



Dear Bethel Family,

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)

The festival of Pentecost was an occasion for Jewish pilgrims to gather in Jerusalem 50 days after the Passover. This provided an opportune moment for the disciples to share the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. There was only a minor problem; everyone spoke different languages! Not to worry God says, I will provide the power of the Holy Spirit to allow everyone to hear the gospel in their native language. Such is the power of the Holy Spirit, through which God empowers us to God's work in the world. Join us Sunday as we celebrate the Holy Spirit at both services and Confirmation at 10:45am.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, May 19

with Pastor Ben Sandin

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9:50am - Kid Connection

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The Week Ahead at Bethel

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Monday, May 20

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

12:00pm - Martha Bible Study

Tuesday, May 21

10am-1pm Office is open

7:00pm - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

10am-3pm Office is open

10:00am - Women of Wednesday

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, May 23

10am-3pm Office is open

7:00pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

May Staff Meeting

Check out the youtube video of the recent staff meeting, by clicking on the adjacent image.

Upcoming 10:45am Outdoor Worship:
Sundays, May 26-September 8



Out 'n About Goes Sailing

Saturday, May 18 at 8:45am-4:15pm

Bethel has obtained 22 reservations for the Saturday, May 18 Wildlife & Ecology Cruise at 10:30am on the Chardonnay. This is a 2-hour expedition in search of whales and other marine life. There is complimentary champagne, orange juice, coffee, pastries and fresh fruit.

Bethel has previously cruised on the Chardonnay a number of times. Each time was a memorable experience. The cost is \$85 which includes

transportation from Bethel to the Chardonnay dock. The bus will promptly leave at 8:45am. The plan is also to stop for lunch at Beer 30/Carpos after the cruise. So come along with other Bethelites for an exciting time.

Cost: \$85 which includes the bus and the sail (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church")

Other Costs: Lunch Food Options: We'll be stopping at Beer 30 / Carpo's after for some delicacies and beverages

Contact is Paul Baldwin.

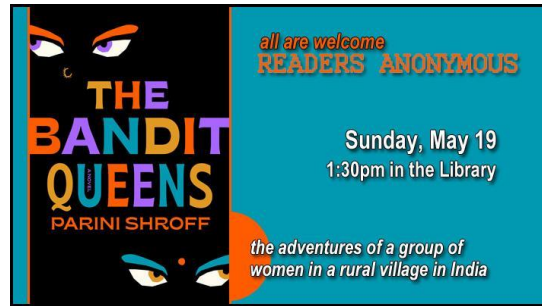
Sign-up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bethel-lutheran-church-out-and-about-chardonnay-sail->

[tickets-876415330847](https://www.eventbrite.com/tickets-876415330847)

Readers Anonymous

Sunday, May 19 at 1:30pm in the Library

Please join the group for a discussion of the book "The Bandit Queens" by local author, Parini Shroff. Follow the fun and quirky adventures of a group of women in a village in rural India. This book was nominated for the award in Goodreads category "Best Debut Novel" in 2023. All are welcome.



Let's Remember Loved Ones Lost Defending Our Country

By Tuesday, May 21, for Sunday, May 26

All are invited to send in photos of Loved Ones Lost defending our country for inclusion on Sunday, May 26 worship services. Please include a note that it is for Memorial Day Remembrance and the first name(s) of those in the photo. Also, Feel free to bring a photo of your loved one to church on Sunday, May 26 and place it in the Narthex with their name



Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly Meeting in Fresno

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9

Pr. Ben, Joann & Bill Weberg, Tom and others, will be attending the [Synod Assembly Meeting](#) this June. Joann & Bill will host a booth at the meeting full of information about the Ingathering and Quilt Making adventures of Bethel, which send quilts all over the world (see adjacent photo) through Lutheran World Relief.



Out 'n About Goes to Monterey

Saturday, June 22
8:15am-5:30pm



Out 'n About Adventure in Monterey

Saturday, June 22 at 8:15am-5:30pm

Join us for a day in Monterey where you can make your own adventure. Enjoy the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, kayak in the bay, or ride a bike or surrey on the beautiful pathway along the ocean. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to round out your visit. Bring your family and friends!

