

**I AM** *staying in the boat*



**2014-15 Ministry Guide**

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## **FOREWORD**

This 2014 “I Am Staying in the Boat” 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 80 (!) different ministry opportunities for you to participate in at 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](http://www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/BethelSafeCommunityPolicy.pdf)).

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

*Rev. Dr. Gabriele Schroeder*  
Associate Pastor

*Trish Cunningham*  
Ministry Liaison  
Church Council

*Patricia Myerhoffs*  
Adult Ministry  
Coordinator  
Bethel Staff

## **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.

# **YOU ARE GIFTED FOR THE COMMON GOOD!**

by LaVinnia Pierson

*“To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit  
for the common good.”*

*1 Corinthians 12:7*

This ministry guide is filled with suggested opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents for the common good. How far does the “common good” extend? That is for you to decide! These ministry opportunities take us from ourselves to our church community, to our local community, and to the world.

This booklet is a guide to ministries within our congregation and outside our congregation. You may have other ideas as well. The important thing is that you find a place to get involved and use your gifts for the sake of the church and for the sake of the world.

Finding the right ministry area will help you grow in faith in God through service. We each have unique God given spiritual gifts that are shaped by our passions, abilities, personalities, and life experience.

You are invited to check out the ministries listed in this book and find ways to serve God through service to others. For more information on any of these service areas, contact Pastor Gabi, and ministry contacts listed. In addition, LaVinnia Pierson will be offering a Fun with Faith class called “You are Gifted” in September. There will be more information to come on how to discover and use your spiritual gifts.

One Spiritual Gift inventory for self discovery is found at the following link:[www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Assessment-Tools](http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Assessment-Tools)

Serving with you,

*LaVinnia Pierson*

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All Bethel Choir  
Altar Flower Dedication Ministry  
Altar Guild  
Audio-Visual Tech  
Children's Activity Bags  
Children's Choir  
Deacons  
Drama  
Greeters  
Handbell Choir  
Lectors  
Media Shout  
Nursery  
Offering Counters  
Organist  
Sunday Coffee Hosts  
Ushers  
Visual Arts/Décor  
White Breakfast  
Worship Team

## Worship & Music

## **MINISTRY LEADS**

**Tom McAvoy**

**Brian Schuette**

**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!*

**Altar Flower Dedication Ministry**

**Trish Cunningham**

*The Ministry of flowers is an important part of the Sunday Service at Bethel. Flowers beautify the sacred spaces of our church, and are a gift to God and those who attend the services. Flowers can be dedicated to commemorate a special event or to remember a loved one. Donated flowers are then taken to home-bound parishioners after the Sunday services. If you would like to donate and dedicate flowers, please sign up in the entry. The cost is \$30 to donate and dedicate flowers. We need two donations each week to supplement the cost. Dedications are published in the Sunday bulletins.*

**Altar Guild**

**Lois Eid**

**Judy Johnson**

*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.

### **Children’s 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.

### **Children’s Choir**

**Barbara Larsen**

The Children’s Choir is for children, grades 1 through 6, who sing during some services. The choir meets on Sundays during the 10:45am, service beginning right after the kids’ message, during the school year in the music room. **Attention adults:** we occasionally have a need for substitute accompanists.

### **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.*

### **Handbell Choir**

#### **Chris Hogan**

*The handbell choir performs about once a month at services; the choir meets for rehearsals on Sundays from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Music Education Room.*

### **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.*

## **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 2 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 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. Anyone that welcomes the opportunity to be active and helpful during the worship service. Works every Sunday for one month every fourth month (example Jan, April, August).

## **Visual Arts/Décor**

### **Liz Barton**

*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

Children's Choir

First Bible Class

First Communion Class

4th-6th Grade Activities

Kid Connection (Sunday School)

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation/  
"Affirmation of Baptism"

Common Ground

Senior High Fellowship

Youth Mission to Mexico

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADS**

Corinne Devine

Patrice Sera

### **Children's Choir**

Barbara Larsen

*(for description see "Worship & Music")*

### **First Bible Class**

Amanda Laughlin

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. Grades 3 and up.*

### **First Communion Class**

Amanda Laughlin

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.*

### **4th-6th Grade Activities**

Jill Burkhart

Bob Burkhart

*This is a brand-new ministry, still lacking a final name. Jill & Bob will host social activities for children in grades 4-6 (e.g., games, outings, and much more) for them to get to know each other better. Watch out for more information to come.*

