

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.
with Communion in the Sanctuary



Youth Open Gym There will be youth open gym **TODAY** from 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All middle school and high school students are encouraged to attend.



Christmas Tree Trimming On Wednesday, **December 4** at 9:30 a.m. everyone is invited to join the Wednesday morning Bible study group to trim the trees in the sanctuary and the gym. Contact Kathy at (847)975-9637 if you have any questions.



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 2**. 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.



Sunday School Lesson for Today
This week's lesson comes from *1 Samuel 16:1-13* and *2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17*. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (*1 Samuel 16:7*). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. The Bible truth is that God chooses unlikely people. The Bible verse is "Bless the Lord,...who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy." (*Psalms 103:2, 4*)



DEADLINE for December Big Buzz
Monday, November 25 before 9:00 a.m.

Aluminum Can Collection Aluminum can collection will be suspended over the winter months starting **December 1** recommencing March 1, 2020. In 2019 proceeds from aluminum recycling have funded purchase of portable benches and coffee supplies for the PADS shower ministry. Thanks to everyone for their support of an important Bethel ministry and for wise use of the resources God has so richly provided.



Meet the Staff! **Name:** Katrina Johns
Position: Equipping Coordinator
Responsibilities at Bethel: To encourage and equip the members of Bethel to use their God-given gifts in service of each other, their families, and our community.

Hobbies: board games, pretty much anything craft-y, baking, and cooking...and so much more, I'm pretty eclectic.

Family: Here in Gurnee, I have my cat, Schroeder and my goldfish, Baron Von Fluffy Van Pelt.

Favorite color: shades of blue

Favorite holiday: I love Christmas, Easter, and my birthday...but I usually answer Arbor day when asked for my favorite holiday.

Favorite stores: Target, Aldi, and Costco

Pastor's Fall 2020 Sabbatical The congregation agreed to support Pastor Squires in taking a 3-month Sabbatical - Fall of 2020. The congregation will work with Pastor Squires and the Sabbatical Team to secure non-budget funding for this experience, including the costs of Pastor's travel, etc., and an interim pastor. There is a donor that will match up to \$2,500 of what is donated by the end of the year. Donations can be made directly to Bethel, (please clearly mark donation "Sabbatical Fund") and coming soon, we will be offering electronic giving via PayPal Giving. Here is the link from our website to view the sabbatical plan:

<https://www.bethelgurnee.org/sabbatical.html>.

Questions? Please write to the Sabbatical Team (sabbatical@bethelgurnee.org).

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Bernie's Blessings Bethel is collecting winter coats, boots, hats, gloves and blankets for Bernie Phillips to distribute in Chicago on Christmas. Please bring items to Bethel at anytime and put in the fellowship hall on the table before Thursday, **December 19.**



Dear Bethel, Thank you for your support in collecting toiletries this past spring for the homeless. With your help we were able to make more than 100 bags. My Girl Scout Troup is now trying to establish this as more of a long term service. I would appreciate if more donations could be made toward this. We need travel size toiletries especially deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We are hoping to make this collection by the end of November and will stock the shelves here at Bethel for PADS clients. A box will be located in the hallway by the sanctuary. Thank you for your help. - Ellie Kreamer

Transportation Ministry Bethel is looking for people who are interested in providing rides to/from church & doctor's appointments for members. This is not a set commitment. If someone calls in need of a ride we would like a list of people to contact to see if it fits into their schedule. Interested, please contact the church office.



COOL 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 for Christmas is **December 8.**

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.



*Please join us this Tuesday for
Worship at Gurnee Meadows 11 AM*

This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 18

- 12:30pm Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball
- 6:30 p.m.—Gideons in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 19

- 11:00 a.m.—Worship at Gurnee Meadows
- 5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m.—Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m.—Equipping Moms
- 6:15 p.m.—FEET
- 7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Thursday, November 21

- 8:30 a.m.— GO! Together Pastors Brunch in Bethel's Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m.—Pickleball
- 3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use
- 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts Meet
- 6:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m.—Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

Friday, November 22

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, November 23

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Sunday, November 24

- 8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym
- 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.—Offsite: Mosaic Prayer Meeting

Wednesday Night Greeter: OPEN (11/20)

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—128; 10:45 am—65

Sunday School—78

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00 AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Dylan Love, Owen Squires
Lay Readers: David Ross, Cheryl Ross
Ushers: Al Diercks, **OPEN**
Greeters: Boivin Family, Brazda Family
Fellowship: Michelle Bereczky
Nov. Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
Nov. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza
 Jack Warneke
 Ruth Ziegler, Amanda Adams
 Victor Sundararaj, Dave Ziegler
OPEN, Scott Gutzke
 Ellen Dalrymple,
 Ralph & Donna Danielsen
 Deborah Wuethrick
OPEN