



Dear Bethel Family,

Genesis: The Origin Story Part 8:

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Genesis 25:27-28 (Genesis 25:27-28)

Abraham and Sarah waited a long time for God's promise of a son to come to fruition. When Isaac was born, their lives were filled with joy, and through their son many nations would trace their roots. Isaac and his wife Rebekah had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Their family, while part of God's plan to bless the generations, was a dysfunctional mess. Isaac favored Esau and Rebekah favored Jacob, what could possibly go wrong? Join us Sunday as we consider their family dynamics and how God can still bless us in our messiness.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben Sandin

Sunday
August 25

Message by Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am -
Traditional Worship

9:50am - Sr High
Gathering

10:45pm - Outdoor Contemporary Worship

12:00pm - Congregational Meeting

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



Sunday, August 25

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

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Monday, August 26

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

Tuesday, August 27

10am-1pm Office Open

Wednesday, August 28

10am-3pm Office Open

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

7:00pm - Genesis Bible Study

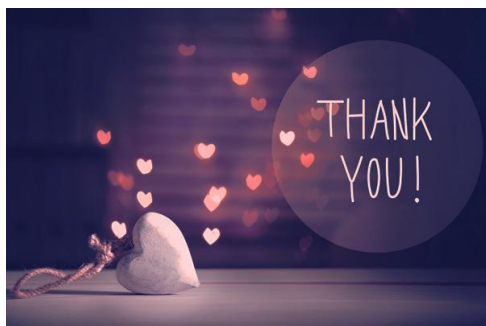
Thursday, August 29

10am-3pm Office Open

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Click on the adjacent image
to see the Staff Meeting
from Tuesday, August 6



Thank you from Joann Stensaas

Thank you to my Bethel family for their support and attendance at Lou's Celebration of Life.

YA Meetup

Friday, August 23 & every other Friday
5:30pm-7:30pm

College age and young adults invited - bring friends! Contact Harumy if you have any questions.



Fun Foodie Friday

Friday, August 23, 5:30-8pm, Front Lawn

Come to the Bethel front lawn for dinner! Bring friends! There will be Food Trucks with different menus. See the flyer [here](#).

Trucks include:

El Rufles Tacos, Pupusa Time, Thai Thai, Kona Ice



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 25 at noon

Please attend the Congregational Meeting after the second service. We will discuss and approve the budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 and hear ministry updates.

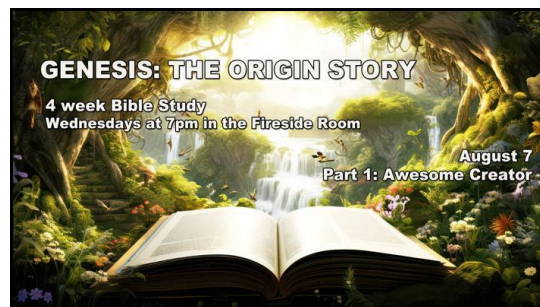
Please review the minutes from the May, March, and February Congregational Meetings [here](#).

Genesis Bible Study: The Origin Story

Wednesdays, August 7-28 at 7pm
in the Fireside Room

Pastor Ben leads a Bible study that supplements the current sermon series focusing on the book of Genesis, where we will examine the well know stories of Genesis and also some that receive less attention.

Click [here](#) if you wish to attend on Zoom.





Park Fire Relief

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California is working in collaboration with the Sierra Pacific Synod and the California, Nevada, and Hawaii District LCMS to provide relief resources and services to those affected, and are all accepting donations. Your donations can make a significant difference in providing immediate relief and long-term support. Needs will range from the need for housing (immediate or longer term), food assistance, transportation assistance, and essentials for daily living.

Every contribution, no matter the size, helps restore hope and rebuild lives.

[Click here donate to the Lutheran Social Services of Northern California Wildfire Relief Funds via PayPal.](#)

Project Promise LWR School Kits

collecting donations till September 1

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) sends School Kits to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Items are being collected through September 1, then the kits will be assembled by our Quilters (in the school bags they have made) and sent to LWR. Click [here](#) to see a list of items needed for the kits.



Bethel's Labor Day Retreat 2024

"Everybody Has a Story..."

Sunday, September 1 at Mt Cross camp

Everyone is invited to Bethel's Labor Day Retreat at [Mt Cross](#)! We have a full day of programming on Sunday, September 1 and a weekend option for those that want to spend more time at the camp.

Look for the Labor Day Retreat table in the

Welcome Zone before and after worship during July and August to learn more and register! Check out all Labor Day Retreat info [here](#). And here is the [Labor Day Retreat handbook](#).

This year's theme is "Everybody has a story..." where we'll explore our own faith stories and those of our community. To help get your story-juices flowing, each week we'll look at one of the themes from Anne Lamott's book, [Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life](#) and ponder how that can be applied to our own faith stories.

Have a few books you've read and are ready to part with? Looking for new books to add to your reading list? Please bring a book or two to the Labor Day Retreat for a *Book Exchange*. All types of books are welcomed. Perhaps you'll head home from the retreat with some new reading material.

