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2015-16 Ministry Guide

Bethel Lutheran Church, Cupertino



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FOREWORD

This 2015 Ministry Guide is designed to serve as a companion to Bethel's upcoming new pictorial directory. Together, both tools help facilitate fellowship and ministry within the Bethel community and beyond – the directory by providing photos, names, and contact information and this “Love God. Love People. Share Jesus” Ministry Guide by introducing you to the amazing ministries led by members of the Bethel community. The specific purpose of this guide is to link participants to ministry opportunities

Did you know that there are nearly 100 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 Bethel's 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
Pastor of Worship & Discipleship

Marianne Nadell
Ministry Liaison, Church Council

Rev. Ben Bergren
Lead Pastor

Patricia Myerholtz
Adult Ministry Coordinator

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Bethel Lutheran Church is

to prayerfully **invite & welcome**

people into a relationship with God,

to **grow & equip** one another

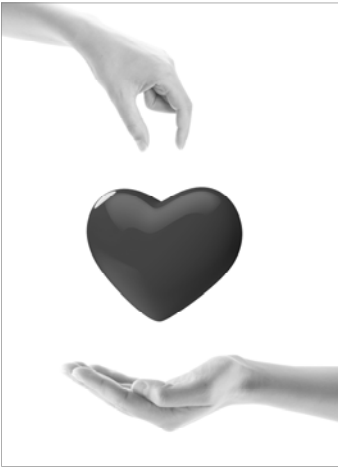
as devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and

to **care for & serve** others

empowered by the Holy Spirit.

BE A BLESSING | FIND YOUR MINISTRY

Sometimes, pastors get asked, “So when did you first feel the call to ministry?” While that’s an interesting question, it falsely implies that ministry is something that only pastors do. But ... is “ministering” really synonymous with preaching a sermon or with presiding at Holy Communion? No! Ministering means “to serve others.” Ministering to someone means doing something for other people that will help them or improve their quality of life.



Ministry is more than evangelizing or sharing the Word; ministry can be anything we choose to do for others. Anything we do humbly and out of selflessness. If we decide to volunteer to fix the church’s restroom – that’s ministry: handyman ministry. If we choose to operate the sound on Sunday mornings – that’s ministry: audio/visual ministry. But - how do you know which ministry is right for you?

At Bethel’s annual Ministry Fair, you may have met many ministry leads who were eager to share with you about their

particular area of service. “Have you ever thought about joining the choir?” “Help us fix the campus on Mondays!” “Won’t you help us serve breakfast at the family shelter!” “Quilting is so much fun; you’ll enjoy it!” Which one of these many service opportunities is right for you?

Should you sing in the choir? Should you join the Men of Monday? Yes, you know that both are important to our congregation and could always use more participants, but you know that singing in public causes you to stress out or that you have “two left hands”. So maybe the choir and the Men of Monday are not right. But what is? Keep asking and trying out new things ... until you find the ministry that is right for you.

This is 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.

Rev. Gabriele Schroeder



- All Bethel Choir
- Altar Flower Dedication Ministry
- Altar Guild
- Audio-Visual Tech
- Children's Activity Bags
- Children's Choir
- Deacons
- 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 juice, 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.

Greeters

Patricia Myerholtz

Sunday greeting, or “hosting”, at Bethel involves a commitment to be in the church entry/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, and prepare the deposit. Each team counts one service on one Sunday a month.

Organist

Melody Bast

Plays organ for services. Contact Melody, if you play an instrument or are a vocalist able to sing solos. She loves working with musicians to make our worship services more beautiful!

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 at Bethel fill the important role of extending hospitality to the congregation. You are one of the first people our visitors see and are the first impression of our church. Like welcoming friends into your home, you are the host or hostess, and each person coming to worship is your special guest. Your warm greeting and pleasant smile will help foster a sense of belonging, even for a newcomer. The commitment is open-ended. Key tasks include greeting visitors, 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. We can always use more ushers! Consider signing up with a spouse, as a family, or with a friend. Anyone who welcomes the opportunity to be active and helpful during the worship service is invited to join our team.

Time commitment: *No regular meetings are held. However, a brief training is provided. You would be expected to serve as an usher 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 invites all musicians to share their gifts in our 10:45 band-led (“contemporary”) worship services — singers or instrumentalists including guitar, drums, bass, piano, brass, woodwinds, and strings. Bethel has a fantastic music program and welcomes all interested musicians! We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30.



Children, Youth & Families

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Children's Choir

First Bible Class

First Communion Class

Kid Connection (Sunday School)

3rd-6th Grade Youth Group

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

7th-8th grade Confirmation

**9th Grade Confirmation/
"Affirmation of Baptism"**

Common Ground

Senior High Fellowship

Youth Mission to Mexico

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADS

Patrice Sera

Angela Brown

Children's Choir

Barbara Larsen

(for description see "Worship & Music")

First Bible Class

Amanda Laughlin

Pastor Ben Bergren

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 Ben Bergren

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.

