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Hella Bluhm-Stieber (President)
Mark Evashenk (President Elect)

**Fiscal Officer** *OPEN* 

**Communications Officer** 

Mary Thomas

**School Board Chair** 

Minnie Sudarsanam

**Ministry Liaison** 

Trish Cunningham

**Human Resources Advisor** 

Donna Kuester

**Project Manager Advisor** 

Victor Chinn

Youth Member at Large

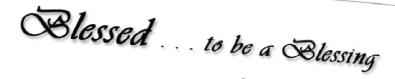
Hannah Lutke

**Member at Large** 

Dave Tribby

**Member at Large** 

OPEN



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2013-14 Ministry Guide

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### **MINISTRY LEADS**

**Tom Cole** 

**August Colandrea** 

### **Men of Monday**

### **Tom Cole**

A group of men who meet every Monday from 9am to 12pm to help maintain the church grounds. Meet in the Fireside Room.

### **BLS/Church Work Days**

### Tom Hoegel

This is a great opportunity for volunteers of all kinds of skill levels to help with church and school grounds projects. Look for days on bulletin and website.

### **Security**

### **Steve Emmert**

This is a group of volunteers who commit one week to help secure the Bethel grounds at night.



# Grounds Buildings

Men of Monday **BLS/Church Work Days** Security

### **FOREWORD**

This 2013 "Blessed to be a Blessing" Bethel Ministry Guide is designed to help you to find a ministry within the Bethel community and beyond that puts to use your God-given talents and skills.

Did you know that there are over 70 different ministry opportunities for you to participate inat Bethel? It takes all sorts of people and all kinds of talents to share God's Good News. There is room for everyone ... and there is always room for one more person, for one more opinion, one more faith perspective, once more voice, and one more pair of hands! This person could be you! This opinion, faith perspective, voice, or hand could be YOURS!

We invite you to check out this ministry guide and find ways to serve God by serving. All of the ministries at Bethel are open for new participants; although some of them (those for children and youth) may require you to follow Bethels' Safe Community Policy (available on the Bethel website at www.bethelcupertino.org/ insideBethel/BethelSafeCommunityPolicy.pdf.

Wishing you Christ's blessings in your life and shared ministry,

Rev. Dr. Gabriele Schroeder Trish Cunningham **Associate Pastor** 

Ministry Liaison **Church Council** 

Patricia Myerhottz Adult Ministry Coordinator **Bethel Staff** 

### **MINISTRY LEAD**

**OPEN** 

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Bethel Lutheran Church is

- to prayerfully **invite & welcome** people into a relationship with God,
- to **grow & equip** one another as devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and
- to **care for & serve** others empowered by the Holy Spirit.

### eNewsletter / Bulletins

### **Elise Holst**

Gathers and distributes information for the weekly church e-news (church newsletter e-mailed to all who want it once a week) and worship bulletins. Contact Elise if you want to receive the e-news or of you want a church event to be on the online Bethel calendar

### **Library Team**

### **Margaret Lund**

The Library Committee meets every Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm. Books, videos, DVD's, sermon tapes and other media are prepared on a weekly basis for circulation, and a yearly used book sale is held in the Spring. Not only is our library is a wonderful resource for teachers and students of all sages, our collection includes everything from the works of Luther to Christian romances. Want to help?

### **Membership Data**

### Liz Tribby

Using the congregation's Shepherd's Staff database to keep and update members records.

### Web Master

### **Dave Arnold**

Oversees development and upkeep of church website.

### **Technology Support**

Liz Tribby

**Brad Martinson** 

The technology support team oversees technology needs for the church and provides technology support as needed.

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# **Technology & Administration**

eNewsletter / Bulletins

**Library Team** 

**Membership Data** 

Web Master

**Technology Support** 

### **BE A BLESSING** | FIND YOUR MINISTRY

Kiesha R. Easley, "Highly Favored",

http://highly favored. affiliates help desk. com/2010/03/16/be-a-blessing-find-your-ministry/

In this blog post, Kiesha Easley, the author of a Christian inspirational blog which she calls "Highly Favored," gives tips for finding a ministry that truly reflects your gifts and calling.

