



Dear Bethel Family,

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:33-35)

I have a confession to make - I am competitive. I like to compete, and I like to win. Over the years, I have learned to temper my impulses but sometimes it doesn't work. The disciples were humans just like us who at times got things right and other times not so much. In our gospel for Sunday the disciples are arguing among themselves which of them was the greatest. Presumably they were nominating themselves as the best disciple, rather than seeing greatness in each other. Jesus reminds them that the best way to follow him is to serve others, not to look good or be noticed, but because it is the right thing to do.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ben Sandin  
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Sunday  
September 22

*Message by Pastor Ben Sandin*

8:45am - Traditional Worship

10:45am - Contemporary Worship

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## The Week Ahead at Bethel

### **Sunday, September 22**

**8:45am - Traditional Worship Service**

9:30am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

9:50am - Sunday Forum: Planned Giving Info

10:00am - Twister Asian Fusion Food Truck

**10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service**

4:00pm - Oktoberfest at Ludwig's Mountain View

6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 23**

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

**Tuesday, September 24**

10am-1pm Office Open

**Wednesday, September 25**

10:00am - Women of Wednesdays

10am-3pm Office Open

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

**Thursday, September 26**

10am-3pm Office Open

6:30pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, September 27**

*Adult Mission to Mexico*

**Saturday, September 28**

*Adult Mission to Mexico*

9:00am - SVKS Uses Bethel Parking Lot

2:00pm - Donna Cole Celebration of Life Service

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**Staff Meeting of September 3**

Click on the adjacent image to hear what the staff have to say.



**Fruits of the Spirit Movie**

Click the adjacent image to watch the "Fruits of the Spirit" movie made by Amanda Laughlin, from photos that people submitted showing what they did this summer.

**Sunday Forum:  
Planned Giving Information**  
*Sunday, September 22 at 9:50am  
in the Fireside Room*

The Endowment Committee hosts Wayne Peterson, Financial Consultant with Thrivent to explore different aspects of long term charitable giving. We'll hear about different techniques to maximize giving and avoid taxes. It's never too soon to get started thinking outside the checkbook! Wayne will take us on a tour of both spontaneous and planned giving, and focus on items such as appreciated stock donations, direct giving from IRA distributions, charitable remainder trusts, donor advised funds, wills, tax avoidance, etc. This is not a sales pitch, but a learning experience.



**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.



**Oktoberfest at Ludwig's**  
*Sunday, September 22, 4-6 pm  
meet at Ludwig's*

Come join the Bethel community at Ludwig's Biergarten in Mountain View for our 5th annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 22. We will meet at 4pm to enjoy each other's company plus some great beer and tasty food. This is a great opportunity to bring a new friend or two, as well. If you have any questions contact Tom Hoegel. Prost!!



**Adult Mission to Mexico**  
*Friday, September 27 through  
Monday, October 1*

Please pray for a successful and joy-filled trip for this annual trek to help build homes, with Esperanza, in Mexico. Especially pray for our participants:  
Tanya Barron, Laurie Bryson, Rick Bryson, Maggie Emmert, Mark Evashenk, Tori Evashenk, Chris Freckmann, Tom Hoegel, Dave Lofgren, Janice Martinson, Ralph Miller, Rich Teed.

Dave Nyberg, Tiffany Nyberg, Sydney Radig, Dianne Stauffer, Rich Teed.

Contact Tom Hoegel if you have any questions.

## Donna Cole Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 28 at 2-5pm

Join with Bethel and friends to celebrate the life of Donna Cole. Outdoor Reception follows the service at Bethel.



A poster for a "Forum: Rotating Safe Car Park" event. It has a blue background with a white circle containing a portrait of Norman Puck. The text "Forum: Rotating Safe Car Park" is at the top. Below the portrait, it says "Norman Puck Co-Founder and Program Director of the Rotating Safe Car Park (RSCP)". To the right, it says "Sunday, September 29 9:50am in the Fireside Room". At the bottom, it says "Hear Norman Puck give an overview of the program, safety, risks, eligibility".

## Sunday Forum: Rotating Safe Car Park

Sunday, September 29 at 9:50am  
in the Fireside Room

Learn more about the Rotating Safe Car Park (RSCP) program from Norman Puck, one of the managers of the overall RSCP program. He will give an overview of the project, discussing safety and risks, and explain how guests are selected to be in the program. There will be a time for questions about the program, which we will be hosting at Bethel for the month of November.

