

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 Due **TOMORROW**. 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. 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.



Saturday Starbucks Sabbatical Session

Come get a FREE drink at Starbucks (Grand & Dilley) on **December 7** from 9:30—10:30 a.m. and find out more about Pastor's Sabbatical. Pastor and Sabbatical Team members will be there to share the vision and answer questions. (Drinks will be provided through a Thrivent Action grant.) Donations for the sabbatical can be made directly to Bethel (please clearly mark donation "Sabbatical Fund"). Here is the link from our website to view the sabbatical plan: <https://www.bethelgurnee.org/sabbatical.html>. Questions? Please write to sabbatical@bethelgurnee.org.



Special Voters Meeting, Sunday, Dec. 8, 8:55AM

The Church Council is calling a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, **December 8**, at 8:55 a.m. (end of the 8:00 a.m. Worship Service). This meeting will have only one agenda item: nominating the Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing for President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Concordia Seminary's current President, Dale Meyer, is retiring at the end of the school year. The Board of Regents has issued a call for nominations which may come from congregations. More information will be issued via email prior to December 8, along with being available at the meeting. Questions? Please email the Church Council (council@bethelgurnee.org).



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.

Mother and Child Drawings by Luke McFadden



Bethel's Church Council has approved using General Memorial funds to purchase one of Pastor Luke's drawings. Everyone is encouraged to vote, only one vote per person. The voting ballots are located by the drawings which are on display by the main entrance. Deadline to vote is **December 8**.

Sunday School Lesson for Today

As we begin the Advent season this week, the children will be reading about Jesus' birth. The lesson comes from *Luke 2:1-20*. Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to simple shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. This is the moment that creation has been waiting for since God first promised a Savior to the first sinners, Adam and Eve. The Bible verse for this week is "For unto you is born... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:11* Next week, we will be having practice for the Christmas program as well as a Christmas craft for the younger children during the Sunday school hour. We hope that you can join us on **December 8** at 4:00 p.m. for the children's annual Christmas program. Children should arrive at 3:45 p.m. in order to be ready to enter the gym with their class on time. This is a great opportunity for the children to guide our celebration of the Holy birth!



Aluminum Can Collection

Aluminum can collection will be suspended over the winter months starting **TODAY** 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.



**C.O.O.L. food of the month:
Side Dishes**

Meet the Staff!

Name: Lisa Schwarz

Position: Office Manager

Responsibilities at Bethel: Day to day office duties, Worship Bulletins, Weekly Buzz, Monthly Big Buzz, Service Roster & Celebrations

Hobbies: Family, yoga, boating, decorating, gardening, volleyball, baking, snow skiing, Pintrest ;)

Family: Matt and I have been married for 24 years. Children: Julia-21, Collin-19, & Lydia-16 Dogs: Cody-6, & Lily-2

Favorite color: Bright Colors

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite stores: Target, Home Goods, Michaels

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**.



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**.

Serving Wednesday Advent Worship - 6:30pm

Elders: Mike Bandman

Comm/Asst. Elder: JJ Jones

Acolytes: Mae Anderson, Ruth Ziegler

Lay Readers: Lynn Faitsch, Nathan Faitsch

Ushers: OPEN, OPEN

Greeters: The Faitsch Family

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! Classes in December (12/4, 12/11, 12/18) are at an earlier time 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.! Hope to see you there!
~ Diane Sanders and Kylie Brazda

This Week's Calendar

Monday, December 2

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m.—Pickleball

5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball

6:30 p.m.—Board of Christian Ed Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study Decorate Christmas Trees

5:30 p.m.—FEET

6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Students Attend Advent Service with Parent(s) & Lay Coaches

6:30 p.m.—Midweek Advent Service

Thursday, December 5

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, December 6 Pastor & Katrina's Day Off

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

Saturday, December 7 Katrina's Day Off

9:30 a.m.—Practice for Children's Worship

9:30 a.m.—Sabbatical Coffee at Starbucks

Sunday, December 8

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

4:00 p.m.—Sunday School Program in Gym

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—135; 10:45 am—58

Sunday School—77

Serving Next Week

Elders:

Comm/Asst. Elder:

Acolytes:

Lay Readers:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Dec. Altar Guild:

Dec. Counters:

Sunday 8:00 AM

JJ Jones

Mike Bandman

Kelsi Mulley, Ellie Kreamer

Jose Rayos, Owen Squires

Al Diercks, **OPEN**

Sue & Chris Frenndreis,

Jim & Donna Gerken

Ellwein & Hautzinger

Kathy Schwartz

Chris Mason

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza

Jack Warneke

Cameron Fleming, **OPEN**

Suzanne Fowler, Lori Hoornstra

John Schultz, Karen Kailer

Paul & Linda Groh,

The Mason Family

Sheila Bunnell

Diane Sanders