



BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

401 West Main Street  
West Dundee, IL 60118

## **BETHLEHEM'S MISSION...**

"To share the Living Water of Jesus Christ  
with all who thirst."

## **WORSHIP**

5:30 p.m. Saturday - Traditional

8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional

10:30 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary -BCMC

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** - 9:10 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:15 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - 9:30 a.m.

## **VACANCY PASTOR**

Reverend Bob Pudell

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Pastor's email:

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# **BETHLEHEM NEWS**

## **November 2023**

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Seniors over 65 years old are invited to Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 11, 4 p.m. at Bethlehem. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 5 to Debbie in the Church Office 847-426-7311 or [BethChurchDun@aol.com](mailto:BethChurchDun@aol.com)



### **THANKSGIVING EVE**

### **WORSHIP**

Wednesday, November 22 - 7 p.m.

### **THANKSGIVING MUMS**

If you would like to help beautify the altar area for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service, you can order a mum plant in honor or in thanksgiving for someone. Please fill out an order form which can be found on the information tables. Orders are due by Sunday, November 12, 2023.



## Hello! From Pastor Bob

Fall is here and November is a great month to remember thanksgiving.

President George Washington proclaimed the date for the first Thanksgiving Holiday. In 1789, he issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November 26 as a national day of Thanksgiving to recognize the role of providence in the creation of the new United States and the new federal Constitution.

Later, President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War in 1863, proclaimed the last Thursday of November to be our national Thanksgiving Day. In 1869, President Ulysses S. Grant chose the third Thursday of November for Thanksgiving Day.

In 1939, retail corporations lobbied President Franklin Roosevelt to move Thanksgiving back one week in order to allow for a longer Christmas shopping season. He complied by way of an executive order. No one was happy and many complained that it was a money ploy and some states even refused to comply.

President Roosevelt admitted his mistake and moved the holiday back to the fourth Thursday of the month. Soon thereafter Congress passed a bill that prevented any future president from moving Thanksgiving off of the fourth Thursday of November.

*From the Bible: Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."*

Genesis 8:20-22 (ESV)

This is one of the first mentions of thanksgiving in the Bible. This is about Noah and his family right after the floodwaters had dried up. Noah is giving thanks to God for His provision and for the deliverance of Noah and his family.

But what about us? Where is Thanksgiving found in our lives?

Today take a moment to reflect on God's provision to you. What are the key blessings in your life that you are thankful for?

How can you live more each day with an "attitude of gratitude?"

I pray that you have a great November, that you have much to be thankful for, and that thanksgiving isn't just one day in a particular month but is experienced and expressed every day!

Be blessed to be a blessing! *Pastor Bob*

## **Call Process Update**

(By: Matthew Schmidt - Council Chairman)

**Congregational Survey:** As part of the congregations' pastoral call processes, congregation members were invited to take a congregational survey. The survey will be used by the call committee to gain insights regarding where a congregation currently sees itself in ministry and into what skills and experiences may be significant for the next pastor to have. Council is working on compiling the responses and working them into a presentation that will be shared with the entire congregation during our November meeting. Thank you to those who participated in this survey.

### **There will be a congregational meeting on November 19th at 12 p.m.**

This meeting is intended to review the survey results and to fine-tune the qualities and strengths that the call committee will be focusing on during the search. Please keep the congregations' call processes in your prayers. May our Lord give to you and our congregation His peace and a sense of joyful anticipation of our next pastor.

**Call Committee:** Church Council approved the official Call Committee members. The Call Committee is

excited to get to work in early December. The first step is a kickoff meeting with President Buss and Pastor Maske to understand the official call process.

I would like to say in advance a big thanks to the members willing to serve.

1. Bob Kaup
2. Dan Wilbrandt
3. Nancy Peterson
4. Kris Sakowicz
5. Joanne Corcoran
6. Deb Hopp
7. Matthew Schmidt

This will most likely be a lengthy process (average time pre-Covid was 18 months), so we ask for Prayers and patience while we work through the process.

### **Church Secretary:**

Karen Lawson will be leading a job search team to fill the role. If you are interested in being on the job search team, please reach out.

