

Thanksgiving Eve Service

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



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, the children will hear the story of Mephibosheth from the book of *2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13*. Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul's enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to any possible survivors from Saul and Jonathan's line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul's land and fortune. Mephibosheth's family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king's table. The Bible truth for the week is that God gives all good gifts. The Bible verse is "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" *Psalm 107:1*



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Servers



Make your Christmas extra special by participating in our worship services. Sign up on the clipboard on the front side of the Hub for the services you plan to attend.

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

FEET Classes

We have been having a blast with the 4th and 5th graders! If you haven't joined us yet, please consider it - it's so much fun to build this community and friendships! Just a reminder that next week (11/27) we do NOT have class. Classes in December (12/4, 12/11, 12/18) are at an earlier time 5:30-6:30 p.m.! Hope to see you there! ~ Diane Sanders and Kylie Brazda

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**.



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).

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:

- 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.
- 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.



This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 25

- 12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball
- 7:00 p.m.—Indian Guides

Tuesday, November 26

- 5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Wednesday, November 27

- 6:30 p.m.—Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day



Friday, November 29

Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

Saturday, November 30

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Sunday, December 1

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

Serving Thanksgiving Eve - 6:30 pm

Elders: Bob Souza

Comm/Asst. Elder: Dave Ziegler

Acolytes: Jude Squires, Kaylee Leicht

Lay Readers: Diane Boehm, Joanne Heidlauf

Ushers: Don Heidlauf, OPEN

Greeters: Al Diercks

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—103; 10:45 am—78

Sunday School—73

Serving Next Week

Sunday 8:00 AM

Elders:

JJ Jones

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Mike Bandman

Acolytes:

Holly Faitsch, Emma Megerle

Lay Readers:

Madeline Adams, Diane Boehm

Ushers:

Don Heidlauf, OPEN

Greeters:

The Dorner Family
Cindy Ellwein

Fellowship:

Tim & Linda Moran

Nov. Altar Guild:

Diane Mundrick

Nov. Counters:

Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Michaela Rosenthal, Annika Chudy

Glen Drollinger, Kelley Dorner

Scott Gutzke, John Schultz

Fleming Family

Suzanne Fowler

Deborah Wuethrick

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