## 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.

A poster for the "1st Wednesday Speaker Series" featuring Josh Selo. It has a yellow and purple background. On the left is a portrait of Josh Selo. To the right, it says "Josh Selo" in large blue letters, "Bill Wilson Center" below it, and "a center to improve lives through housing, mental health, advocacy" in smaller text. At the bottom, it says "Wednesday, October 2 at 7pm in the Fireside Room".

A poster for "Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits". It features a group of children holding up colorful items. The text "LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF" is at the top left, and "Personal Care Kits" is in a large, stylized font. Below the image, it says "please bring items to Bethel October 10-12".

## LWR Personal Care Kits

Bethel's High School Youth's goal is to create 200 Personal Care Kits. Your donations in September are greatly appreciated.

Upon receiving the requested items, our Youth will assemble the kits and send them to LWR via the Ingathering at Bethel. **Please drop off donations by Sunday, September 29.**

Items may be dropped off in the Entry, in the labeled bin.

Contact Mary Deutscher for more information.



## LWR InGathering at Bethel

Thursday, October 10  
through Saturday, October 12

The annual Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be held at Bethel to collect quilts, school bags and care kit donations from churches all over the Sierra Pacific Synod. The Parking lot and Rooms 3 and 10 will be used as needed. Contact Joann Weberg if you are interested in helping.

## Young Adult Meet Up

Friday, October 4 at 5:30pm-7:30pm  
and every other Friday

All college and "20-somethings" are invited to bring friends and meet for kicks and giggles every other Friday! Contact Harumy Miura if you have any questions.



## SF MOMA Sports Exhibit

Saturday, October 19, 9am meet at  
Bethel

Take a trip to SFMOMA and enjoy the "Get in the Game" sports exhibit. SFMOMA will present Get in the Game, exploring the powerful role of sports in contemporary culture. Our opening-day-of-the-exhibition adventure will examine how sports permeate culture, bring people together in shared experiences, affect the way we live, and share sports memorabilia.

Meet at Bethel Parking lot at 9:00 am Arriving at SFMOMA for 10:00 opening. See all the details in [the flier](#).

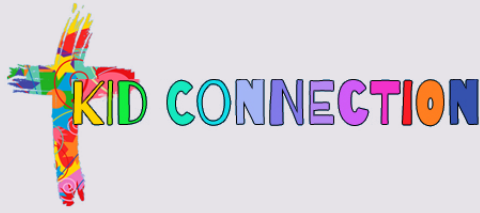
## Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27 at 5:30-9pm

We are, again, partnering with Angel's on Stage and will provide a fun and safe place for children from Bethel and our community to trick-or-treat. Games and activities will be provided. You may bring your decorated car and pass out candy and/or be a "trick-or-treater."

Contact Amanda Laughlin if you have any questions.





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

### **Kid Connection Sunday School (for ages Preschool-5th grade)**

**Sunday, September 22 - Kid Connection Classes at 9:50am-10:40am**

Large Group Opening is outside (weather permitting). Then we move inside to the classrooms. Preschool - 2nd grade meets in room 9, and 2nd-5th grade meets in room 1.

**Sunday, October 13 - KCHO (Kid Connection Hangout) / once a month, 11:45am-2pm**

Kids hang out with Amanda Laughlin and some of our Bethel youth, so that parents can go out to lunch or do whatever is helpful. Lunch is provided for children. Free will offering is appreciated, to offset cost of lunch. Contact [Amanda](#) to sign up.

**Saturday, October 26 - Trunk or Treat night at 5:30-9pm in the Bethel parking lot**

Decorate your car and be ready to hand out candy, or just come and trick-or-treat in the Bethel parking lot. Angels on Stage are partnering with Bethel in this event. Contact Patrice Sera for any questions.

### **Children's Choir**

**Sunday, September 22 - Children's Choir**

Meet after the 10:45am service in Room 2. Lunch is provided. Kids can be picked up at 1:15pm.

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



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

Let the New Testament study begin. Joseph and Mary have one-on-ones with an Angel. Teen Mary gets to tell her parents she's pregnant and a virgin. What was that dinner table conversation like? An older Joseph gets to tell his buddies that his fiancé is pregnant and he's not the dad, in fact, none of the men in town are the father. What was that conversation in the woodshop like? As the years pass, Jesus is the brightest in His 6th grade class. And, boy, does Jesus Have His

Own Story to tell.

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



### **Sr. High Students**

**Sundays**

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>

*For more information on Bethel Cupertino*

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