



Dear Bethel Family,

Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. (Mark 1:30-31)

In the midst of the disciples' call stories, it is important to remember they all had previous lives. Here, the gospel tells the story of Simon Peter's mother-in-law being seriously ill. Jesus heals her and then she began to serve or "minister" to them. This amazing little story points us to the power of Jesus' healing that not only makes people well, but empowers them to serve. Jesus' powerful proclamation and healing

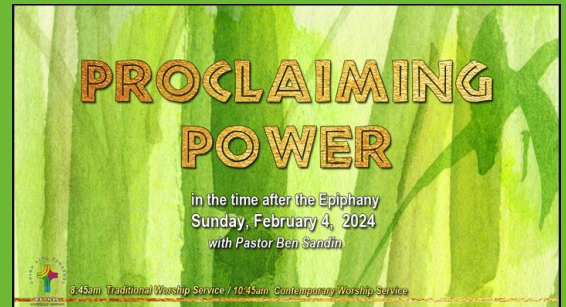
power truly transforms lives. Join us Sunday as we dig deeper.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday
February 4
with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship
10:45am - Contemporary Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, February 4

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - Confirmation Sunday Gatherings
9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering
9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service
12:00pm - Congregational Meeting
6:30am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 5

9:00am - Men of Monday
9:15am - Quilters

Tuesday, February 6

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, February 7

10am-3pm Office is open
10:00am - Women of Wednesday
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship
7:00pm - Speaker Series at Bethel

Thursday, February 8

10am-3pm Office is open
7:30pm Bethel Choir

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

Bethel Staff Loves You

Click on the adjacent image to watch the January episode of "Bethel Staff Loves You."



Community Listening Project

A Community Listening Team from Bethel will be conducting interviews with people who live close to the church (within 2 miles or so). If you are contacted for an interview please say YES! The goal is to learn about the community, both opportunities and challenges, and how Bethel can best serve our community. The interviews are about 30-45 minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions.

Chili Cookoff Winners

Mary congratulates the winner of Best Chili at the Chili Cookoff last Sunday - Steve Emmert, followed closely by Rachel Sudarsanam for second place and Paul Baldwin at third place.



Men of Mondays

Mondays at 9am

All men are welcome to come to the Facilities Office to help improve the Bethel grounds. There is always something that needs work! No signups are necessary, just show up, ready to pitch in.

For more information, contact Tom Hoegel.

Winter Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4, noon in the Sanctuary

Hangout in the Sanctuary after services and attend the annual Winter Congregational meeting to hear about the progress of our Capital Campaign, the budget, and what's going on at Bethel. And meet our new Council President! Please read the minutes from the previous meeting [here](#).



First Wednesday Speaker

February 7 at 7pm, Fireside Room

Attorney Aaron Aguas-Rao from the Innocence Project will speak about "Innocence 101." This presentation aims to shed light on the alarming issue of wrongful convictions within the legal system. This presentation will delve into the causes, consequences, and remedies surrounding this critical issue. Through a combination of real-life cases and legal insights, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the factors that contribute to wrongful convictions and the steps that can be taken to prevent them. Come for the talk, discussion, and enjoy some snacks

"Night to Shine Silicon Valley" Volunteers needed

Friday, February 9, 6-9pm

Bridges Community Church,
625 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos

Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, this amazing event, hosted at a local church, is an international prom event for young adults with special needs, that some Bethel members have been involved in. This event needs volunteers, especially "Buddy volunteers." For more information and to sign up to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Spillar at kathy@bridges.church and visit <https://www.nighttoshinesiliconvalley.com>.



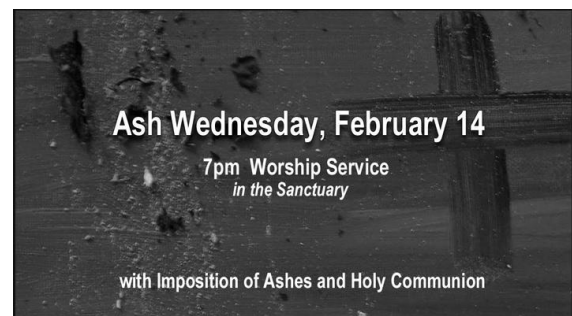
This is a great opportunity for Bethel members to have some community involvement since this is a local event. It is also a great opportunity to interact with adults with special needs. And as one volunteer commented: "volunteers have just as much fun as the honored guests."

