

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today's Message is given by Chris Christensen.

Music is provided by our organist, Melody Wright.

Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Barto family in celebration of the new year, Happy New Year; and by Vera & Roger Edstrom in celebration of grandson William Edstrom's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Deacons: Steve Emmert

Lector: Jeff Barto

Lockup Volunteer: Brad Martinson

## Bethel This Week

Sunday, December 29

8:45am Traditional Worship

10:45am Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

New Years Eve

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

10am-3pm Office Open

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

9:00am SVKS Uses Parking Lot

## 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



Sunday, December 29, 2024 • 8:45am

Prelude "Cold December Flies Away" (Charles Ore)  
Welcome & Announcements  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Sharing Christ's Peace  
Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW #283, vs. 1,3,4)  
Apostolic Greeting  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day  
First Reading Colossians 3:12-17  
Acclamation & Response  
Gospel Luke 2:41-52  
Response after the Gospel  
Message "Child Prodigy"  
Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (ELW #288, vs. 1-3)  
Apostles Creed  
Prayers  
Lord's Prayer  
Offering "Joy to the World" (Jim Brickman)  
Offertory Prayer  
Blessing  
Hymn Go Tell It On the Mountain (ELW #290, vs. 1-3)  
Sending  
Postlude "He Is Born" (Richard Hudson)

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Chris Hogan



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Adult Ministry  
Mary Deutscher  
Childrens Ministry  
Amanda Laughlin  
Confirmation  
Robyn Winegardner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

*Wednesday, January 8, at 7pm in the Fireside Room*

Chris Christensen will share what he has learned from his many years of travel for his podcast "The Amateur Traveler."

### 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).

### BIBLE STUDY: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

*Sunday, January 12, 9:50am in the Fireside Room*

Pastor Ben will lead a 5 week Bible Study on Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount on Sundays. Contact Pastor Ben at [bsandin@bethelcupertino.org](mailto:bsandin@bethelcupertino.org) for any questions.

### 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.

### 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

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

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.

### 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.