Kid Connection (Sunday School)

Amanda Laughlin

"Living Inside Out – Where Kids Dare to Live Their Faith". Children embark on a spiritual journey that's relational, experiential, applicable, and learner-based. Meets in Torvend Hall on Sundays from 9:50-10:40am.

3rd-6th Grade Youth Group

Jill Burkhart

Bob Burkhart

Meet quarterly for fun outings swim parties, movies, bowling, pumpkin carving, and more.

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 Ben Bergren

Confirmation is a two year program exposing the youth to Luther's Small Catechism one year and the Bible on the alternating year.

7th/8th grade confirmation prepares youth for their Affirmation of Baptism in 9th grade. It is designed to be inviting and have a friendly, hands-on, sometimes challenging approach to Lutheran teachings and God's Word. It has a discussion format with an environment that is safe to ask questions, not agree with the answers, wonder what it all means and laugh, we do a lot of laughing. It is intended to enhance what parents and families have already given their children not replace it. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child through conversation and prayer and asking questions as their spiritual maturity starts to take shape. Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings September through May at Bethel from 9:45am-10:45am with "mini-retreats" on site every second Sunday of the month meeting 8:30am-1:30pm adding worship and service to the time spent together.

9th Grade Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

Susan Leavitt

Pastor Ben Bergren

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

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.



Education & Discipleship

Fun With Faith Program

Library Team

Martha Bible Study

Men's Night Out

New Member Classes

Saturday Women's Bible Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Women of Wednesday

MINISTRY LEAD

Kathy Arnold

Fun with Faith Program

Kathy Arnold

Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

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, CDs, 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 ages, 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 2nd 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 by studying the scriptures and to give each other support. The group selects a portion of the scripture passages or follow a book to discuss and grow spiritually. The group meets once a month on Mondays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Church Library.

New Member Classes

Pastor Ben Bergren

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 3rd Saturday of every month in the library from 9:30-10:30am.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Kathy Arnold

Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

Adult Bible study on Sundays at 9:55am in the Fireside Room. In 2015-16, the curriculum will include the Animate—Faith and Animate—Practices DVD series, published by Augsburg Fortress and other, similar DVD-based Bible Study programs. This class is as much an opportunity for fellowship between worship services as it is an opportunities to reflect on the foundations of our faith.

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

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.



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/"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

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

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

iSERVE Worship/"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

Quilters

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

INTERNATIONAL

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,

MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School

Mission to Tanzania

New Life Band

Esperanza International/Mission to Mexico

iSERVE Worship/"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

Quilters

MINISTRY LEADS

Lois Brouillette

Dale Jones

The following list of local, national, and international outreach & service ministries contains information on organizations that we actively support either by providing funds for their work or through our hands-on support .

LOCAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Advent Group Ministries

Dale Jones www.adventgm.com

CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Inc.)

Chris Christensen www.cicministries.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Crop Walk

Lois Brouillette

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

Family Supportive Housing

Patrice Sera

Chris Freckmann

www.familysupportivehousing.org

First Immanuel Clothes Closet

Angela Brown www.sjcome.org/

Habitat for Humanity

Dale Jones www.habitat.org

Help One Child

Lois Brouillette www.helponechild.org

iSERVE Worship /"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

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.

Lord's Pantry

Lois Brouillette ww.lordspantrygdicsj.com

Mount Cross Ministries

Holly Lofgren 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

Sunny View Auxiliary

Eleanor Incerpi www.sunny-view.org

Sunnyvale FISH Junque Sale

Lois Brouillette www.sunnyvalefish.org

West Valley Community Services

Dale Jones www.wvcommunityservices.org

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Cindy Arnett

(see description under "Education & Discipleship")

NATIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Lois Brouillette www.lwr.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

iSERVE Worship / "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

Lois Brouillette

(see description under "local")

Quilters

Donna Cole

Ordetta Hovland

(see description under "local")

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Cindy Arnett

(see description under "Education & Discipleship")

INTERNATIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,

Lois Brouillette

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania, serves AIDS orphans in its area. Through 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

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Esperanza International

Tom Hoegel

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

www.esperanzaint.org

iSERVE Worship / “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday

Lois Brouillette

(see description under “local”)

Quilters

Donna Cole

Ordetta Hovland

(see description under “local”)



Care Ministries

- Altar Flower Delivery
- Caring Connections
- Hospitality & Welcome
- Prayer BYTES
- Prayer List
- Stephen Ministry
- Sunshine Team
- Visitor Follow-Up

MINISTRY LEADS

Joanne Stensaas

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.

