



Dear Bethel Family,

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:10-11)

This Sunday's gospel is a continuation from last week. Jesus encourages the disciples (and us) to abide in Jesus' love. Abiding in Jesus' love allows us to bear the fruit of love but also to experience the JOY of Jesus. Jesus' prayer for us is that we would have his joy and that it would be completed or perfected in our lives. Sign me up for JOY!

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

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with Pastor Ben Sandin

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Monday, May 6

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

Tuesday, May 7

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, May 8

10am-3pm Office is open

10:00am - Women of Wednesday

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, May 9

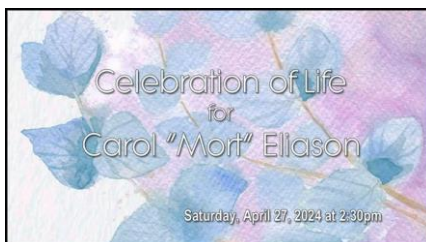
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7:00pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

In Case you missed it ...



Carol Eliason Celebration of Life Service

In case you missed it, the Celebration of Life Service for Carol "Mort" Eliason, held on Saturday, April 27, may be viewed online [here](#).



1st Wednesday Speaker Event

In case you missed it, the Wednesday, May 1 Speaker event featuring Pamela Wu, Cupertino City Manager, may be viewed online [here](#).

Street Tacos at Bethel

Sunday, May 5 at 10am-1pm

Taquizas C-Jiménez will be serving Street Tacos for \$3.50 each, Quesadillas for \$7 each and Huaraches for \$10 each in the back parking lot from 10am-1pm. 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.



Requesting Mother's Day Photos

Let's Celebrate Moms on May 12! All are invited to send in photos of your Mom: Mom alone, Mom with you, Mom with grandkids - what ever you prefer. Send photos by May 10 to be included in the slide show during Sunday services. Include a note that it is for Mother's Day, and the first name(s) of those in the photo.

Also, if you wish, please bring a photo to church on Mother's Day and place it in the Narthex with names of

who-is-who for all to see.

Out 'n About Goes Sailing

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

Bethel has obtained 22 reservations for the Saturday, May 18 Wildlife & Ecology Cruise at 10:30am on the Chardonay. This is a 2-hour expedition in search of whales and other marine life. There is complimentary champagne, orange juice, coffee, pastries and fresh fruit.

Bethel has previously cruised on the Chardonay a number of times. Each time was a memorable experience. The cost is \$85 which includes transportation from Bethel to the Chardonay 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.

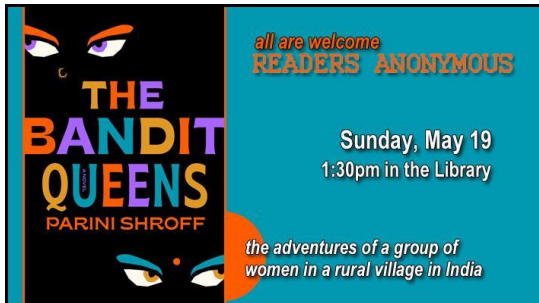
Cost: \$85 which includes the bus and the sail (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church")

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

Contact is Paul Baldwin.



Sign-up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bethel-lutheran-church-out-and-about-chardonnay-sail-tickets-876415330847>



Readers Anonymous

Sunday, May 19 at 1:30pm in the Library

Please join the group for a discussion of the book "The Bandit Queens" by local author, Parini Shroff. Follow the fun and quirky adventures of a group of women in a village in rural India. This book was nominated for the award in Goodreads category "Best Debut Novel" in 2023. All are welcome.

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.

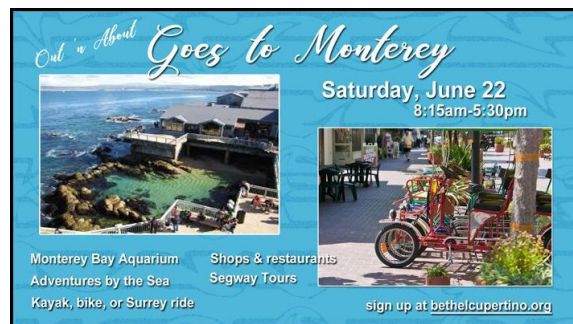
Fuel Cost: \$10 pp or \$30 for family of 4 or more, (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church").

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:

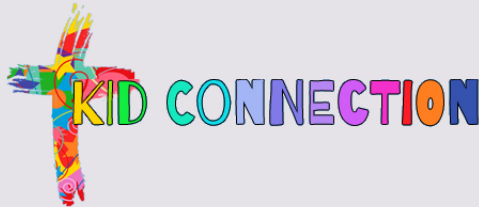
https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024_vbs/index.php

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, May 5 at 9:50am-10:40pm, meet in rooms 1,2, and 9.

Our Bible point this Sunday is "Jesus wants to be our friend." We will focus on Luke 10:38-42, where Jesus visits his friends Mary and Martha.

Sunday, May 19 is the last day of Kid Connection for this school year. We will then have our Annual Ice Cream Friday and passing out this summer's Take Out Church. Find out the theme then!

Children's Choir

Meets on **Sunday, May 5** after the 10:45am service in Room 2 with lunch at noon. Kids can be picked up at 1:15pm. Children will sing during the service on Sunday, May 12, Mothers Day.

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, May 5

We are wrapping up our Old Testament lessons this Sunday. Priest and Scribe, Ezra and Layman, Nehemiah and Prophet, Malachi all play key parts in the closing books of the Old Testament. It is time to finish the rebuilding of the Temple, per God's instructions and the Prophets constant "encouragement."

Here are a few things to ponder for the week: In this Old Testament time in history is God pleased with His people? What would have had to change for the "pleased" meter to move forward? How about today? Is God pleased with our leaders? What would have to change to move the "pleased" meter forward today?

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, May 5

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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