

VOTERS' MEETING Bethel Members - Please join us for a brief Voters' Meeting **TODAY** at 9:20 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The agenda items for this meeting are: Approval of an increase in salary for Bethel Preschool teachers, approval of increasing the Bethel Preschool budget for this year, and approval of the new Disciple Care Coordinator and Property Coordinator. It is important that the voice of the congregation is heard at these meetings. Thank you in advance for your attendance!



Help "Fill Up" the Discretionary Fund Bethel's Discretionary Fund is where Pastor, Staff, and Council can pull monies for periodic needs for Bethel members and those in the community. This can range from a gas card for a family in need to emergency assistance with rent. Recently, we have had the blessing of being able to help a number of people, showing the love of Christ through this direct support and building relationships. So we need to "fill up" this fund again. Ideally we would maintain about \$1000 in the fund to allow for needs to be covered quickly. This is outside of Bethel's General Budget. If you are able to give a gift over-and-above your normal giving*, please mark your gift - "Discretionary Fund." Thank you! If you have more questions, please contact Pastor. (*We rely on our regular Offerings to cover our General Budget which ensures all of our ministries are supported, so this is why we ask that Discretionary Fund gifts be over-and-above).



Fall Handbell Choir Bethel is looking for members to join the handbell choir this fall. Practices will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings with several performances throughout the fall. A minimum of 11 ringers are needed to re-start the choir and Bethel has enough handbells to accommodate up to 23 players. Ringers should be able to read sheet music and should be at least junior high age. Practices will continue through Christmas. We will re-evaluate and decide if we want to continue in the spring at that time. Please contact David Ziegler with any questions or to sign up. zieglersd@hotmail.com or (847) 878-1482

New Portals of Prayer are on the Hub.

Board of Christian Education News—TODAY

All youth, 6th through 12th grades: Don't forget open gym starting after Sunday school followed by lunch. Parents should plan on picking youth up at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday School Lesson for Today

In this week's lesson the children will hear about Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, which occupies a turning point in the history of God's people. The unusual timeline of Joseph's life includes him being despised by his brothers, sold into slavery, attaining success and then losing it all to false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers: "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (*Genesis 50:20*).



Love INC 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

and Auction The annual Love INC dinner is Friday, **October 18** at the Holiday Inn in Gurnee. This is their biggest fundraiser. In the past several years Bethel members have contributed funds to purchase gift cards to be used in the auction. If you are able and willing, you may make a contribution for the gift cards by designating an offering as: "Love INC Gift Cards" and should be contributed by Sunday, October 6. If you are interested, you may register for the dinner at: loveinclakecounty.org. Please talk to Dave Ross (daveross945@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



Fuller Road Clean Up Our adopted road clean up is scheduled for **October 13** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Anyone age 10 years or older is welcome to help. Questions, contact John Kozlik at karenkozlik@gmail.com.



Bethel Fall Clean Up Don't forget to mark Saturday, **October 26** at 8:30 a.m. on your calendar for fall cleanup. Further information will be posted in the weekly Buzz. Rain date - November 2.

Fellowship The sign up to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Grab a friend and host together. If you have any questions contact Fellowship Chairman, Janet Jones at janetfindshouses@msn.com.

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Celebration of Ministry Booth Winner Congratulations to the Preschool Board for winning the Celebration of Ministry's Favorite Booth prize! There was some great competition ending in a 4-way tie...the winner was drawn at the weekly staff meeting by pastor. Thank you to all who participated!

Bethel Fall Fest Join us for fellowship and fun on Friday,



October 25. The chili/hot dog dinner will start at 5:00 p.m. with trick or treating and games at 5:45 p.m. and a family concert put on by LEONARDO from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. LEONARDO is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago! The sign up sheet is in the back of church and outside the church office during the week. There is also a sign up for volunteers if you would be willing to help.

Hello Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for supporting our scholars! The LEARN 6 Wolves (formerly Thunderbirds) basketball team had an extraordinary experience last season and it was much due to your generosity, selfless heart, and humanitarianism. This experience gave our boys a stronger appreciation of team, a better understanding of what it means to be respectful, and a better awareness for the major connection between sports and education. This past season built character and instilled accountability. Many of our boys went on to College Preparatory high schools with full or nearly full scholarships. In fact, one of our players was accepted to attend Phillips Exeter Academy, considered to be the best private high schools in America. Thank you for playing a significant role in providing uniforms, bus transportation, meals, equipment, tournament fees, along with so much more for helping us make our mission a reality. Please visit our team website (Learn6wolves.com) for more information as well as the opportunity to support our scholars this season!

John Jones (Coach JJ)

Meals Needed We have the opportunity to minister to the Freehling family by providing meals. November and December sign up for meals is available on the Hub.

Snail Mail Station One way in which to encourage others in our "Life Together" in Christ is to send them a handwritten note. We've supplied the cards and envelopes. You write the note, and then the Bethel staff will make sure to address it and get it in the mail. The station is located outside the church office.



New Church Office Hours

Monday 9AM—3PM (Lisa & Tim)
 Tuesday 11AM—3PM (Lisa)
 Wednesday 9AM—3PM (Tim)
 Thursday 11AM—3PM (Lisa)
 Friday 9AM—Noon (Tim)

This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 30

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

Tuesday, October 1

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym
 7:30 p.m.—Disciple Basics: What We Believe

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 a.m.—Bethel Landscaping
 9:30 a.m.—Women's Wed. Morning Bible Study
 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation
 6:15 p.m.—Equipping Mom's

Thursday, October 3

9:00 a.m.—Pickleball
 3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use
 6:00 p.m.—Pickleball
 6:00 p.m.—Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, October 4 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Saturday, October 5 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

10:00 a.m.—Radio Players

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m.—Communion in Gym
 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
 10:30 a.m.—Youth Open Gym
 10:45 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Greeter: (10/2) Shelly Adams

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Communion - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Office Hours

Mon. & Wed. 9AM-3PM,

Tues. & Thurs. 11AM-3PM / Friday 9AM-12PM

Call ahead because times may change.

Last Week's Attendance

8:00 am—118; 10:45 am—93

Sunday School—107

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Oct. Altar Guild:

Oct. Counters:

Sunday 8:00 AM

Mike Bandman

Al Diercks

Holly Faitsch, Ashley Plapp

Sue Bandman, Nathan Faitsch

OPEN, OPEN

Deb Pelletiere/Becky Lanzito,

The Plapp Family

Faitsch Family

Sheila Bunnell

Dave & Cheryl Ross

Sunday 10:45 AM

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Xavier Ramon, Cameron Fleming

Tim Moran, Ellen Dalrymple

John Schultz, Monte Stoltzman

The Rosenthal Family,

The Swanson Family

Diane Sanders