## **OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER**

- 1 - General \$5051.19 Other - \$1334.80  
8 - General \$2135.19 Other - \$95.00  
15 - General \$2093.19 Other - \$476.00  
22 - General \$4165.19 Other - \$575.00  
29 - General \$2539.00 Other - \$1057.60



## 2023 CELEBRACIÓN Open House

Saturday, November 11th  
from 1:00-4:00 pm  
at 417 W Main St,  
West Dundee, IL 60118

We've missed you, please join us for  
fellowship, food, and drinks!



Vida y Fe began connecting with the community as a mission 8 years ago with 25 people enrolled in an ESL class. In 2020 we became an independent LCMS congregation. Currently we are connecting to thousands of people each week through various ministries. Please consider supporting the Vida y Fe Mission ministries. Donate online at [vidayfechurch.org/donación](http://vidayfechurch.org/donación)

Vida y Fe Church & Mission is committed to bring **HOPE, JOY** and **LOVE** to our community by sharing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Brooklyn Rissman who will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 12. We invite the entire congregation to celebrate with Brooklyn and her family as she declares her faith and love for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Brooklyn's Bible verse is James 1:2-4. *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### November

Riley Hardt	1
Jason Winkler	1
Marcia Holtz	4
Andy Skibley	5
Kassy Tang	5
Bud Lachel	10
Alex Connolly	12
Keli Pate	15
Olga Yamriska	15
Carole Heurlin	17
Denise Johnson	18
Linda Bryant	21
Nancy Hanrahan	23
Corey Albach	26
Scott Duff	26
Frank Hewitt	26
Debbie Hopp	27
Matthew Schmidt	27
Dennis Tiliks	27



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### November

George & Joanne Corcoran	8 - 35 yrs.
Mike & Kim Post	17 - 32 yrs.
Ty & Rita Ingo	18 - 53 yrs.

## **READERS NEEDED**

Readers are needed for the 8 a.m. church service for the first lesson/the Old Testament reading at the altar. If anyone (man or woman) is interested in reading, please contact Gia at [gjarosado@comcast.net](mailto:gjarosado@comcast.net). It's a great way to become more involved with our services.

God bless you and hope to hear from some of you soon!                      Gia Winkler

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thank you, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, for your continued loving support to our Sunday School children and our missions. On Sunday, November 5, we will be assembling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Your donations of toiletries, socks, underwear, toys, coloring books, and crayons will allow us to assemble 36 boxes for children in need throughout the world. Also, through your generosity, we collected enough money to meet the \$10 per box shipping costs.



**THANK YOU!**

Please continue to pray for our Sunday school children and especially for those children who will be receiving our shoe box gifts.

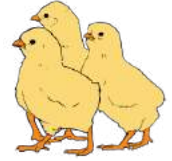
Karen Lawson                      Board of Education

## **FUNERAL**

Linda Lundy

June 16, 1945- October 20, 2023

Laid to rest October 28, 2023



## **LUTHERAN CHICKS**

A Bible study for women meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (November 14th and November 28th). The Group meets in the library at 1 p.m. This month's topic is Women of the New Testament.

## **WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

All are welcome!  
Mondays at 10 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.

## **PILATES**

"Let's Get Moving"

Classes are offered every Friday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please arrive 15 minutes early.)

**No classes on Nov. 24 & Dec. 1**

Everyone is welcome!

Experience the fun of exercise and good health!

Questions?

Linda Bryant 630-338-6515

# Dickens in Dundee



## **Please volunteer for our Dickens in Dundee Luncheon and Bake Sale, plus Bazaar!**

It's time for our annual Dickens in Dundee Luncheon and Bake Sale, plus our annual Dickens Christmas Bazaar.

These fun events will take place Saturday, December 2, in the lower level of the church. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., while the bake sale and bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All luncheon proceeds will benefit FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville.

### ***How can you help?***

#### ***1. Are you a baker?***

Pick your favorite recipe and double the batch! (But please package your treats in smaller sizes.)

#### ***2. Are you a crafter, sewer or woodworker?***

Make something you enjoy creating and donate it to our bazaar. (Feel free to include suggested prices.)

#### ***3. Are you available to volunteer during the event?***

We need help serving lunch to our visitors. If you'd rather stay behind the scenes, we can also use help with clean up afterwards.

