



2017 Ministry Guide

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Our Core Values

- * **Hospitality to All**
- * **Christ Centered Community**
- * **Spiritual Growth and Discipleship**
- * **Generosity**
- * **Responding to Needs**

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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.

INTRODUCTION

This 2017 Ministry Guide is designed to show you the variety and depth of our service. The specific purpose of this guide is to link participants to ministry opportunities. There is more to following Jesus than calling yourself a Christian. The two biggest indicators of a person's commitment to anything is time and money. How we spend our money and our time truly show us where our priorities lie. To be fully engaged at Bethel means more than Sunday morning worship. Please take the time to not only look through this guide but also consider getting involved if you are not already!

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, one more voice, and one more pair of hands! This person could be you! This opinion, faith perspective, voice, or hands could be YOURS!

We invite you to check out this ministry guide and find ways to serve God by serving others. 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 which is available at www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/BethelSafeCommunityPolicy.pdf.

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

Rev. Ben Bergren
Pastor

Patricia Myerholtz
Adult Ministry Coordinator

All Bethel Choir
Altar Flower Dedication Ministry
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Children's Activity Bags
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Organist
Sunday Coffee Hosts
Ushers
Visual Arts/Décor
White Breakfast
Worship Team



Worship & Music

MINISTRY LEADS

[Brian Schuette](#)

Co-Lead OPEN

All Bethel 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 for 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 2 through 6, who sing during some services. The choir meets on Sundays during the 10:45am service beginning after the children's message, during the school year in the Music & Education 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 pastor 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 6:30-9:00pm 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.

Little Lights Choir

[Amanda Boniface](#)

A first choir experience for children 3 years (fully potty trained) - 1st grade. Children learn basic musical concepts and have opportunities to perform in church. Rehearsals include: warm-ups, movement, rhythm, singing, and playing instruments, all in developmentally appropriate ways. Practice begins s at the 10:45am service after the children's message (September to May).

Media Shout / Publications

[Elise Holst](#)

Organizes media in cooperation with the pastor and ministry leaders to be used for services including Media Shout, the eNewsletter, Sunday bulletin and the website.

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 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. Your warm greeting and pleasant smile will help foster a sense of belonging, even for a newcomer. 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. Consider signing up with a spouse, as a family, or with a friend. 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 e.g., Jan, Apr, Aug.

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. The new command (Latin “mandatum novum,” Maundy) given by Jesus during the Last Supper says that his disciples should love one another. This 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 10:45am 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! Rehearsal is on Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

Children, Youth, & Families

Children

Children’s Choir

First Bible Class

First Communion Class

Little Lights Choir

Kid Connection (Sunday School)

3rd-5th Grade Youth Group

Vacation Bible School

Youth

6th-8th grade Confirmation

Common Ground

Senior High Ministry

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](#)

For Grades 3 and up, this class teaches how the bible can be used in everyday life. Each child receives their own inscribed bible. Offered in the Fall as needed.

First Communion Class

[Amanda Laughlin](#)
[Pastor Ben Bergren](#)

For Grades 3 and up, 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.

Little Lights Choir

[Amanda Boniface](#)

(for description see "Worship & Music")

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-5th 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](#)

6th-8th Grade Confirmation

[Robyn Winegardner](#)
[Pastor Ben Bergren](#)

Confirmation is designed to be inviting and have a friendly, fun, challenging and exciting atmosphere. This program challenges the "Sunday School is boring" stereotype and helps teenagers celebrate God's presence in their lives. It includes laughter, videos, hands on activities, questions, worship, service, small groups, summer camp at Rock-n-Water and of course, donuts. It is designed to help middle school students, 6th, 7th and 8th graders, toward spiritual maturity while recognizing that Faith is caught not taught. The core studies revolve around Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible. Confirmation classes typically meet on Sunday mornings, September to May. Once a month longer classes are scheduled that include worship, service and time with the Pastor.

Affirmation of Baptism (AoB) takes place at the end of 8th grade. It builds upon what the students learned during their first two years. It helps them discover more ways to seek God and to affirm their faith. Students create a Faith Statement that is shared on Confirmation Sunday with the congregation.

Common Ground

[Katlynn Hoegel](#)

[Tom Hoegel](#)

Common Ground is a dynamic Sr. HS music and drama traveling ministry at Bethel that has been going strong for nearly 30 years. Students meet once a week from February to June, and then 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 Ministry

[Tom Hoegel](#)

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

Youth Mission to Mexico

[Tom Hoegel](#)

Each spring break, a group of youth travel to Tijuana, Mexico to join forces with Esperanza International, 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

First Wednesday Speaker Series

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](#)

First Wednesday Speaker Series

[Kathy Arnold](#)

[Pastor Ben Bergren](#)

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00pm except during Lent to hear a topical speaker and enjoy a catered dinner.

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. 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 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 follows 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](#)

This class helps integrate new people into the life and ministry of Bethel Lutheran Church.

EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP (CONT.)

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 9:30-11:00am. New members are always welcome.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

[Kathy Arnold](#)

[Pastor Ben Bergren](#)

Adult Bible study on Sundays at 9:55am in the Fireside Room. Join us for the opportunity to deepen one's faith through DVD-based Bible study programs and discussion. It is not necessary to sign up.

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 9:45-12:00 noon in the Fireside Room. Enjoy food, fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

LOCAL

CIC Ministries

Crop Walk

Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter

Family Supportive Housing

First Immanuel Clothes Closet

Habitat for Humanity

Help One Child

iSERVE Sunday

Lord's Pantry

Mount Cross Ministries

Quilters

Second Harvest Food Bank

Sunny View Auxiliary

Sunnyvale FISH Junque Sale

Walk for Water

West Valley Community Services

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Mexico: Esperanza International

Tanzania:

Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania,

MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School

New Life Band

MINISTRY LEAD

Mark Evashenk

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 volunteering locally.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy)

Chris Christensen

CIC serves inmates in Santa Clara County jails and juvenile facilities. Weekly Bible study is provided by volunteers.

www.cicministries.org Designated offering for January.

Crop Walk

Dave Ahn/Craig Leventon

An annual walk each spring in the Rose Garden area of San Jose to raise money for hunger relief through Church World Service.

www.crophungerwalk.org/sanjoseca/

Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter

Alice Isaacson

Provides shelter and services to homeless men in Silicon Valley. Bethel prepares dinner the 3rd Sunday of each month, and hosts the shelter each May. www.faithinactionsv.org

Family Supportive Housing (San Jose Family Shelter)

Patrice Sera & Chris Freckmann

Provides temporary housing and assistance for homeless families in Santa Clara Co. Every other month on the 3rd Sunday, Bethel provides groceries and cooks breakfast for families at the shelter. www.familysupportivehousing.org.

Designated offering for February.

First Immanuel Clothes Closet

Angela Brown

Bethel collects new and gently used clothing weekly to be given away to low-income families in downtown San Jose.

www.sjcome.org

LOCAL MINISTRIES (CONT.)

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

Don Varney

Provides affordable homeownership opportunities to low-income families. Volunteers build new homes or remodel existing homes.

www.habitatetsv.org

Designated offering for December.

Help One Child

Melanie Hohengasser

Provides support to foster care families in Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties. Bethel hosts a Giving Tree each December to give Christmas gifts to foster children. www.helponechild.org

iServe Sunday

Throughout the year, there are opportunities where worship will be in service to others in our local community. Please check the Bethel Lutheran website for upcoming events.

The Lord's Pantry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Bethel members donate food to this emergency food program weekly, located on S. White Rd. in San Jose. Members also contribute turkeys for Thanksgiving in November.

www.lordspantrygdlcsj.com

Designated offering for November.

Mount Cross Ministries

[Holly Lofgren](#) (Camp Contact)

Bethel supports the Mt. Cross mission and holds its annual Labor Day Retreat at Mt. Cross, a Lutheran camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains with summer camps and retreat opportunities for congregations and groups. www.mtcross.org

Quilters

[Joann Weberg](#)

Bethel quilters create and send hundreds of quilts to local organizations and all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. Meets each Monday morning from 9am to Noon in the Fireside Room.

Designated offering for October.

LOCAL MINISTRIES (CONT.)

Second Harvest Food Bank

Provides food to over 320 non-profit agencies in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, including The Lord's Pantry. Groups from Bethel sign up for shifts to sort donated food. www.shfb.org
Designated offering for June.

Sunnyvale FISH Junque Sale

[Brad Martinson](#)

Donations are accepted at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sunnyvale for the annual sale the first Saturday in November. Proceeds support the work of Sunnyvale FISH.

www.sunnyvalefish.org

Sunny View Auxiliary

[Eleanor Incerpi](#)

Created to help and serve senior residents of Sunny View Retirement Community in Cupertino. www.sunny-view.org

Walk for Water

[Robyn Winegardner](#)

Volunteers walk one Saturday in April at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose, in partnership with Silicon Valley Discipleship Walk for Water to provide clean water to communities around the world through Water Mission. www.stlcsj.org

West Valley Community Services

Bethel volunteers collect donated food from farmers at the local farmer's market on Sundays and take it to the WVCS food pantry in Cupertino, for distribution to low-income and homeless families. www.wvcommunityservices.org
Designated offering for July.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

[Cindy Arnett](#)

(see description under "Education & Discipleship")
Designated offering for March.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

BFTW is a non-partisan Christian advocacy organization that works on the problem of hunger in the world. Bethel members write letters to U.S. Congress members on current hunger issues.

www.bread.org

Lutheran World Relief

LWR works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. Bethel volunteers create school kits and health kits for LWR to be distributed worldwide.

www.lwr.org

Designated offering for September.

