



Dear Bethel Family,

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:7-9)

The day we now call Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and all the people laid down leafy branches, was a day filled with joy. The people believed Jesus was fulfilling the promises of God (spoiler alert, he was) and through him the reign of King David would be restored. The timing of this event was perfect as many were gathering in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Palm Sunday was Jesus' day to shine. What he does with this attention reveals his mission. He doesn't bask in the glow and adulation, rather he continues his journey to cross for our sake. Join us Sunday as we begin the Holy Week journey to the cross and beyond.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, March 24

with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship

10:45pm - Contemporary
Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, March 24

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

9:00am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering

9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School

10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service

6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, March 27

10am-3pm Office is open
10:00am - Women of Wednesday
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, March 28

10am-3pm Office is open
7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, March 29

7:00pm - Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, March 30

9:00am - Decorating the Sanctuary

Click on the adjacent image to watch the latest episode of Bethel Staff news!



Bethel Community Listening Team

Thanks to all who have participated in the interview process so far. We now invite anyone who would like to share their experience of living in their community to schedule an interview time. Bethel's goal is understand our community better, both the needs and opportunities, and respond. Contact Pastor Ben at bsandin@bethelcupertino.org to schedule a time for an interview.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Bethel Farm Project for Lent

Our farm is growing! Check out the trifold board in the Narthex, and the flyer [here](#), to see how our farm is progressing. We have exceeded our goals in some areas! Note that the yellow numbers indicate what is needed to reach our goals: 8 pigs, 1 cow, 4 chicks, 2 irrigation, and 5 fruit trees. You may donate whatever you like and we will send a list with all our donations to ELCA Goodgifts.

To donate, you may write a check to Bethel Lutheran Church and put it in the Offering plate or hand it to Amanda Laughlin.



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.



Holy Week Worship Services

March 24-31

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Worship Services at 8:45am and 10:45am.

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

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



Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter

Saturday, March 30

Come to the Sanctuary and help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.



Sing the Hallelujah Chorus Sunday, March 31 at 8:45am

Attend Bethel Choir rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary to prepare to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Choir at the 8:45am Worship Service on Easter Sunday... or just show up on Easter and sing with the choir!
Click on the adjacent image to view the invitation from the choir.



Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel Sunday, March 31 at 9:50am

All kids in 5th grade or younger are invited to join the fun at Bethel for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. No registration is required. Show up on the back playground area at 9:50 to line up and prepare to hunt. The hunt begins at 10am.



Easter Schedule Sunday, March 31



1st Wednesday Speaker Series Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

Our April speaker is Sujatha Venkatraman, CEO of West Valley Community Services. She will share about the important work WVCS is doing in the community and how we can make an impact.

Dianne Stauffer's Trip to Tanzania

Sunday, April 14 at 9:50am
in the Fireside Room

Learn more about Tanzania and hear about Dianne's recent trip.



Creek Cleanup

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 11:45 am - 2 pm

As part of Earth Day recognition, we will clean up Calabazas Creek between Bollinger Rd. and Blaney Ave. on Sunday, April 14 after church. We will meet at 11:45am in front of the church so that we can carpool to the cleanup site. If you want to meet directly at the cleanup place, let Hella know.

Please wear old clothes, boots, and gloves. Bring a grabber if you have one and some water to drink. Participants must wear closed toed shoes. Children need to be supervised by their parent or another adult at all times. Everybody needs to follow the [guidelines from the Water District](#).

Contact Hella Bluhm-Stieber to sign up.

Thai Thai Food Truck

Sunday, April 21 at 10am-1pm

Come to the back parking lot for some Thai food (around \$8 per serving). Eat on site or take it home. This is a great time for fellowship for families and singles and kids and friends - for everyone!



Quilting for Beginners

Sundays, April 21, 28 at 9:50am
in the Fireside Room

Learn about quilting and help the Quilters by tying some quilts to prepare them to be shipped around the world. Stop by the Fireside Room on Sundays, and consider joining the Bethel Quilters.

Contact is Joann Weberg.

New Member Lunch

Sunday, April 21 at noon
in the Fireside Room

People who are interested in becoming a member of Bethel may wish to contact Pastor Ben and join the lunch to find out more about Bethel.



San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

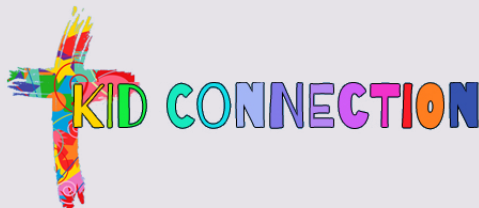
The San Jose Family Shelter needs volunteers to cook or serve, on the follow dates in 2024:

Sunday, 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

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:50am to 10:40am.

Kids meet in Room 2 at 9:50am for a special Palm Sunday activity, Jesus' Last Supper Memories, with Robyn and the Confirmation Class

First Communion Class Bread Baking

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 4:30pm.

Kids bake bread and then attend the Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7pm.

Children's Choir

Sings this **Sunday, March 24** at both services.

Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel

Sunday, March 31 at 9:50am.

Kids ages up to 5th grade line up to get ready to hunt for eggs, which begins at 10am.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 is **Monday-Friday, July 8-12** from 9am-noon.

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)

Palm Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, a centerpiece in the ministry of Jesus and His willingness to give His life for our Salvation. This Sunday, we will join the Kid Connection kids and talk about Jesus' Last Meal with His friends and talk about the memories that are shared with each serving. It is gonna be an inspiring day.

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



Sr. High Students

Palm Sunday, March 24

Sr High Sunday class at 9:50am.

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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