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm

Join us for an Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes.



Sundays in Lent

beginning February 18 at 9:50am, Fireside

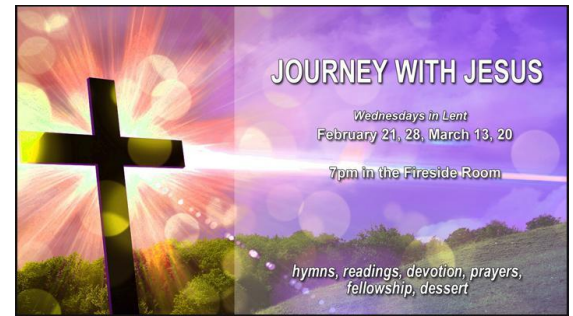
Pastor Ben will lead a 5-week sermon series and corresponding Bible Study on Spiritual Growth during the season of Lent. Each week will feature a different aspect of our spiritual life and how we can growth in our relationship with God and one another.



Wednesdays in Lent

February 21-March 20 at 7pm, Fireside

Gather together for worship in the Fireside Room, with a focus on the theme "Journey with Jesus." We will sing hymns, have readings, a devotion, prayers, fellowship, and dessert.



New Member Luncheon

Sunday, April 21 at noon, Fireside Room

Interested in becoming a new member here at Bethel Lutheran Church in Cupertino, or know someone who might be? Contact Pr Ben for questions and to sign up for this luncheon meeting.

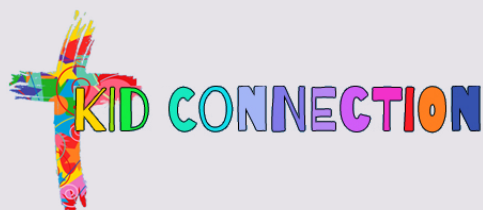


San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

The San Jose Family Shelter needs volunteers to cook or serve, on the follow dates in 2024:

Sunday, February 11, Sunday, April 14, Sunday, June 9,
Sunday, August 11, Sunday, October 13, Sunday, December 8

Cook Volunteers are needed 5:30am - 7am.
Server Volunteers are needed 6:45am - 8:15am.
Contact is Chris Ford at chris@island2.com.



Sunday School
Preschool-1st Grade Group
Children's Choir
3rd-5th Grade Group
Parent Fellowship

Kid Connection Sunday School

Sunday, February 4 at 9:50am to 10:40am - Kids meet for opening, then go to classrooms. Our Bible point is "God is Welcoming" so we are welcoming. (Acts 10:9-43)

We are continuing to collect offering for ELCA Good Gifts. The money collected will help children in other places of the world to go to a health clinic.

Children's Choir

Sunday, February 11 at 11:45am in the Music and Ed room, around noon

First Communion Class

Sunday, March 10 and Sunday, March 17 at 9:50am-10:40am, during Kid Connection time.

Led by Pastor Ben and Amanda, parents are encouraged to attend with their child. There will be bread baking on Maundy Thursday. Sign up with Amanda.

For more information and to receive the Kid Connection emails, contact Amanda Laughlin.



Confirmation Class (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

Sunday, February 4

This week King David passes the leadership role to his son, Solomon, a man of God with wisdom and compassion and the ability write.

Here are a few thoughts for those reading this:

- 1) Your child is about to leave for college - what words of wisdom would you put to paper and quietly place in their luggage?
- 2) Write a request to God for what you want Him to give you - you have just one request.
- 3) If you dare - take your birth date and look up your Proverb. ex. June 3rd = Proverbs 6:3. (if you like that, try your Psalm). Should be a good Sunday for discussions.

For more information about the Confirmation program at Bethel, contact Robyn Winegardner.



Sr. High Students

Sunday, February 4

Sr High Sunday class.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm - dinner and discussion.

For more information on Sr. High activities and to get on the email list, contact Tom Hoegel.

Your Giving

Here are the monthly Benevolence Giving Reports:

<https://www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/index.php#Benevolence>

Ways to give to Bethel:

Contact Fara Brock in the church office at 408-252-8500
or visit <https://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving>

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