When I heard the word "ministry" I used to think it was something that only a pastor had the authority to do. I thought ministering was synonymous with preaching a sermon. What I've learned of course, is that ministering means 'to serve others" to do something for another person that will help them or make their lives better for it. When it's applied to unbelievers, it's called missionary work.

If this is the case, that means anyone who has a heart to serve can minister. And ministry is more than evangelizing or sharing the Word; ministry can be anything you choose to do for others. Anything you do humbly and out of selflessness. If you decide to volunteer to clean the church's restroom – that's ministry: Janitorial ministry. If you choose to be the church's cameraman – that's ministry: audio/visual ministry.

So how do you know which ministry is right for you?

When I first joined my church, I attempted to sing in the choir. The only problem, I don't sing very well and it didn't feel natural to me. I knew it was important to be active in the church, but it really felt awkward and I didn't enjoy it. So eventually I quit.

I was still active and helped out where I could, but it wasn't until I was asked to start the church newsletter, that I finally felt like I was doing something that was right for me. I'm passionate about writing and it feels good to create something that other church members will read and enjoy – I knew I'd found my ministry.

I know this ministry is right for me because I don't even feel like myself when I put the white paint on my face, I feel a positive energy flowing through me and it's an inexplicable feeling. That's the gift of passion that

God gives us when we're doing what He called us to do. He anoints us and allows us to do things we are incapable of doing otherwise without Him. Just yesterday, I was so tired before I got to practice, I was exhausted and really didn't feel like it, but by the time I left, I felt revived and energized.

That's how you know when you've found your ministry, it's the joyful feeling in your heart that allows you to work and give your best without care of receiving any pay.

If you haven't found your ministry, there's one for you – there may actually be more than one. Look to the God-given gifts you have within you and start there.

If you haven't found a church to even begin the process of finding a ministry, I encourage you to pray about it, and then ask yourself a question – are you going to do your will or God's? Then make a choice that includes visiting a church on Sunday. Go and then discover what you can do to help – that's the first step in finding your ministry.

Then recently, I joined the new mime ministry, and I must say that this is a ministry that allows me to not only minister to others but to myself. It's hard to really explain what the mime ministry does. I guess we evoke emotions and set the atmosphere for the Pastor's message. We cause people to think about songs in a deeper way that allows God to speak to their hearts – that's the best that I can explain it.

### **MINISTRY LEAD**

**Brett Deutscher** 

### **Stewardship**

### **Brett Deutscher**

Plans Bethel's year-round stewardship efforts. .

### **Time & Talent**

### Patricia Myerholtz

Communicates weekly opportunities for members to use their time and talent.

### **Finance Committee**

### **Dave Tribby**

The Finance Committee works closely with the pastors and Bethel's Parish Administrator to monitor the congregation's income and spending, to develop the budget for the coming year, and to help provide sufficient funds for the ministry of the congregation.

### **Audit Committee**

### **Tony Stieber**

### **Kathy Arnold**

The Audit Committee undertakes the annual internal audit of the congregation's finances and makes recommendation on improving accounting practices.

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**Time & Talent** 

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**Audit Committee** 

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**Altar Guild** 

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White Breakfast

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# **Stewardship** Finance

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

Tom McAvoy Brian Schuette

### **Activity Bags**

### Jill Burkhart

Activity bags are provided for our younger children during worship. Volunteers replenish the bags with new activity worksheets for the upcoming service and also maintain the colored pencil sets. The commitment is approximately once every ten weeks and takes less than an hour to complete. A brief training is provided.

### **Altar Flower Donation Ministry**

### **Trish Cunningham**

Coordinates the donation of altar flowers and ensures that thanksgiving or memorial dedications are published in the Sunday bulletins.

### **Altar Guild**

### Lois Eid

### **Diane Stauffer**

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for worship and Holy Communion, an essential part of worship preparation. The types of tasks included are: setting-up and cleaning the silver service communion, maintaining the altar linens, purchase wine and grape, changing paraments when needed, checking candles, and stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday.