Please drop off any food items or crafts to the church kitchen between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, November 30, or Friday, December 1.

If you are available to help in any way, or if you have any questions, please call Martha Lehman at 847-476-9935.

## **Historical Society to host**

### **'Dickens of a Sale'**

The Dundee Township Historical Society will host its annual "Dickens of a Sale" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 2, in Bethlehem's Sunday School room in the lower level. (It will coincide with Bethlehem's Dickens in Dundee luncheon/bake sale/bazaar.) You will find everything Christmas from vintage to modern – all for great prices! Come check them out!



# NOVEMBER

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



We began the nonprofit in May of 2021 and opened our warehouse July 2022 and we are excited to have served almost 100 veterans in the past two and a half years as Operation Sweet Life Inc.

We connect to veterans in need of furniture through the VA at Hines VA and their HUD/VASH Program, as well as Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, (MSHV) and Veterans Path to Hope, we are often connected to the Veterans Program at Lovell FHCC also.

We are supplied with furniture and items for our veterans through estate sales, house cleanouts and general donations of furniture. We do ask for photos of items to be donated along with a scheduled time to drop off. Most of the

furniture we receive is in beautiful condition and the result of a family downsizing or their loved one has passed away and they are putting the home on the market.

This summer we partnered with a couple of “Cleanout Crews” that empty houses after an estate sale or are contracted to empty the house without a sale. The cleanout companies we partner with bring us the furniture that we are in need of such as love seats, couches, recliners, comfy chairs, tall dressers, bed frames, which helps us and keeps it out of the landfills.

We provide the furniture at no charge to our veterans, however we are often given larger pieces of furniture that we will put on Marketplace and sell to help support our veterans because their place is generally smaller, studio size. We have been working on consistent hours of operation at the warehouse to have shoppers come in to shop and help support our mission. We have a very large amount of vintage and antique items that make great gifts.

We thank you for your support.

Semper Fi

Diane Ahrens

OPERATION SWEET LIFE INC.



Warehouse:  
1600A Todd Farm Dr, Elgin, IL 60123

We are a 501c3 dedicated to providing veterans with household essentials.

We provide for veterans, gently used items such as:

- Furniture
- Small appliances
- Dishes (pots, pans, silverware, bowls, plates, cups.)
- Bedding
- Decor
- Gently used medical equipment (crutches, wheelchairs, shower seats)

\*Though a veteran will most likely have these covered by the VA we would be happy to provide these things to spouses as well.

What's happens to items donated to Operation Sweet Life??

- Items are provided to veterans free of charge.
- items will also be sold at our warehouse, or online allowing us the ability to continue to serve veterans and their families.
- Cash donations are accepted and appreciated, donation link can be found at the linktree scan below or mailed to mailing address listed on the back



Our warehouse is open by appointment to the community to shop and donate.

Veterans who "shop" with us shop free.

At OSL we believe veterans have already paid the cost and this is our way of saying thank you. We are dedicated to serve with honor and respect to our veterans and community.

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Scan me



Operation Sweet Life Inc.

Services Operation Sweet Life offers:

- Estate Sales
- Clean outs
- Down sizing assistance

\*Refer to website for more information

Organizations OSL has working relationships with:

- Veterans Path to Hope
- Freedoms Path @ Hines VA
- N. Illinois VFW & Auxiliaries
- Area American Legion Posts
- Elgin Marine Corps League
- Women Marines Association

Volunteer with us

Help includes:

- Moving furniture
- Sorting
- Packing
- research & pricing
- connecting with the community



Phone:

Diane 224-805-1220

Pete 847-494-9949

Veteran Crisis Hotline Dial 988 Press #1

- OSLinfo@operationsweetlife.com
- dahrens@operationsweetlife.com
- pahrens@operationsweetlife.com

<https://linktr.ee/operationsweetlifeinc>

1600A Todd Farm Drive, Elgin IL 60118

Mailing Address: 809 Royal Lane WEST DUNDEE, IL 60118

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In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.  
Proverbs 3:6



# THANKSGIVING PLANTS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mum(s) @ \$15.00 each

In memory of/in celebration of/ in thanksgiving for.....

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Last date to order is **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEASE ATTACH  
PAYMENT WITH ORDER.**

Please slide your order under the Church Office door.