Caring Connections

Joanne Stensaas

Meets monthly after the Stephen Ministry meetings, on the 2nd Monday of the month. The purpose of the group is to help the Bethel community stay connected members of the congregation who we have not seen in worship for a while, using the "caring connections cards" which worship attendees fill out as starting point for making phone calls.

Hospitality & Welcome

Patricia Myerholtz

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

Prayer BYTES

Robyn Winegardner

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

Prayer List

Pastor Gabriele Schroeder

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 Ben**

Meets monthly, on the 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.



BLS Basic Computer Skills & Social Media

BLS / Church Workdays

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

BLS Elementary Afterschool Program

BLS Invitational Annual Track Meet

BLS “Kids First” Annual Fund

BLS Special Events and Programs

BLS Volunteers

BLS Walkathon

BLS Volunteer Opportunities

Bethel Lutheran School

MINISTRY LEADS

Dawn De Bois Weber

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 5th 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! Please call the school office at 408-252-8512 to schedule a tour.

BLS Basic Computer Skills & Social Media

Dawn DeBois Weber (408) 252-8512

This program is offered from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for all Bethel church and school members who want to learn basic word processing skills using Microsoft Office and how to use social media like Facebook, Skype, and internet searching. The class is free but prior registration is required.

BLS / Church Workdays

Tom Hoegel

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

BLS Donations

Bethel Lutheran School is collecting the following items. Please consider donating via to the School Office (408) 252-8512

- Box Tops for Education
- Soda Cans
- Coke Bottle Caps
- Ink Cartridges
- Plastic Soda Bottles

BLS Elementary Afterschool Program

This program is offered from 3:00-6:00pm for all JK-5th grade children no matter what school they attend. Homework room, snack, and special classes (chess, science, soccer, computers) are scheduled. Transportation is not included for children that do not attend Bethel.

BLS Invitational Annual Track Meet (K–8th Grade)

School Office (408) 252-8512

Children in 1st-8th grade are welcome to compete in field and track events at this event on the Cupertino High School Field. The track Meet typically takes place in the mid-May.

BLS “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.

BLS 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 16, 2015 and Preschool on December 17, 2015*
- *Parenting Evenings*

BLS Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous volunteer opportunities; some are writing a school review, tech support, gardening, and library helper. Contact Mrs. De Bois-Weber to find out more.

BLS Walkathon- October 17, 2015

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!



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

Nativity Display

Out 'n About Adventures

Pet blessing

Readers Anonymous

Supper Clubs

Young Adults Group

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 4th Thursday of each month from 10:30am to 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room.

4th of July Celebration

OPEN

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

Tom Hoegel

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

Marianne Nadell

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.

Nativity Display

Sue Jacobus

One Sunday during the Advent season, Bethel hosts a festive display of all the many nativities collected by members of our extended community. The nativities are brought in and tastefully set up the day before. Cider and cookies are provided.

Out 'n About Adventures

Molly Schrey

Jules Kurtz

Monthly outings for the congregation to enjoy using the Bethel bus or other means of shared transportation. Recent events have included trips to sports games, regional attractions, beer or wine tastings, museums, etc. Look for sign-up sheets in the church's narthex/entry.

Pet Blessings

Pastor Ben Bergren

A blessing of furry, scaly, and feathered pets is held on one Saturday during the Summer. The format is informal. Invite friends and neighbors to drop in! A BBQ and raffle round out the event.

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.

Supper Clubs

Janice Martinson

*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.*

Young Adults Group

Courtney Bassler

Joel Heimback

A new group has formed at Bethel: the Young Adults Group open to anyone between the age of 21 to around 30 years old. The group will meet about once a month or so and will gather throughout the year for fellowship, study and service.



Finance & Stewardship

Audit Committee

Endowment Committee

Finance Committee

Nominating Committee

Stewardship Committee

Time & Talent

MINISTRY LEADS

Brett Deutscher

Scott Anderson

Audit Committee

Kathy Arnold Kathryn Montano Bill Westmore

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

Endowment Committee

Dave Larsen John Lind Margaret Lund

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 Director of Finance & Human Resources 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.

Nominating Committee

Hella Bluhm-Stieber

Sam Sudarsanam

Jack Westwood

The Nominating Committee works closely with the council president and the pastors to recruit qualified candidates for open council positions and advises ministries to fill their open positions, as well.

Stewardship Committee

Brett Deutscher Scott Anderson

Working alongside the pastors, 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.



Technology & Administration

eNewsletter / Bulletins

Membership Data

Receptions Coordinator

Technology Support

Webmaster for Church
Website

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 for Church Website**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.



Buildings & Grounds

Men of Monday

School/Church Work Days

Security Volunteers

MINISTRY LEAD

Tom Cole

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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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