### **Audio-Visual Tech**

### Tom Hoegel

The Audio/Visual Team supports Sunday worship and all of Bethel's events with technology that enhances them through creative uses of sound and video. Volunteers are needed to run the sound and video systems when needed, as well as possibly helping with video projects as they come along. Learn how to run Media Shout (the software used for projecting worship content on the screens in the Sanctuary). After an initial training period and a period of "shadowing" experienced operators, volunteers can sign up for either worship service.

### **Ministry Fair**

### **Trish Cunningham**

### Patricia Myerholtz

On one Sunday early on in the fall, all of Bethel's many ministries invite you to come and check out their work. Maybe there is something you did not know yet about your church? Maybe there is a new way that you may be serving God's church and your neighbors? Using a fun theme the ministries set up booths with food and information.

### **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

### Patricia Myerholtz

Open to everyone! This energetic event brings together church members, school families, and our neighborhood at large. Snacks, fun games, and egg hunt for children of all ages. Saturday before Easter, 10am – noon.

### **Art Fair**

### **Sue Jacobus**

An annual art fair sponsored by Bethel Lutheran Church and School in the Spring that showcases works of the congregation and school along with art activities for the whole family.

### 4th of July Celebration

Patrice Sera

### **Sharon Parady**

Watch Cupertino's fireworks from Bethel's front lawn. Enjoy barbeque potluck (bring your own meat and dish to share) Streets close to traffic at 5:30pm. The event starts at 5:30 pm and ends around 10:30pm.

### **HOSPITALITY**

### **Receptions Coordinator**

### **OPEN**

Coordinates volunteers who help with receptions for weddings, memorial services, and special events.

### **Sunday at the Movies**

### **Carol Olson**

The group meets on the  $2_{nd}$  Sunday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm. Fellowship opportunity to watch a fun movie together for all ages in the Fireside Room.

### **Supper Club**

### **Laurie Bryson**

Small groups formed twice a year. These groups meet at each others' homes, restaurants, parks, etc. to enjoy fellowship and a meal with one another at least once a month. There are now **two kinds of supper clubs**: with and without children. A truly wonderful opportunity to have time and to get to know one another over food and beverages...even those which we don't serve on the Bethel campus.

### **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

### **2nd Sunday Picnics**

### **Mary Deutscher**

Open to all, but especially geared towards families with younger children. Get to know one another while playing, eating, and just hanging out together. Each 2nd Sunday of the month, 4:00-6:30pm on the Bethel school grounds (April through October, with a break during the colder part of the year).

### **Labor Day Retreat**

**Molly Schrey** 

### **Liz Barton**

Retreat at Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp during Labor Day Weekend. On the Sunday before Labor Day, Bethel's 10:30am worship is held at Mt. Cross. The retreat includes fun, prayer, fellowship, food, games, hikes, and more in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains (Felton).

### **Bell Choir**

### **Chris Hogan**

The hand bell choir performs about once a month at services; the choir meets for rehearsals on Sundays from 7:00-9:00 pm in the music room.

### **Deacons**

### Mark Evashenk

The Deacons of the Congregation are members of Bethel who assist the pastors in the worship service, in serving communion, and helping others in prayer. Training provided.

### Drama

### **Charlie Schrey**

### Molly Schrey

Looking for actors, writers, directors, producers, and tech support to provide topical live drama and/or videos to support worship lessons and sermons.

### **Greeters**

### Patricia Myerholtz

Sunday greeting, or "hosting", at Bethel involves a commitment to be in the narthex before and after the worship service; usually about four or five Sundays a year. Your purpose is to seek out and greet people you do not already know and, if they are "new" to Bethel, make every effort to assist them in having a memorable worship experience while they are at Bethel that day.

### Lectors

### Mark Evashenk

It is a great privilege to read God's Word at a worship service! We are grateful for the many volunteers that have taken that assignment and so enhanced worship at Bethel. God's Word holds the most important place at our public worship together with Holy Communion. You may sign up to lector at either service.

### Media Shout

### Elise Holst

Organizes media in cooperation with the pastors to be used for services.

### Nursery

### Amanda Laughlin

Volunteers who help run nursery during services and when needed.

### **Offering Counters**

### Liz Tribby

Sunday morning offerings are counted by two-member teams who record information on who gave how much to what fund, prepare the deposit, and take it to the bank. Each team counts one service on one Sunday a month.