Meet: in the Bethel Parking lot at 8:15am.

Fuel Cost: \$10 pp or \$30 for family of 4 or more, (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church").
Food: Find a favorite restaurant on Cannery Row or bring your own sack lunch.

Return: Back to Bethel by 5:30pm.

Contact: Marianne Nadell.

See the Flyer [here](#).



Scuba VBS 2024!

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9am-12noon
Afternoon care program at noon-5pm

Register your kids today for SCUBA VBS!
This year there is also an afternoon program at noon - 5pm, for an additional cost and limited space.

HUG (Help Us Go) Scholarships are available if this would be helpful for your child to attend.

Contact Amanda Laughlin.

Register here:

https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024_vbs/index.php

Support our Youth going to the National Youth Gathering and BOOCT 3

Monday-Thursday, July 15-25

Be sure to visit the Narthex on Sundays to check out the board of opportunities (shown in the middle of the adjacent photo) that shows ways you may donate to help our 26 Youth, Young Adults, Adult Sponsors, and others, to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

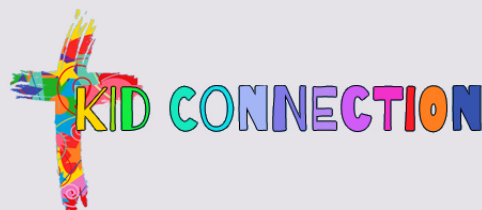


San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

The San Jose Family Shelter needs volunteers to cook or serve, on the follow dates in 2024:

Sunday, June 9,
Sunday, August 11,
Sunday, October 13,
Sunday, December 8

Cook Volunteers are needed 5:30am - 7am.
Server Volunteers are needed 6:45am - 8:15am.
Contact is Chris Ford at chris@island2.com.



Sunday School
Preschool-1st Grade Group
Children's Choir
3rd-5th Grade Group
Parent Fellowship

Kid Connection Sunday School
Sunday, May 19 at 9:50am-10:40pm

This is the last day of Kid Connection for this school year. We will play on the playground and have our Annual Ice Cream Funday and passing out this summer's Take Out Church. Find out the theme then!

Children's Choir

Sundays, May 19 and 26 at noon in the Music & Ed room

Meet for a short session, with snacks. Kids will practice for singing at both services on Sunday, June 2. These will be the last practices for this school year.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 is **Monday-Friday, July 8-12** from 9am-noon.

[Registration for VBS](#) is open now. There will also be an afternoon program that will be Scuba themed, for children whose parent(s) work full time, or for anyone who would find this helpful. There will be an added cost and it has limited space. Contact Amanda if you have any questions.

For more information and to receive the Kid Connection emails, contact Amanda Laughlin.



Confirmation Class (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday, a day when we, at Bethel, invite our Confirmands, after three years of classes, to affirm their Baptism. All are invited to join the Celebration at the 10:45am Worship Service and support our Confirmands, Bryson, Drew and Joselyn along with their families - the Brown's, Keish's and Riedell's. We will take June, July and August off from weekly classes but will have fun stuff happening throughout the summer - We've got Rock 'n Water, a day at Santa Cruz

Boardwalk, helping with VBS, a day of River Rafting and a pool party. Keep an eye out, I'll keep you posted.

For more information about the Confirmation program at Bethel, contact Robyn Winegardner.



Sr. High Students

Sunday, May 12

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

Wednesdays at 6:30pm - dinner and discussion.

For more information on Sr. High activities and to get on the email list, contact Tom Hoegel.

Your Giving

Here are the monthly Benevolence Giving Reports:

<https://www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/index.php#Benevolence>

Ways to give to Bethel:

Contact Fara Brock in the church office at 408-252-8500
or visit <https://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving>

*For more information on Bethel Cupertino
visit [bethelcupertino.org](https://www.bethelcupertino.org)*

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