



Dear Bethel Family,

Week 2: Growing in Prayer

He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” (Mark 14:36)

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prays his most desperate prayer. His journey to the cross is nearly complete. He knows the pain and anguish he will face, and asks God to remove it. Prayer is powerful and leads to spiritual growth. Jesus models a faithful prayer life for us, displaying vulnerability and

honesty, while also seeking God’s will in a difficult situation. Join us Sunday as we consider Jesus’ example and how we can all grow in prayer.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday
February 25
with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship
9:50am - Adult Ed: Spiritual Growth
10:45pm - Contemporary
Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, February 25

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - Confirmation Class
9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering
9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
9:50am - Sr. High Sunday School
9:50am - Adult Ed: Spiritual Growth
10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, February 28

10am-3pm Office is open
10:00am - Women of Wednesday
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship
7:00pm - Lenten Journey with Jesus

Thursday, February 29

10am-3pm Office is open

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

February 2024 Episode of Bethel Staff Loves You

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



Please send in your Church Directory updates

Please review your address, phone, and email in the current directory and send in your updates on an attendance card.



Girl Scout Cookies for sale

This Sunday, February 25, Girl Scout Cookies will be sold at Bethel in the Welcome Zone. Please support our Girl Scouts.

Thomas Abraham Roest

Newest member of the Roest Family

From Lisanne & Harmen Roest:

Our son Thomas Abraham Roest was born happy and healthy on Friday, February 16 at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose. He is a tall and big boy at 21.5" and 8 lbs 15.2 oz. Lisanne is recovering from the delivery and returned home with Thomas on Monday, February 19. Jesse and Nathan are two very proud big brothers enjoying hugging and holding their baby brother. We are thankful for his safe delivery and are looking forward to bringing Thomas to church for all of you to meet him.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Bethel Farm Project for Lent

Check out the trifold board in the narthex, and the flyer [here](#), to see all the ways you may contribute to Bethel's Farm Project. Each item on the board that needs funding, indicates a "goal" for the number of that item needed for the whole project to be a success. Items include: Microloan for a woman to start a small business, Latrine (Tom has already volunteered to cover this one), Seeds and gardening tools, Fruit tree seedling, irrigation system, Animals, Simple water well, Water filter, Community Vegetable Garden.

You may write a check to Bethel Lutheran and put it in the Offering plate or hand it to Amanda Laughlin. Money is collected all during Lent and then will be given to ELCA Goodgifts to disseminate.

Sundays in Lent

9:50am in the Fireside Room

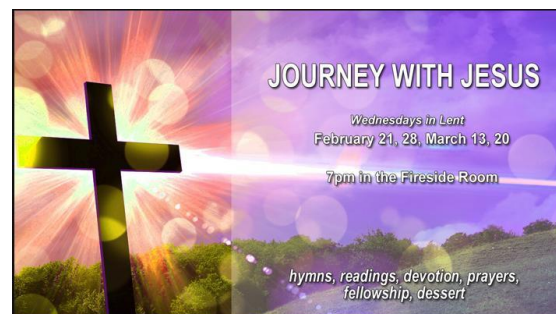
Pastor Ben will lead a 5-week sermon series and corresponding Bible Study on Spiritual Growth during the season of Lent. Each week will feature a different aspect of our spiritual life and how we can grow in our relationship with God and one another.



Wednesdays in Lent

7pm in the Fireside Room

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.



Holy Week Worship Services

March 24-31

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**.
Worship Services at 8:45am and 10:45am.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service is
March 28 at 7pm and includes First
Communion Students.

Good Friday is March 29 with Worship
Service at 7pm.

Easter Sunday is March 31 with Sunrise
Worship Service at 6:30am at Cupertino
Memorial Park, and Worship Services at
8:45am and 10:45am at Bethel.



SAN JOSE
ARTISTS GUILD

San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild &
Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble
PRESENTS

SHAKIN' THE MESS Outta Misery

by Shay Youngblood - Directed by Viera Whye

Shows: **March 1 & 2 @8pm,**
March 3, 2024 @ 3 pm

Mexican Heritage Plaza | 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95116

Tickets :
\$40 / \$45 (at the door) \$35 Students/Seniors/Groups of 10 or more
Contact SJMAG at 408.272.9924

Purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/shakinthemessouttamisery> or use the QR code.