### **Organist**

### **Melody Bast**

Plays organ for services.

### **All Bethel Choir** (previously: Sanctuary Choir, Adult Choir) **David Herberg**

Singers rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the sanctuary and sing two or three times per month as scheduled. All singers, experienced or not, are welcome to join!

### **Seraph Choir**

### Barbara Larsen

The Seraph Choir is for children, grades 2 through 6, who sing during some services. The choir meets on Sundays during the 10:30am, service beginning right after the kids' message, during the school year in the music room.

### **Sunday Coffee Hosts**

### **Tony Stieber**

This is a great group of volunteers who help make coffee for the Sunday coffee cart in the Welcome Zone. Please consider signing up for a Sunday twice a year (time commitment about 3 hours).

### **Ushers**

### Jeanine Woodell

Ushers are part of a system of greeters who are responsible for extending the hospitality of the congregation. The commitment is open-ended, much like singing in the choir. All that is needed is regular worship attendance and a willing person. No meetings are

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

Sue Jacobus co-lead position open

### **ONGOING EVENTS**

### **Bethel University**

**Hanna Lutke** 

Michael Schrey

College-age young adult group.

### Evergreens (55+)

**Shirley Gross** 

### Patricia Meyerholtz

The group meets every  $4_{\rm th}$  Thursday of the month from 10:30am to 12:00 noon.. Fellowship, food, adult education on life after 55 and Bible studies. Fireside room.

### **Fun with Faith**

### **Kathy Arnold**

All ages meet every Wednesday night from 6:15-8:15pm for fellowship, a light dinner, bible studies, life skills classes, kids programs, art classes, and more (late September through mid-May). Begins in Torvend Hall.

### **Out and About Adventures**

### **Molly Schrey**

Monthly outings for the congregation to enjoy using the Bethel bus. Recent events have included a trip to Monterey, wine tasting in Napa, museums, etc. Look for sign-up sheets in the church's narthex/entry.

### **Readers Anonymous**

### **Kathy Arnold**

Readers Anonymous is a fun group that gets together once a month to discuss a great book they are reading. For more information on upcoming meetings, please check the Sunday church bulletin.

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# Congregational Life

**Bethel University** 

Evergreens

**Family Fellowship** 

**2nd Sunday Picnics** 

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** 

**Fun with Faith** 

**Out and About Adventures** 

**Readers Anonymous** 

**Sunday at the Movies** 

**Supper Club** 

Art Fair

4th of July Celebration

**Labor Day Retreat** 

**Ministry Fair** 

held, however a brief training is provided. Sure, there are tasks to be done, like handing out bulletins and passing around the offering plates. However, the most rewarding part of the job is making people feel at home on Sunday mornings. More ushers are always welcome.

### Visual Arts/Décor

### open position

The Visual Arts and Décor team design, create and install visual displays relating to liturgical seasons. This group welcomes those with a visually creative-side to their spirituality.

### White Breakfast

### **Eleanor Incerpi**

Communion/breakfast served during Maundy Thursday in Torvend Hall from 9:30am to 12pm. The new command (Latin "mandatum novum," Maundy) given by Jesus that his disciples should love one another during the Last Supper sets the tone for this breakfast. Look for sign-ups in the weeks before Easter.

### **Worship Team**

### **Clayton Johnson**

The Bethel Worship Team welcomes more musicians to share their gifts in worship- singers or instrumentalists including guitar, drums, bass, piano, brass, woodwinds and strings. Bethel has a fantastic music program and welcomes interested musicians!

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# Children, Youth & Families

**Kid Connection / Sunday School** 

**First Communion Class** 

**First Bible Class** 

**2nd Sunday Picnics** 

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** 

**Seraph Choir** 

Wildside (6th-8th grade)

7th-8th grade Confirmation

9th Grade Confirmation/ "Affirmation of Baptism"

**Common Ground** 

Youth Mission to Mexico

Senior High Fellowship

**SOAR** 

### **Bethel's Invitational Annual Track Meet**

School Office (408) 252-8512

Children in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to compete in field and track events at this event on the Cupertino High School Field.

