

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Service is led by Pastor Ben Sandin.

Music is provided by our organist, Melody Wright.

Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Barto family in celebration of the birth of our Savior - Merry Christmas!; and by the Freckmann family in celebration of Bailey's birthday on December 24.

Deacon: Tony Stieber

Lector: Dave Denny

Lockup Volunteer: Ralph Miller

Bethel This Week

Sunday, December 22

- 8:45am Traditional Worship
- 9:30am Confirmation Class
- 9:40am Kid Connection
- 9:50am Sr High Gathering
- 10:45am Contemporary Worship
- 2:00pm Ice Skating/Caroling/Pizza

Monday, December 23

- 9:00am Men of Monday

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- Office Closed
- 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve
- 9:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas

- Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

- Office Closed

Friday, December 27

- 5:30pm Young Adult Meetup

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

Attendance

Sunday, December 15
8:45am - 75; 10:45am - 74;
Nursery-1



Sunday, December 22, 2024 • 8:45am

Prelude	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Charles Ore)
Welcome & Announcements	
Advent Confession and Forgiveness	
Sharing Christ's Peace	
Hymn	My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness (ELW #251, vs. 1-3)
Apostolic Greeting	
Kyrie	
Advent Cantic of Praise	Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW #242, vs. 1,4)
Advent Scripture, Prayer, Lighting the Candle of Love	
Advent Candle Lighting Song	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW #257, vs. 4)
Confirmands present "Keep Christ in Christmas"	
First Reading	Micah 5:2-5a
Acclamation & Response	
Gospel	Luke 1:39-55
Response after the Gospel	
Message	"Song of Mary"
Hymn	The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (ELW #265, vs. 1-4)
Apostles Creed	
Prayers	
Offering	"O Come Divine Messiah!" (Hal Hopson) Bethel Choir; Vadim Rivkin, accompanist
Offertory Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	
Holy, Holy, Holy	
Words of Institution	
Lord's Prayer	
Distribution	Variations on "Polish Carol" (David Lasky)
Blessing	
Hymn	He Came Down (ELW #253, vs. 1,2,3,4,1)
Sending	
Postlude	"Prepare the Royal Highway" (Egil Hovand)

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Clayton Johnson
Handbell Choir Director
Chris Hogan



ELCA
God's Work. Our Hands.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. See all the details and sign up at bethelcupertino.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24 at 5pm Family Themed

Tuesday, December 24 at 9pm Traditional Themed

YOUNG ADULT MEET UP!

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

Meet for kicks and giggles. Bring friends if you wish. Contact is Harumy Miura (harumy4747@gmail.com).

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 pbald78925@aol.com.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REQUESTS IDEAS

By Tuesday, January 14

The Endowment Committee is once again seeking ideas from the congregation as to potential uses of up to \$5,000 from the endowment account. Suitable projects must be in the areas of Outreach, Education, or Charitable Work. We are seeking new and visionary ideas. If you have an idea or proposal, please reach out to us at endowment-team@bethelcupertino.org by January 14.

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

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) 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 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.