Mexico: Esperanza International

[Tom Hoegel](#)

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

Check the Bethel website for the dates. www.esperanzaint.org

Tanzania:

Bethel financially supports 3 ministries in Tanzania. Bethel members visited Tanzania in 2006 & 2008. The hope is to renew this relationship through more trips.

* Bethel School in Himo, Tanzania

Tanzania serves AIDS orphans in its area through a preschool and primary school. 70% of the 200 students are AIDS orphans on scholarship.

* MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS)

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

* New Life Band

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. The New Life Band will visit Bethel next in the fall of 2018. www.newlifeband.net



Altar Flower Delivery

Caring Connections/Stephen Ministry

Prayer Bytes

Prayer List

MINISTRY LEAD

[Joanne Stensaas](#)

Altar Flower Delivery

[Patricia Myerholtz](#)

Altar flower deliveries are on Sunday afternoon. A 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 on-going link to our Bethel community.

Caring Connections/Stephen Ministry

[Joanne Stensaas](#)

[Pastor Ben](#)

Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month from 7pm to 8:30 pm. The purpose of the group is to help the Bethel community stay connected with 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 a starting point for making phone calls.

Prayer Bytes

[Robyn Winegardner](#)

Subscribe to receive daily bits/bytes of Bethel's prayer list via email. To subscribe, send an email to Dailyprayer-owner@bethelcupertino.org. To request a prayer, send an email to [Pastor Ben](#).

Prayer List

[Pastor Ben](#)

Please share prayer concerns through the caring connections cards available at Church, in person, on the phone or during worship with the pastor or with Patricia Myerholtz. Please contact Pastor Ben with PRIVATE prayer concerns.



Volunteer Opportunities

MINISTRY LEADS

[Dawn De Bois Weber](#) (Principal)

[Doreen Baldwin](#)

[Patrice Sera](#)

BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Bethel Lutheran School teaches children to be **active learners** and **Christian leaders** in a hands-on, safe and supportive environment.

Our school teaches children ages 2 years old through 5th grade. Our program of strong academics and Christian values prepares the children to be successful leaders in the present and future. We offer art, computers, gym/health, music, Spanish and STEM as part of the core curriculum. Additionally we host afterschool and summer enrichment programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome you to join us for student chapel held every Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. You could also participate in one of our service projects or community events, refer your family and friends with school age children to Bethel, or donate directly to the school's annual fund. Contact [Mrs. Dawn De Bois-Weber](#) at (408) 252-8512 with any questions. Make sure to visit the school's website www.bethells.org, "Like" us on Facebook and share a positive review on Yelp.



Celebration of the Arts Fair

Chili Cookoff

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Evergreens (55+)

Labor Day Retreat

Out 'n About Adventures

Pet Blessing

Readers Anonymous

Supper Clubs

Young Adults Group

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (CONT.)

MINISTRY LEADS

[Sue Jacobus](#)

Co-Lead OPEN

Celebration of the Arts

[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.

Chili Cookoff

[Patricia Myerholtz](#)

Great chili tasting from Bethel's best chili cooks who compete to win the "Best Chili" award.

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.

Labor Day Retreat

[Molly Schrey](#)

[Holly Lofgren](#)

[Tom Hoegel](#)

Retreat at Mt. Cross Camp during the 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).

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. Sign up on the web or on the iPad 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 on the third Sunday of the month to discuss a great book chosen the previous month. For more information on upcoming meetings, please check the Sunday church bulletin or Bethel website.

Supper Clubs

[Janice Martinson](#)

Small groups are formed twice a year. These groups meet at each others' homes, restaurants, parks, etc. to enjoy fellowship and a meal with one another about once a month. There are two kinds of supper clubs: with and without children. It is a truly wonderful opportunity to have time to get to know one another over food and beverages.

Young Adults Group

Courtney Bassler Heim buck

Joel Heim buck

bethelcupertino.youngadults@gmail.com

The Young Adults Group open to anyone between the age of 21 to around 30 years old. The group meets about once a month or so to gather throughout the year for fellowship, study and service. Please check the Bethel website for upcoming activities.

Audit Committee

Endowment Trustees

Finance Committee

Nominating Committee

Stewardship Committee

Finance & Stewardship

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 recommendations on improving accounting practices.

Endowment Trustees

[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 pastor 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 Wedgwood](#)

The Nominating Committee works closely with the council president and the pastor 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 pastor, the stewardship team works to engage all members to cheerfully use the gifts of time, energy, and finances which God has entrusted to them.

eNewsletter / Bulletins

Membership Data

Receptions Coordinator

Technology Support

Webmaster



Technology & Administration

eNewsletter / Bulletins

[Elise Holst](#)

Gathers and distributes information for the weekly church eNewsletter in an email to all who want it once a week and worship bulletins. Contact Elise if you wish to receive it.

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 church website.

Men of Monday

School/Church Work Days

Security Volunteers



Building & Grounds

MINISTRY LEAD

[Tom Cole](#)

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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