### **Kid Connection (Sunday School)**

Amanda Laughlin

*Sunday school for children, preschool through grade 6. Meets in Torvend Hall at 9:50am.*

### **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.*

## **YOUTH MINISTRY LEADS**

Tom Hoegel (Bethel Youth Director)

Marianne Nadell

Mark Evashenk

### **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, 9:45-10:45am. 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 9:45:10:45am in the Fall.*

### **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.*

## **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](http://blcyouth.com)*

## **Youth 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.*

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# Education & Discipleship

Fun With Faith Program

Library Team

Martha Bible Study

Men's Night Out

New Member Classes

Saturday Women's Bible Study

SOAR Special Needs Ministry

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Women of Wednesday



## **MINISTRY LEAD**

Kathy Arnold

### **Fun with Faith Program**

**Kathy Arnold**

*All ages meet on Wednesday night from 6:15-8:00pm for a light dinner, fellowship, Bible studies, life skills classes, art classes, and more (late September through mid-February). Begins in Torvend hall and continues in different campus locations.*

### **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 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?*

### **Martha Bible Study**

**Vera Edstrom**

*Women's Bible study group that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the Fireside Room from 12:15-2:00pm. Bring a lunch.*

### **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.*

### **New Member Classes**

**Pastor Gabriele Schroeder**

*Provides new member classes as needed.*

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

**Natalie Rogerson**

*The Saturday Women's Bible Study group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month in the library from 9:30-10:30am.*

### **SOAR Special Needs Ministry**

**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.*

### **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**

**Kathy Arnold**

**Pastor Gabi**

*Adult Bible study on Sundays at 9:55am in the Fireside Room. In 2014-15, the curriculum will be based on Ray Vander Laan's "Faith Lessons" DVD series and discussion guides, beginning with the Old Testament and moving to the New Testament.*

### **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)**

**Cindy Arnett**

*We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.  
[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)*

### **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.*

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**LOCAL.** Advent Group Ministries  
CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions  
Chaplaincy, Inc.)

Crop Walk

Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter

Family Supportive Housing

First Immanuel Clothes Closet

Habitat for Humanity

Help One Child

iSERVE Worship

The Lord's Pantry

Mount Cross Ministries

Quilters

Second Harvest Food Bank

Sunny View Auxiliary

Sunnyvale FISH Junque Sale

West Valley Community Services

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

**NATIONAL.** Bread for the World Offering of Letters

iSERVE Worship

LWR Fair Trade

Quilters

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

**INTERNATIONAL.** Adult Mission to Mexico

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,

iSERVE Worship

MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School,

Mission to Tanzania

New Life Band

Quilters

Mission & Service

The following list of outreach & service ministries contains information on

- **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 .

## **LOCAL**

### **Advent Group Ministries**

Dale Jones    [www.adventgm.com](http://www.adventgm.com)

### **CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Inc.)**

Chris Christensen    [www.cicministries.org](http://www.cicministries.org)

### **Crop Walk**

Lois Brouillette

[hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop\\_bayarea](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_bayarea)

### **Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter**

Alice Isaacson (for volunteering in May)

Dale Jones (for 3rd Sunday Dinners)

*Empowering homeless motivated men. Every third Sunday of the month, Bethel prepares and serves dinner for the men at the faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter. 5 people are needed to prepare and serve the meal. During the month of may, we host 15 homeless men at our Stelling campus. Volunteers are needed in May to cook dinners about 14 nights, shop for breakfast items and brown bag lunches, and do laundry for the men's linens.*

[www.faithinactionsv.org](http://www.faithinactionsv.org)

## **Family Supportive Housing**

Patrice Sera

Chris Freckmann

[www.familysupportivehousing.org](http://www.familysupportivehousing.org)

## **First Immanuel Clothes Closet**

Angela Brown     [www.sjcome.org/](http://www.sjcome.org/)

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Dale Jones     [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

## **iSERVE Worship**

Lois Brouillette

*Throughout the year, there are opportunities where worship will be in service to others in our local community. Watch for dates for this important ministry.*