### **Special Events and Programs**

Our students and staff invite you to:

- Wednesday Morning Student-Led Chapel Worship at 9:00-9:30am
- **Bethel Family and Friends Day** October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-Noon
- Christmas Programs: Elementary on December 18, 2013 and Preschool on Dec. 20th
- Parenting Evenings

### Bethel Lutheran School Walkathon- October 19, 2013

**School Office** (408) 252-8512

Come for fun and to bid on our auction items. We would appreciate any items or services you can provide for our auction!

### Box Tops and Labels for Education-Coke Bottle Caps and Cans Too!

Your pantry is full of products that can earn money for our school! Take a look, cut them out, and deposit them in the envelope on the ministry bulletin board.

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

Marion Abney Minnie Sudarsanam

### **Bethel Lutheran School's Mission Statement**

Bethel Lutheran School is a Christian school whose mission is to actively engage students in a strong academic and enrichment curriculum with the goal of developing the fundamental skills and unique talents of each student. Our experienced staff, along with dynamic programs, encourage faith development, increased self-confidence, creative expression, and compassion for others.

Bethel Lutheran School offers an excellent program of academics and enrichment classes for students in preschool through  $5_{\rm th}$  grade. Our Christian values are reflected in the way our staff and students work, pray and serve together. Our students graduate and transfer to other schools fully prepared to lead and succeed. Come for a tour and discover all that Bethel Lutheran School has to offer! 408-252-8512

### **BLS/Church Workdays**

### Tom Hoegel

All ages are welcome. Scheduled in the fall, winter, and spring.

### **Adult Conversational English Classes**

### Marion Abney

Meet other English language learners and improve your English skills.

### "Kids First" Annual Fund

### Minnie Sudarsanam

You have an opportunity to support the mission and ministry of our school through this fund

### **Elementary Afterschool Program**

**School Office** (408) 252-8512

This program is offered from 3:00-6:00pm for all JK-5<sub>th</sub> grade children no matter what school they attend. Homework room, snack, and special classes (chess, science, soccer, computers) are scheduled.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADS**

Corinne Devine Patrice Sera

### **First Communion Class**

### Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

Introduces children and their families to the meaning, significance, and practice of Holy Communion ("what, why, who, how") and its place in the spiritual life of families. Offered in the Spring. Grades 3 and up.

### **First Bible Class**

### **Pastor Gabriele Schroeder**

Members of the Bethel community teach this class and share with children and their families on their love for Scripture. Children are introduced to the place of Bible study in the spiritual life of Christians. Offered in the Fall as needed. Grade 2 and up.

### **Kid Connection**

### Amanda Laughlin

Sunday school for children, preschool through grade 6. Meets in Torvend Hall at 9:15am.

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

### **Amanda Laughlin**

Vacation Bible School for children, preschool through grade 6. Week-long adventure full of Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, and more during the summer.

### **2nd Sunday Picnics**

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### **YOUTH MINISTRY LEADS**

Tom Hoegel (Bethel Youth Director)
Marianne Nadell
Mark Evashenk

### Wildside (6th-8th grade)

### **Carol Wheaton**

Fun, Faith, and Fellowship events for  $6_{\rm th}$ ,  $7_{\rm th}$  and  $8_{\rm th}$  graders include a fall retreat, winter ski trip, Rock and Water, and other events throughout the year.

### 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

### Robyn Winegardner

### **Pastor Gabriele Schroeder**

Confirmation is designed to be inviting and have a friendly, fun, challenging and exciting atmosphere. This evening program shatters the "church is boring" stereotype and helps teenagers celebrate God's presence in their lives. It is filled with laughter, antics, videos, singing, dramas, a message and small groups that will challenge middle school students toward spiritual maturity. Confirmation classes typically meet on Sunday mornings, September to May, 9:00am-10:30. Occasionally, longer classes are scheduled.

### 9th Grade Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

### Susan Leavitt

### Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

Affirmation of Baptism is the last year of Confirmation studies. It builds upon what the students have learned during their first two years and helps them discover more ways in which to seek God and to affirm their faith. During AoB, students create a Faith Statement that is shared on Confirmation Sunday with the congregation. AoB classes typically meet on Sundays from 9:15-10:30am.

