

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Service is led by Pastor Ben Sandin.

Music is provided by the Worship Team, led by Clayton Johnson.

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: Brett Deutscher

Lector: Jeff Barto

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](http://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving)

## Attendance

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



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

**Sunday, December 22, 2024 • 10:45am**

### Gathering Music

### Welcome & Announcements

Song Hearts Waiting (Joy to the World) (Matt Redman)

### Advent Candle Lighting: Scripture, Prayer, Candle of Love

### Sharing Christ's Peace

### Kid Connection presents "Christ is Born in Bethlehem"

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Gospel Luke 1:39-55

Message "Song of Mary"

Song My Soul Magnifies the Lord (Chris Tomlin)

### Prayers

Offering "Mary Did You Know" (Geene, Lowry)

### Advent Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

### Holy Communion

### Lord's Prayer

Distribution "Baby Boy" (For King and Country)

### Blessing

Song Joy to the World (You Are My Joy) (Rend Collective)

### Sending

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Lead Pastor Rev. Ben Sandin  
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Organist, Bethel Choir Director  
Melody Wright  
Contemporary Music Director  
Clayton Johnson  
Handbell Choir Director  
Chris Hogan



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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

Visit Bethel's website at [www.bethelcupertino.org](http://www.bethelcupertino.org) for details of programs and activities offered. To receive the weekly eNewsletter, email [pubs@bethelcupertino.org](mailto: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.