## **Help One Child**

Lois Brouillette     [www.helponechild.org](http://www.helponechild.org)

## **The Lord's Pantry**

Lois Brouillette     [ww.lordspantrygdlcsj.com](http://ww.lordspantrygdlcsj.com)

## **Mount Cross Ministries**

Holly Lofgren     [www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)

## **Quilters**

Donna Cole

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.*

## **Second Harvest Food Bank**

Lois Brouillette     [www.shfd.org](http://www.shfd.org)

## **Sunny View Auxiliary**

Eleanor Incerpi     [www.sunny-view.org](http://www.sunny-view.org)

## **Sunnyvale FISH Junque Sale**

Lois Brouillette     [www.sunnyvalefish.org](http://www.sunnyvalefish.org)

## **West Valley Community Services**

Dale Jones     [www.wvcommunityservices.org](http://www.wvcommunityservices.org)

## **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)**

**Cindy Arnett**

*(see description under "Education & Discipleship")*

## **NATIONAL**

### **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**

**Lois Brouillette**

Bread for the World is a non-partisan Christian advocacy organization that aims at putting an end to hunger in the world. Each year, the organization picks a focus and provides training resources for its annual "Offering of Letters" campaign and invites people of faith to write letters to their political representatives. After the campaign, Bread for the World representatives follow up with the in-person visits to members of the US Congress.

[www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

### **iSERVE Worship**

**Lois Brouillette**

*(see description under "local")*

### **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**

**Lois Brouillette**    [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

### **Quilters**

**Donna Cole**

**Ordetta Hovland**

*(see description under "local")*

## **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)**

**Cindy Arnett**

*(see description under "Education & Discipleship")*

# **INTERNATIONAL**

## **Esperanza International**

Tom Hoegel

Adult Mission to Mexico (Fall) Youth Mission to Mexico (Spring)

[www.esperanzaint.org](http://www.esperanzaint.org)

## **Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,**

Lois Brouillette

*Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania, serves AIDS orphans in its area. The school has both a preschool and primary school. 70% of the 200 students are AIDS orphans on scholarship.*

## **iSERVE Worship**

Lois Brouillette

*(see description under "local")*

## **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](http://www.bootstrapafrica.org/mglss.php)*

## **Mission to Tanzania**

Lois Brouillette

*Bethel financially supports several ministries in Tanzania. In the past, Bethel members have visited Tanzania on a few occasion. The hope is to renew this relationship through more trips.*

## **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](http://www.newlifeband.net)*

## **Quilters**

Donna Cole

Ordetta Hovland

*(see description under "local")*

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# Care Ministries

- Altar Flower Delivery
- Hospitality & Welcome
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Prayer BYTES
- Prayer List
- Stephen Ministry
- Sunshine Team
- Visitor Follow-Up



## **MINISTRY LEADS**

Joanne Stensaas  
Sharon Parady

### **Altar Flower Delivery**

**Patricia Myerholtz**

*Altar flower delivery's Sunday afternoon volunteer arranges Bethel's altar arrangement into three to five smaller bouquets. The recipients list is provided by Patricia Myerholtz 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 Bethel community.*

### **Hospitality & Welcome**

**Patricia Myerholtz**

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

### **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 BYTES**

**Robyn Winegardner**

*Subscribe to receive daily bits/bytes of Bethel's prayer list via email.*

### **Prayer List**

**Pastor Gabi**

*Please share prayer concerns through the caring connections cards in person, on the phone or during worship with any of the pastors or with Patricia Myerholtz. Pastor Gabi maintains Bethel's weekly PUBLIC prayer list, used in eNewsletters and bulletins. Contact any of the pastors with PRIVATE prayer concerns.*

**Stephen Ministry****Pastor Ken**

*Meets every 2nd Monday 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.*

**Sunshine Team****Patricia Myerholtz****Joanne Stensaas****Sharon Parady****Barbara Misch**

*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.*

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**BLS/Church Workdays**

**Bethel Lutheran School Volunteers**

**Adult Conversational English Classes**

**“Kids First” Annual Fund**

**Elementary Afterschool Program**

**Special Events and Programs**

**Bethel’s Invitational Annual Track Meet**

**Bethel Lutheran School Walkathon- October 19**

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

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Bethel Lutheran School**

## **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<sup>th</sup> 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. Engraved bricks will again be sold.*

