

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Service is led by Pastor Ben Sandin.

Music is provided by A Joyful Noise Handbell Choir, led by Chris Hogan, and the Worship team, led by Clayton Johnson.

Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Ordetta Hovland; and by Marilyn Garten with thankfulness for His many blessings.

Deacon: Angela Brown

Lector: Robyn Winegardner

Lockup Volunteer: Ichiro Fujishiro

## Bethel This Week

### Sunday, December 15

8:45am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Confirmation Class  
9:40am Kid Connection  
9:50am Sr High Gathering  
9:50am Madrigals Concert at Bethel  
10:45am Contemporary Worship

### Monday, December 16

9:00am Men of Monday  
9:15am Quilters  
12:00pm Martha Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 17

10am-1pm Office Open  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, December 18

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

### Thursday, December 19

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

### Friday, December 20

### Saturday, December 21

## Giving

### November Outreach & Benevolence

\$1,632 Sierra Pacific Synod for churchwide mission support  
\$1,510 Lutheran World Relief  
\$1,000 Help One Child  
\$1,000 Lutheran Disaster Response  
\$1,000 Habitat for Humanity  
\$ 500 Correctional Institute Chaplaincy (CIC)  
\$ 455 Second Harvest Food Bank

\$7,097 TOTAL

**December  
Special Designated Offering**  
Habitat for Humanity

To give to Bethel visit:  
[www.bethelcupertino.org/giving](http://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving)

## Attendance

Sunday, December 8  
8:45am - 85; 10:45am - 66



Hospitality - Christ Centered Community - Spiritual Growth - Responding to Needs - Generosity

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 10:45am**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Song Heavenly Hosts (For King & Country)

Advent Candle Lighting: Scripture, Prayer, Candle of Love

Sharing Christ's Peace

Children's Message

First Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

Message "Bearing Fruit"

Song Hold Us Together (Matt Maher)

Apostles Creed

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Offering "Ave Maria" (Bach/Gounod) A Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

Blessing

Song What Love Has Done (Sarah Hart, Kate York)

Sending

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Melody Wright  
**Contemporary Music Director**  
Clayton Johnson  
**Handbell Choir Director**  
Chris Hogan



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**Council President**  
Doreen Baldwin  
**Congregational Life**  
Tom Hoegel  
**Adult Ministry**  
Mary Deutscher  
**Childrens Ministry**  
Amanda Laughlin  
**Confirmation**  
Robyn Winegardner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### REQUESTING NATIVITY PHOTOS... by December 19

Do you own any nativity scenes? Would you like to share photos of them? Please send any photos you have of your nativity scenes to [communitymedia@bethelcupertino.org](mailto:communitymedia@bethelcupertino.org) by Thursday, December 19.

### ICE SKATING, CAROLING, PIZZA

*Sunday, December 22, 2pm-7pm*

All ages are welcome to our annual Skating/Caroling/Pizza Extravaganza. We'll start out skating at the quaint outdoor rink at Winterlodge in Palo Alto. Then we'll bring some Christmas Cheer to some Bethel loved ones that can't get out, and finish with some yummy pizza from Tony & Albas. Take a break from the Christmas rush and re-center and give some to others at the same time. See all the details and sign up at [bethelcupertino.org](http://bethelcupertino.org).

### 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 ([harumy4747@gmail.com](mailto:harumy4747@gmail.com)) 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 Amanda Laughlin ([alaughlin@bethelcupertino.org](mailto:alaughlin@bethelcupertino.org)).

### OUT 'N ABOUT PLAYS GAMES AT BETHEL

*Saturday, January 11, 5pm-9pm, Fireside Room*

Come to the Fireside Room for a Game Night. Bring your favorite board game and/or puzzle and we'll figure out which ones we are going to play. Pizza is provided but feel free to bring snacks. Contact is Paul Baldwin at [pbald78925@aol.com](mailto:pbald78925@aol.com).

### END OF YEAR GIVING

Please consider making a December contribution to help keep Bethel's ministries and outreach thriving in 2025. The stock market has been doing really well and you'll have no capital gain tax on donated stock. All gifts received or postmarked by December 31, 2024 will be included on your 2024 Statement of Contributions for tax purposes. Please contact Fara in the church office (408-252-8500, or [fara.brock@gmail.com](mailto:fara.brock@gmail.com)) if you have questions about end of year giving.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAY WEEKS

The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2. End of year check gifts can be dropped in the church mailslot or postmarked by December 31.

### 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you use Offering Envelopes for giving, then you may pick up your 2025 envelopes from the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, December 8-22. After December 22, the envelopes may be picked up at the church office. If you use automated giving and no longer need offering envelopes, contact Mary Deutscher.

#### BETHEL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN to ADULTS:

**Nursery** (infants and toddlers) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

**Kid Connection** (2yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) / contact is Amanda Laughlin

**Confirmation** (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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.