Here's your Faith Story Big Idea of the Week:

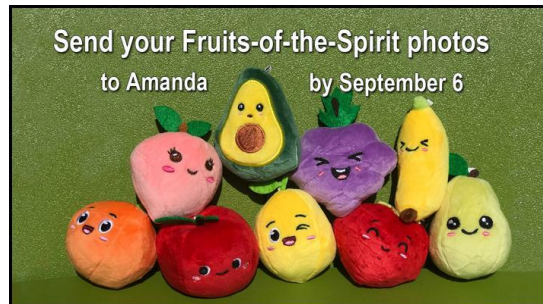
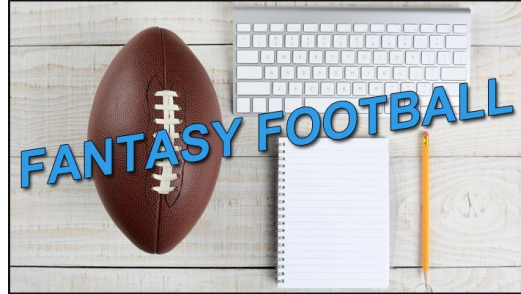
Anne Lamott says that when writing, you need to find the right people to talk to about your work. Likewise, our faith stories cannot be written alone. We need to be in community. Who do you talk to about your faith story? Who do you *want* to talk to about your faith story? Who are people whose input to

your faith story you've decided not to listen to anymore? Who are people who need to hear your faith story? Like writing - prayer, meditation, and our relationship to God can feel like a solo activity - but in fact, just as the story itself contains many characters, the writing and crafting of the story can be so much richer when we invite more people in.

Fantasy Football Draft

*Wednesday, September 4 at 7-8:30pm
in the Fireside Room*

The 4th annual Fantasy Football season is back! If you would like to play this year contact Pastor Ben.



Reminder to send your fruit photos
by Wednesday, September 6 to Amanda

Don't forget to send your summer photos with the fuzzy fruits (from this year's Take-Out Church) to Amanda Laughlin at alaughlin@bethelcupertino.org.

Bishop Jeff Johnson Visits Bethel

Sunday, September 8 at 9:50am

Please come to the Adult Forum between services in the Fireside Room to meet Bishop Jeff Johnson.



Kid Connection Rally Day & Ministry Celebration

Sunday, September 8, 9:50am & noon

Kid Connection (3 years-5th grade) celebrates the start of classes with carnival games and treats on the playground at 9:50am.

The Ministry Celebration will include a BBQ lunch by Road Dogs.





Twister Asian Fusion Food Truck

Sunday, September 22 at 10am-1pm

Gather around the September food truck in the back parking lot for a yummy lunch.

1st Wednesday Speaker Series

Wednesday, October 2 at 7pm, Fireside

Our first 1st Wednesday speaker this season will be Josh Selo, the CEO of the Bill Wilson Center. Their mission is to improve the lives of youth, individuals, families, and our communities through housing, mental health care, supportive services, and advocacy. Come for the talk, Q&A, snacks.

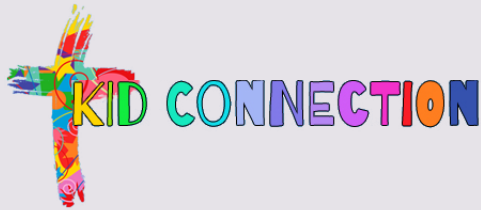
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Sunday School
Preschool-1st Grade Group
Children's Choir
3rd-5th Grade Group
Parent Fellowship

Kid Connection Sunday School

Kid Connection is on summer break until Sunday, September 8.

Although we will not be meeting during Education Hour, join us for worship, and then head out to the playground after the first or second service. Amanda will have the bathrooms by the playground open for your use. This will be a great time for kids to play and for parents to connect with other parents.

Take Out Church 2024: Fruits of the Spirit

This year's theme is based on Galatians 5:22-23, the fruits of the spirit: Love, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Goodness - Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self- Control.

The items we will be taking pictures with this year, are the fuzzy fruits with little faces, from this year's Take-Out Church. Please take them with you on your vacations or staycations and **send the pictures to Amanda by September 6**. Amanda will be putting the photos together to make a movie that will be shown this fall.

Sunday, September 8 - Kid Connection Rally Day at 9:50am-10:40am

Come and have fun with games and treats on the playground. Meet Kid Connection teachers.

Sunday, September 15 - Kid Connection Classes Begin at 9:50am-10:40am

Meet on the Playground, then move into classrooms.

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



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

We've got our third Fun Food Friday with several Food Trucks serving their yummy foods on Friday, August 23 at 5:30pm-8pm on Bethel's front lawn. ALL are welcome.

Kick off this year's "Year of the New Testament" classes during the Mt Cross Retreat on September 1 ...

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, August 25

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Sr High dinner and fellowship

contact Tom Hoegel.

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

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>

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