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### **Sunshine Team**

### **Gail Backo**

### Patricia Myerholtz

The Sunshine Team volunteers who work closely with the pastors in sending of cards to encourage, welcome, and celebrate. Weekly.

### **Visitor Follow-Up**

### Patricia Myerholtz

The visitor follow-up ministry sends out welcome cards and information to current visitors.

### **Common Ground**

### Katlynn Hoegel

### Tom Hoegel

Common Ground is a dynamic Sr. High music and drama traveling ministry at Bethel that has been going strong for close to 30 years. It involves about 35 high school students meeting once a week from February to June, and then we take a 10-day tour of the western United States (by bus) presenting a Christ-centered message of hope through original dramas, cutting-edge music, a breathtaking youth band, bold sharing of personal experiences, and infectious joy.

### **Mission to Mexico**

### Tom Hoegel

Each spring break, a group of youth travel to Tijuana, Mexico to join forces with Esperanza International, or "Hope", an organization that works to build houses, schools and centers for the local community. We work side by side with low-income families and the Esperanza staff-mixing concrete, pouring tiles and beams, digging trenches, and a host of other challenging work. In the process, families learn the building process, which helps make their community more self-sufficient, and Bethel volunteers practice their Spanish, and touch the lives of our neighbors south of the border. These three days of work, laughter, growth and fun lead to changed lives on both sides of the border.

### **Senior High Fellowship**

### Tom Hoegel

Just about every Wednesday night during the school year, the high school youth meet up for a mixture of topical discussion, fellowship, food, and fun. Each week is something new. Sign up on the youth website to get weekly notices about upcoming events. blcyouth.com

### **Bethel University**

**Hanna Lutke** 

Michael Schrey

College-age young adult group.

### **SOAR**

### **Patrice Sera**

"Helping all reach new heights" This new special needs ministry is coming soon. Participating in it is guaranteed to change your life forever! Watch out for more information over the next few months.

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# Discipleship

Education

**Adult Education** 

**Fun With Faith** 

**Sunday Morning Bible** 

Study

Men's Night Out

Martha Bible Study

**New Member Reception** 

Priscilla Bible Study

Saturday Women's

**Bible Study** 

Women of Wednesday

Women's Retreat

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

Joanne Stensaas Sharon Parady

### **Altar Flower Delivery**

### **Patricia Meyerholtz**

Bethel community.

Altar flower delivery's Sunday afternoon volunteer arranges Bethel's altar arrangement into three to five smaller bouquets. The recipients list is provided by Pastor Ken Bancroft and left in the Sacristy. Volunteers not only deliver beautiful flowers and the worship bulletin, but most importantly, caring conversation and an ongoing link to our

### **Home Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

### **Pastor Ken**

This is a group of specially trained Lay Eucharistic Ministers who carry the sacrament to those parishioners who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to come to church to receive communion.

### **Prayer Chain**

**Pastor Ken** 

### Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

Contact any of the pastors to initiate a prayer chain.

### **Stephen Ministry**

### Pastor Ken

Meets every  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{st}}$  and  $\mathbf{3}_{\text{rd}}$  Tuesday of the month in the Fireside Room from 7:00-9:30pm. A caring ministry that is available for all who feel the need for extra support during trials of life. Training sessions are provided as needed for those who would like to become Stephen Ministers.

### **Hospitality & Welcome**

### Patricia Myerholtz

Volunteers who welcome worship visitors and make them feel welcome at Bethel.

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# e Ministries

**Altar Flower Delivery** 

**Home Lay Eucharistic Ministers** 

**Prayer Chain** 

**Stephen Ministry** 

Hospitality

**Sunshine Team** 

Visitor Follow-Up

### **MINISTRY LEAD**

Kathy Arnold

### **Adult Education**

### Kathy Arnold

Works with the pastors in engaging the congregation in adult education.

### **Men's Night Out**

### Sam Sudarsanam

This group invites all men to learn more about God's relevance in their lives and to give each other support. The group meets once a month on Mondays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Youth Room.

### **Martha Bible Study**

### **Carol Hildebrand**

Women's Bible study group that meets the  $2_{nd}$  Monday of each month in the Fireside Room from 12:15-2:00pm. Bring a lunch.

