



THE BETHEL BEACON

November 2024

FROM MANG SONNA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What are you Thankful for? is the question we ask one another as we enter into the Thanksgiving season. The more I think about what I am thankful for, the more thankful I become as God has been good to the Bethel Center, my family, and me. My heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving.

I am thankful for the Bethel Center for welcoming, helping, and nurturing everyone. I am thankful for the Bethel children and youth, individuals, families, and senior citizens who come to the center regularly to participate in our programs and services.

I am thankful for the dedicated past and present Bethel board members, volunteers, committed staff, and **generous** donors. I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to each one of you from the bottom of my heart. I thank God and pray for you to find many reasons to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving season!

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of the Bethel ministry. Please continue to help us to touch more lives during the holiday season. The Bethel board, staff, and volunteers wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Homero, a junior at Wyandotte High School, has been part of Bethel since 1st grade! Starting as a volunteer and now a part-time staff member, he brings great energy and fun to our elementary program.



OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In October, the Bethel Pantry served a total of 1,059 individuals in our community, including 369 children and 117 senior citizens. This support reaches nearly 300 households, thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

We are always looking for additional donations, especially ethnic food items like rice, beans, and lentils, which are greatly appreciated. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact.

BE IN THE KNOW

NOV 27
Thanksgiving Meal at 6 p.m.

NOV 25- 29
After-school Thanksgiving Break

DEC 7
Bethel families Financial Literacy Training at 10 a.m.

DEC 14
Bethel Christmas Shop at 9 a.m.

STUDENT CORNER

Hau Leivang, Program Director

Halloween Week Festivities 🎃

Our students celebrated Halloween in style with a full week of festivities! Bethel transformed into a carnival-like atmosphere, featuring games, activities, and of course, plenty of candy. Students got to dress up in their favorite costumes, and we held a "Best Costume" contest, awarding prizes to the most creative and standout looks. The energy was high, with students laughing, competing, and making memories together. This celebration was a great way for students to express themselves, enjoy a sense of community, and simply have fun!

High School Trip to Downtown Kansas City, MO 🚆

Our high school students had the opportunity to explore downtown Kansas City, MO, in October. This trip began with a scenic walk down Main Street, followed by a ride on the streetcar – a first-time experience for some! The students also enjoyed a stop at Betty Rae's Ice Cream, where they shared laughs and tried unique, local flavors. This outing was not just about sightseeing; it was a valuable experience in building community and interpersonal skills. Students interacted with one another and the public, learning about local culture and connecting in a relaxed, engaging setting.

Each of these October activities helped us foster a positive and inclusive environment where students can thrive, connect with one another, and grow their worldview. Thank you for your support—you're making a difference in each child's experience. You are a blessing to us.

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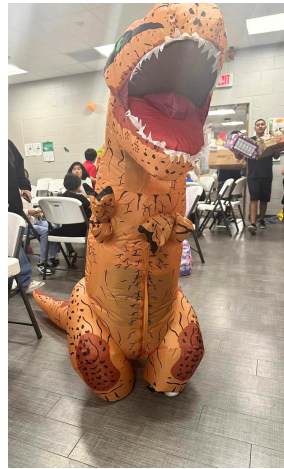
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PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Bethel's staff and volunteers, that we may serve with renewed hope, wellness, and strength as we offer the same to our community.
- We give thanks for our community, especially the families we serve, as we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. May they experience renewed joy, peace, and gratitude.
- Lift up Bethel's new Refugee Program initiatives and our growing partnerships, that together, we may meet the needs of those seeking support from us.
- Pray for our upcoming events, especially Bethel's Christmas Shop, that they may be a source of blessing to all who participate.

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