



Dear Bethel Family,

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

Sunday’s gospel text features the familiar analogy of Jesus as the good shepherd who guides and protects the sheep. The sheep know the voice of the shepherd and follow. They learn his voice and don’t follow the voices of strangers. The shepherd protects the sheep and gives his life for theirs, knowing the dangers and travails they will face. This imagery beautifully captures the love Jesus has for us. Join us Sunday

for more!

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, April 21

with Pastor Ben Sandin

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9:30am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Kid Connection

Sunday School

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Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

- 10am-3pm Office is open
- 7:00pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

- 2:30pm - Carol Eliason Memorial

Would you like a visit from a Caring Connections Person?

If you, or someone you know, would like an informal visit from one of our Caring Connection Members, please call the Bethel Office at 408-252-8500 and a visit will be scheduled.



Earth Day Celebration in Cupertino
Saturday, April 20 at 11am-3pm

Join the fun! Visit Bethel's booth! Explore the Cupertino Library Park area!

Quilting for Beginners

Sundays, April 21 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 and consider joining the Bethel Quilters.

Contact is Joann Weberg.



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!

Thai Thai Food Truck menu items available on

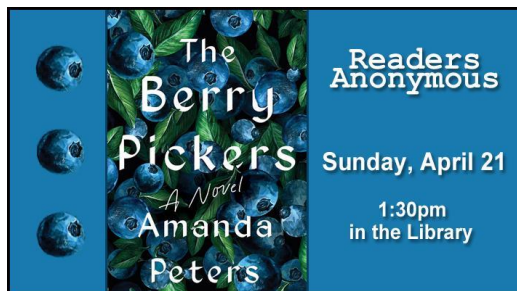
Sunday:

Pad Thai Chicken or Tofu with Noodles
Orange Chicken with Rice (*can't find orange chicken photo on their Facebook page*)
Basil Chicken with Rice
Yellow Curry with Chicken or Tofu
Golden Rolls

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.



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.

1st Wednesday Speaker Event

Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm
in the Fireside Room

On the last Speaker Series event this season, Pamela Wu, Cupertino's new City Manager, will share information about current and future developments in the city of Cupertino.



Street Tacos at Bethel

Sunday, May 5 at 10am-1pm

Taquizas C-Jiménez will be serving Street Tacos, Quesadillas, and Huaraches in the back parking lot from 10am-1pm. Cost is about \$8 per serving. You may eat on site or take home. Great time for fellowship for families and singles and kids and friends - for everyone!



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 5 at 11:45am-12:15pm

Bethel's church council is calling another special congregational meeting. We expect this meeting to be brief, only 10-15 minutes, but it is important.

The sole purpose of this meeting will be for a vote to amend our articles of incorporation to align with California state requirements for a particular type of tax exemption known as a Welfare Exemption.

We currently have a Religious Exemption, but adding a Welfare Exemption grants Bethel permission for a greater range of activities without jeopardizing our property tax exemption. More details about the proposed amendment will be posted on the [Bethel website](#) and also emailed to members. Our treasurer, Dave Tribby, is available to answer questions.

Out 'n About Goes Sailing

Saturday, May 18 at 8:45am-4:15pm

It's time to enjoy a cruise off the Santa Cruz shoreline in Monterey Bay. Bethel has obtained 22 reservations for the Saturday, May 18 Wildlife & Ecology Cruise at 10:30am on the Chardonnay. This will be a 2-hour expedition in search of whales and other marine life. There will be complimentary champagne, orange juice, coffee, pastries and fresh fruit. Bethel has previously cruised on the Chardonnay a number of times.

Each time was a memorable experience. The cost is \$85 which includes transportation from Bethel to the Chardonnay dock. The bus will promptly leave at 8:45am. The plan is also to stop for lunch at Beer 30/Carpos after the cruise. So come along with other Bethelites for an exciting time.

Meet: Bethel Parking lot at 8:45am Cost: \$85 which includes the bus and the sail (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church")

Other Costs: Lunch Food Options: We'll be stopping at Beer 30 / Carpo's after for some delicacies and beverages

Return: Back to Bethel by 4:15pm



Contact: Paul Baldwin (408-679-9146) pbald78925@aol.com
Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bethel-lutheran-church-out-and-about-chardonnay-sail-tickets-876415330847>



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

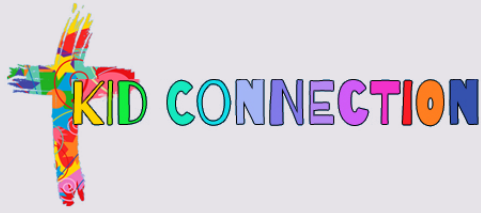


San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

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

Sunday, 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 21 at 9:50am-10:40pm, meet in rooms 1,2, and 9.

This Sunday we will be having a Special Earth and Arbor Day Activity. We will discover ways in which we can help take care of God's creation.

Bible point this Sunday is "Jesus is selfless" so we're selfless.

Kid Connection Hangout

On Sunday, April 28, kids may hang out together (supervised) at Bethel, at 11:45am-1:30pm. RSVP to Amanda to reserve your spot.

Children's Choir

Meets on **Sunday, April 21** after the 10:45am service in Room 2. Kids can be picked up at 1:15pm

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 21

Our Old Testament look is winding down. This week God's chosen (*for a purpose*) people are going home (*sounds familiar*). Considerations ... Do they really want to "go home" (*leave*)? Is where they are returning to really their "home"? Can one ever really "go home again"? Here are some ponders for you this week ... Where is a place you look forward to returning to? What makes this place special? Where would you like to visit for the first time? What is the draw for this destination? The last

time you moved - looking back - a good thing? or not so much?

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, April 21

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](https://www.bethelcupertino.org)*

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