

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Service is led by Pastor Ben Sandin.

Organist: Melody Wright

Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Carol Olson; and by Margaret Lund in honor of Loretta Lund Callahan's December birthday.

Deacon: Greg Steinke, Doris Darknell, Dianne Stauffer

Lector: Confirmands

Lockup Volunteer: Larry Jow

Bethel This Week

Sunday, December 8

8:15am Confirmation Mini-Retreat
8:45am Traditional Worship
9:40am Kid Connection
9:50am Sr High Gathering
10:45am Contemporary Worship
6:30pm Handbell Choir

Monday, December 9

9:00am Men of Monday
9:15am Quilters
1:30pm Caring Connection Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

10am-12pm Office Open

Wednesday, December 11

10am-3pm Office Open
10:00am Women of Wednesdays
6:30pm Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, December 12

10am-3pm Office Open
7:30pm Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

9:00am SVKS in Parking Lot
7:00am Harpers Hall Concert

Giving

October Outreach & Benevolence

\$1,795 Sierra Pacific Synod for churchwide mission support
\$2,000 Esperanza Mission to Mexico
\$1,000 West Valley Community Services
\$ 525 Bethel Quilters (Special Designated)
\$ 112 San Jose Family Shelter

\$5,432 TOTAL

December Special Designated Offering Habitat for Humanity

To give to Bethel visit:
www.bethelcupertino.org/giving

Attendance

Tuesday, November 26: 40;
Sunday, December 1
8:45am - 83; 10:45am - 66;



Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 8:45am

Prelude "Prepare the Royal Highway" (Paul Manz)
Welcome & Announcements
Advent Confession and Forgiveness
Sharing Christ's Peace
Hymn Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW #264, vs. 1-4)
Apostolic Greeting
Kyrie
Advent Canticle of Praise Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW #242, vs. 1,2)
Advent Scripture, Prayer, Lighting the Candle of Peace
Advent Candle Lighting Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW #257, vs. 2)
First Reading Philippians 1:3-11
Acclamation & Response
Gospel Luke 3:1-6
Response after the Gospel
Message "Prepare the Way"
Hymn On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW #249, vs. 1-5)
Apostles Creed
Prayers
Offering "My Lord, What a Morning" (R.E. Schram) Bethel Choir; accompanied by Vadim Rivkin
Offertory Prayer
Great Thanksgiving
Holy, Holy, Holy
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Distribution "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Joel Raney)
Hella Bluhm-Stieber, Melody Wright, piano
Blessing
Hymn Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW #239, vs. 1-4)
Sending
Postlude "Prepare the Royal Highway" (Charles Ore)

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Congregational Life
Tom Hoegel
Adult Ministry
Mary Deutscher
Childrens Ministry
Amanda Laughlin
Confirmation
Robyn Winegardner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROEST FAMILY FAREWELL RECEPTION

Sunday, December 8, 11:45am, Narthex & Playground

Please join the fruit and cookie reception in the Narthex then bring your own picnic lunch to the playground to say goodbye to the Roerst family before they move back to the Netherlands.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: HARPERS HALL ENSEMBLE

Saturday, December 14, 7-9pm in the Sanctuary

Come to Bethel to hear the harps of the Harpers Hall. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and will support the Bethel Music Program concert expenses.

MADRIGALS AT BETHEL

Sunday, December 15, 9:50am-10:20am

Enjoy the spirit of Christmas in an a capella concert given by the Mountain View High School Madrigals, led by Jill Denny.

YOUNG ADULT MEET UP!

Friday, December 27, 5:30pm in the Youth Room

Meet for kicks and giggles. Bring friends if you wish. Contact Harumy Miura for more information.

NEW: KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

Ellen Aist is starting a new ministry in January to make hats for the unhoused. Yarn, and loom for crocheting, are provided. If you are interested, contact Ellen Aist or Amanda Laughlin.

READERS ANONYMOUS

Sunday, January 19, 1:30pm in the Library

We will not meet in December, but for this month's book selection, please select a book of your own choosing about the season of hope, love, and charity. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:30pm in the Library

9th ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Sunday, January 26, noon-1:30pm in Torvend Hall

It's time again for the Annual Chili Cook Off - time to get cookin'! Whether you are 'in it to win it' with your best recipe, or just comin' for the great eats, RSVP via your bulletin insert (in January) and/or contact Mary Deutscher in the office (408-252-8500). So break out your western wear and please bring a side dish, bread or dessert to share. We will provide chili toppings, chips, and beverages. Volunteers are needed for set up/clean up.

WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 2 at noon-1pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for our winter Annual Meeting for ministry and project updates, financials, officer elections and some snacks. Please review the minutes from the previous meeting at bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/202408_Meeting/Aug_25_minutes.pdf prior to the meeting.

BETHEL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN to ADULTS:

Nursery (infants and toddlers) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

Kid Connection (2yrs to 5th grade) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

Confirmation (6th to 8th grades) / contact is Robyn Winegardner

High School / contact is Tom Hoegel

Young Adults / contact is Harumy Miura

Adults / contacts are Pastor Ben, Tom Hoegel, Mary Deutscher

Visit Bethel's website at www.bethelcupertino.org for details of programs and activities offered. To receive the weekly eNewsletter, email pubs@bethelcupertino.org.

CARING CONNECTION VISITS

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. We would love to visit with you!

LIVE STREAMING & RECORDING

This service is being streamed live to [youtube.com/bethelcupertino](https://www.youtube.com/bethelcupertino). Those under 18 are not on camera without parental permission.