day Off
- Saturday, December 1** Pastor & Katrina's Day Off
- Sunday, December 2**
 - 8:00 a.m.— Communion in Gym
 - 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
 - 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Bible Study
 - 10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Serving Wednesday Advent Worship - 6:30pm

- Elders:** Mike Bandman **Comm/Asst. Elder:** Dave Ziegler
- Acolytes:** Jeremy Leicht, Kaylee Leicht
- Lay Readers:** Randy Gifford, Mike Bandman
- Ushers:** Monte Stoltzman, Diane Perkins
- Greeters:** The Kreamer Family, Ardell & Sharon Maatta

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8AM & 10:45PM
Communion
 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday
Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday 9AM—3 PM
 Friday 9AM - 12PM
Last Week's Attendance
 Sunday 8:00 AM—128
 Sunday 10:45 AM—102
 Sunday School—92

Serving Next Week

	Sunday 8:00AM	Sunday 10:45AM
Elders:	JJ Jones	Bob Souza
Comm/Asst. Elder:	Mike Bandman	Jack Warneke
Acolytes:	Kelsi Mulley, Mae Anderson	Lily Freehling, Cameron Fleming
Lay Readers:	Jude Squires, Tony Young	Joan Blasko, Elizabeth Blasko
Ushers:	Don Heidlauf, Open	John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen
Greeters:	The Maag Family, The Sanders Family	Dave & Theresa Carlson, The Swanson Family
Fellowship:	Open	
Dec. Altar Guild:	Kathy Schwartz	Sheila Bunnell
Dec. Counters:	Dave Ross	Cheryl Ross