### **Elementary Afterschool Program**

School Office (408) 252-8512

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

## **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*
- **Christmas Programs:** *Elementary on December 17, 2014 and Preschool on Dec. 19th*
- *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.*

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- *Leave a review of Bethel Lutheran School on YELP (parents, grandparents, volunteers, alumni, etc.). The more reviews we get, the better!*
- *Library Assistance.*
- *Computer/Technology Trouble shooting.*
- *Share your experience and talents with our students.*
- *Recommend Bethel Lutheran School to your family, friends, and work associates.*
- *Assist with 50th Anniversary celebrations.*

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## Congregational Life

Art Fair

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Evergreens (55+)

4th of July Celebration

Fun with Faith Program

Labor Day Retreat

Ladies' Night Out

Ministry Fair

Out 'n About Adventures

Readers Anonymous

Sunday at the Movies

Supper Clubs

## **MINISTRY LEADS**

**Sue Jacobus**  
co-lead Open

### **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.*

### **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.*

### **Evergreens (55+)**

**Shirley Gross**

**Patricia Myerholtz**

*Devotions, guest speakers, bus trips, bingo, lunch, socializing, and sharing with friends. The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:30am to 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room.*

### **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.*

### **Fun with Faith Program**

**Kathy Arnold**

*(for description see "Education & Discipleship")*

## **Labor Day Retreat**

**Molly Schrey**

**Liz Barton**

**Holly Lofgren**

*Retreat at Mt. Cross Camp during Labor Day Weekend. On the Sunday before Labor Day, Bethel's 10:45am worship is held at Mt. Cross. The retreat includes fun, prayer, fellowship, food, games, hikes, and more in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains (Felton).*

## **Ladies' Night Out**

**Angela Brown**

*Three to four times a year, ladies are invited to gather for an evening of fellowship and fun. We meet at local restaurants, homes or businesses for a couple of hours to connect, encourage, and uplift each other. Friends are always welcome to join us. We hope to see you at our next event!*

## **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.*

## **Out 'n 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.*



## **Sunday at the Movies**

### **Open**

*The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Clubs**

### **Open**

*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 **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.*

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# Finance & Stewardship

Audit Committee

Endowment Committee

Finance Committee

Stewardship Committee

Time & Talent

## **MINISTRY LEAD**

Brett Deutscher  
Scott Anderson

## **Audit Committee**

**Tony Stieber**

**Kathy Arnold**

**Kathryn Montano**

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

## **Endowment Committee**

**Open**

*Invests and manages the Bethel Endowment Fund for the long-term benefit of the ministry of our congregation.*

## **Finance Committee**

**Eric Brown**

*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.*

## **Stewardship Committee**

**Brett Deutscher**

**Scott Anderson**

*Working alongside pastoral staff, the stewardship team works to engage all members to cheerfully use the gifts of time, energy and finances which God has entrusted to them.*

## **Time & Talent**

**Patricia Myerholtz**

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

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## Technology & Administration

eNewsletter / Bulletins

Membership Data

Receptions Coordinator

Technology Support

Webmaster

## **MINISTRY LEAD**

*Open*

### **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.*

### **Membership Data**

**Liz Tribby**

*Uses the congregation's Shepherd's Staff database to keep and update members records, e.g. emails, phone numbers, attendance, baptisms.*

### **Receptions Coordinator**

**Sandie Hersh**

*Helps to coordinate food for Bethel-sponsored events.*

### **Technology Support**

**Liz Tribby**

**Brad Martinson**

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

### **Webmaster**

**Dave Arnold**

*Our website provides a comprehensive and current view of the activities at Bethel for visitors and members alike. The webmaster oversees development and upkeep of the website content.*

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# Buildings & Grounds

Men of Monday

School/Church Work Days

Security Volunteers

## **MINISTRY LEADS**

Tom Cole

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### **Men of Monday**

Tom Cole

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

### **School/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 Volunteers**

Steve Emmert

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

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## Church Council

### **MINISTRY LEADS**

**Mark Evashenk** (President)

**Nick Arnett** (President Elect)

### **Fiscal Officer**

Eric Brown

### **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**

Leah Thomas

### **Member at Large**

Dave Tribby

### **Member at Large**

Robyn Winegardner