



Dear Bethel Family,

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(John 20:29-31)

In the evening of the first Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the disciples. He showed them his hands and side, still bearing the marks of the cross. The disciples saw and believed. For some reason, Thomas was not there and when he returned the disciples gleefully shared the good news. Thomas would not believe until he saw Jesus for himself. A week later, Jesus arrived for Thomas to see. The above words from Jesus are spoken to Thomas and are about us. We are an Easter Community that chooses to believe Christ was raised from the dead without seeing him for ourselves. Jesus calls us blessed for believing and we are! Join us Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, April 7

with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship

9:30am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday
School

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

9:50am - Council Gathering

10:45pm - Contemporary Worship

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The Week Ahead at Bethel

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Monday, April 8

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

1:30pm - Caring Connection Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, April 10

10am-3pm Office is open

10:00am - Women of Wednesday

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, April 11

10am-3pm Office is open

7:00pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13



Out 'N About Game Night at Bethel!

Saturday, April 6 at 4:30pm-7pm in the Fireside Room

Get Ready for another game night!!! This time we decided to make it a \$5 PIZZA Game night so that families could join in and not have to worry about preparing a meal. So it is only \$5 a person for your

favorite food, which of course is PIZZA! So bring your puzzles, games, desserts if you feel like baking, your Friends, your Neighbors and Yourself to game night. So put your troubles behind you and prepare for a relaxing evening playing your favorite game.

Tom says he is the master of cribbage, well maybe some of the time when he plays against the computer on easy mode.

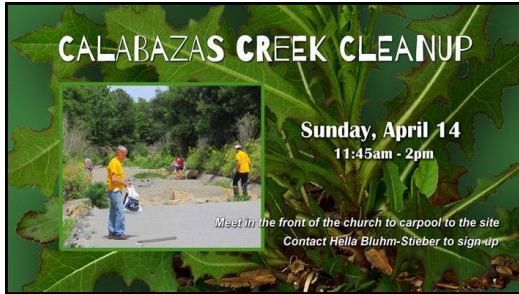
For more information contact Tom Hoegel.

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.

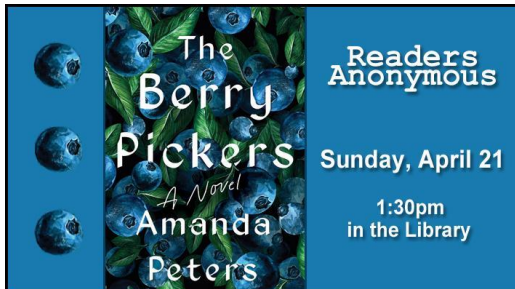
Please wear old clothes, boots, and gloves. Bring a grabber if you have one and some water to drink. Participants must wear closed toed shoes. Children need to be supervised by their parent or another adult at all times. Everybody needs to follow the [guidelines from the Water District](#).

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!



Readers Anonymous

*Sunday, April 21 at 1:30pm
in the Library*

Join the discussion of The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. A 50-year-old mysterious disappearance of a young girl from a blueberry field in Maine is solved when a family secret is uncovered.

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.

Out 'n About Adventure in Monterey

Saturday, June 22 at 8:15am-5:30pm

Join us for a day in Monterey where you can make your own adventure. Enjoy the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, kayak in the bay, or ride a bike or surrey on the beautiful pathway along the ocean. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to round out your visit. Bring your family and friends!

Meet: in the Bethel Parking lot at 8:15am.

Fuel Cost: \$10 pp or \$30 for family of 4 or more, (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church").

Food: Find a favorite restaurant on Cannery Row or bring your own sack lunch.

Return: Back to Bethel by 5:30pm.

Contact: Marianne Nadell.

See the Flyer [here](#).



Scuba VBS 2024!

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9am-12noon
Afternoon care program at noon-5pm

Register your kids today for SCUBA VBS!
This year there is also an afternoon program at noon - 5pm, for an additional cost and limited space.

HUG (Help Us Go) Scholarships are available if this would be helpful for your child to attend.

Contact Amanda Laughlin.

Register here:

https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024_vbs/index.php



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,

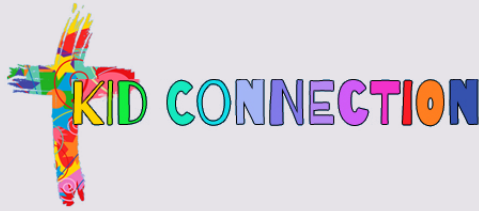
Sunday, August 11,

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

Sunday, April 7 at 9:50am-10:40pm, meet in rooms 1,2, and 9.

The Bible point this Sunday is "God Is Strong" so we are strong in him.

The Bethel Farm Project for ELCA Good Gifts was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated. Visit the poster in the narthex to see how full our Bethel Farm is!

3rd-5th Grade Group

Sunday, April 14 at 11:45am-1:15pm

Come for some STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) fun. Amanda Boniface will lead this activity. RSVP so there are enough supplies and lunch.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

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

[Registration for VBS](#) is open now. 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, April 7

We are back in the Old Testament - whiplash. This week we jump right in with both feet - Daniel. An Apocalyptic writing, perfect for middle school kids - I jest. I plan on focusing on what it's like to claim your faith out loud, amongst friends, teammates, peers.

How about you? How comfortable are you sharing your faith with neighbors, fellow employees, even family members? Daniel faced

that question and chose to meet it head, or shall I say, *MANE*, on.

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, April 7

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

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*

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Congregational Life: Tom Hoegel
Children's Ministry: Amanda Laughlin
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