### **New Member Classes**

### Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

Provides new member classes as needed.

### **Priscilla Bible Study**

**Delores Koser** (Sunny View Lutheran Home)

The Priscilla Bible Study group meets at Sunny View Lutheran Home every  $3_{rd}$  Tuesday of the month 9:30-11:30am.

### **Saturday Women's Bible Study**

### **Natalie Rogerson**

The Saturday Women's Bible Study group meets on the  $3_{rd}$  Saturday of every month in the library from 9:30-10:30am.

### Women of Wednesday (WOW)

### **Kathryn Montano**

The Women of Wednesday meet every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am in the Fireside Room. Enjoy food, fellowship, prayer, and bible study.

### **Women's Retreat**

### **Pastor Gabriele Schroeder**

Great opportunities in the spring or fall for women to connect with each other and spend time with God. There are always great activities and food. Look for sign-up sheets Sunnyvale Fish Lois Brouillette

www.sunnyvalefish.org

The Lord's Pantry
Lois Brouillette

www.lordspantry.com

West Valley Community Services
Dale Jones
www.wvcommunityservices.org

### **New Life Band**

### **Lois Brouillette**

The New Life Band serves the youth of Tanzania through youth camps, school visits, conferences and concerts, and also through their new secondary school and vocational training Center in Arusha, Tanzania. www.newlifeband.net

### **Mount Cross Lutheran Camp**

Holly Lofgren

www.mtcross.org

### Quilters

Anna Hoegel

**Ordetta Hovland** 

The Bethel quilters create and send hundreds of quilts locally and all over the world all year. Meets every Monday from 9:15am to 12 pm in the Fireside Room.

### **San Jose Family Shelter**

**Patrice Sera** 

**Chris Freckmann** 

www.sjfamilyshelter.org

### **Second Harvest Food Bank**

Laurie Bryson

www.shfd.org

### **Service Worship**

**Lois Brouillette** 

Throughout the year, there are opportunities where worship will be in service to others and the community. On these Sundays, we begin with an abbreviated worship service at 10:30am and then go forth in service for the day. Watch for dates for this important ministry.

### **Sunnyview Auxiliary**

Eleanor Incerpi

www.sunny-view.org

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Genesis 12:2



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Mission & Service

The following list of outreach & service ministries contains information on both

- outside organizations that we actively support either by providing funds for their work or through our hands-on support and
- outreach & service ministry done within the Bethel community itself.

For outside organization, a Bethel contact and web address are provided, for Bethel's ministries the name(s) and contact information of ministry leaders as well as a description are provided.

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

Lois Brouillette Dale Jones

### **Adult Mission to Mexico**

Tom Hoegel

www.esperanza.org

### **Advent Group Ministries**

Dale Jones www.adventgm.com

### **Altar Flower Delivery**

Patricia Myerholtz

Delivery of altar flowers to those in need on Sunday.

### **Bread for the World**

Lois Brouillette www.bread.org

### **Crop Walk**

**Lois Brouillette** 

www.churchworldservice.org

### **Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy**

**Chris Christensen** 

www.cicministries.org

### **First Immanuel Clothes Closet**

**Lois Brouillette** 

www.firstimmanuel.org

### **Habitat for Humanity**

**Dale Jones** 

www.habitat.org

### **Help One Child**

**Lois Brouillette** 

www.helponechild.org

### Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Fair Trade

**Lois Brouillette** 

www.lwr.org/fairtrade

### Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,

**Lois Brouillette** 

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania, was started by Pastor Godbless Mamkwe and his wife, Neema, to serve the AIDS orphans in their area. The school has both a preschool and primary school. 70% of the 200 students are AIDS orphans on scholarship.

### MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS)

**Lois Brouillette** 

The MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) is a residential high school (Forms 1-6) for young women from pastoral tribes, such as Maasai, located in Monduli, Tanzania. Funding and scholarships for the school are administered by Operation Bootstrap Africa. www.bootstrapafrica.org/mglss.php

### **Mission to Tanzania**

**Lois Brouillette** 

From time to time, members of Bethel have organized trips to aid with mission work in Tanzania.