"Shakin' the Mess 'Outta Misery' is a vivid portrait of the members of a tight-knit community of Black women... It is the story of a young black girl's coming of age in the South in the 1960s. Daughter began her journey to womanhood guided by these very diverse, nontraditional, older black women. She shares how her Big Mamas prepared her for womanhood. Daughter relives her vivid memories of growing up—recalling the rituals, the faith healings, the stories, and the lessons she learned about survival, healing, deep faith and mystery.

www.sjmag.org/theatre

See Jennifer Green in "Shakin' The Mess Outta Misery"

March 1,2,3

at the Mexican Heritage Plaza,
1700 Alum Rock Avenue,
San Jose

This is a compelling and fun journey of storytelling as these "Big Mamas" share their wisdom with Daughter! Warm, fun, and captivating stories of sisterhood, family, and how a village/community raises a child. Watch for our own Jennifer

Green in this production by Tabia African American Theater Ensemble!

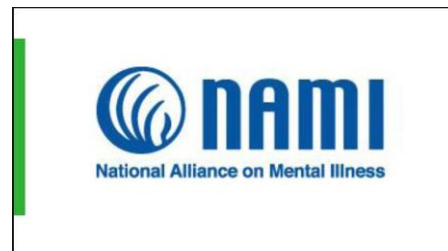
See more information, click [here](#).

Tickets are on Eventbrite or call 408-272-9924. Group tickets are available.

1st Wednesday Speaker Series

March 6 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

Come and hear a presentation from 2 adults living with mental health conditions, from the organization NAMI. Hear their stories, see videos, and ask questions. Light reception at 8pm.



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) presents this talk **"In Our Own Voice"** which provides a personal perspective of mental health conditions, as leaders with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to have a mental health condition.

This presentation provides:

- An opportunity to hear open and honest perspectives on a highly misunderstood topic
- A chance to ask leaders questions, allowing for a deeper understanding of mental health conditions and dispelling of stereotypes and misconceptions
- The understanding that people with mental health conditions have lives enriched by hopes, dreams and goals
- Information on how to learn more about mental health and get involved with the mental health community

For more information visit:

<https://namisantaclara.org/nami-in-our-own-voice/>



Out 'n About Goes on a St Paddy's Brewery Tour in Santa Cruz

Saturday, March 16 at 10:45am-4:15pm

Join the fun - a day in Santa Cruz - at our 13th Annual St. Paddy's Day Brewery Tour. We'll make 3 stops to sample beer, enjoy food, and end with ice cream. Meet in the Bethel parking lot at 10:45am. See the info [here](#) and sign up at www.bethelcupertino.org. See Molly Schrey if you have questions.

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

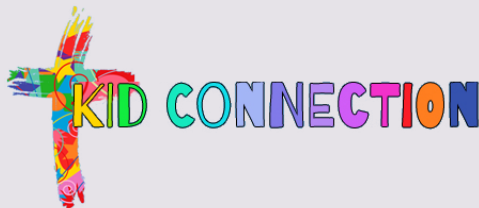
The San Jose Family Shelter needs volunteers to cook or serve, on the follow dates in 2024:

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 25 at 9:50am to 10:40am - Kids meet for opening, then go to classrooms. Our Bible point is "God is miraculous" and he works through us. (Acts 20:7-12)

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.

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.

Children's Choir

Meets again on Sunday, March 3, at 11:45am - 1:15pm.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 is Monday-Friday, July 8-12 from 9am-noon. Save the dates! Registration for VBS will open in the spring. There will also be an afternoon program that will be Scuba themed, for children whose parent(s) work full time, or for anyone who would find this helpful. There will be an added cost and it has limited space. Contact Amanda if you have any questions.

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



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

Sunday, February 25

Last week, half of our Confirmands were out of town, making it a perfect day to do our "bagel kidnap field trip" - fun yum!!! Now we are all back and we are going to blitz through God's Chosen being divided in two ... and meeting God's megaphones ... Prophets, Messengers and the reactions folks had to their words. Not as pretty as one would wish ... similar to today ????

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, February 25

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>

*For more information on Bethel Cupertino
visit [bethelcupertino.org](https://www.bethelcupertino.org)*

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