



Dear Bethel Family,

For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. (Mark 12:44)

The story of the widow's "mite" (a very small denomination of money) is a story of faith in God's provisions. Jesus is at the Temple watching people make financial gifts, with some wealthy people giving large sums. Jesus sees the widow place small copper coins in the collection and he sees her great faith. She gave all that she had, trusting God would provide for her needs. Jesus too gave all he had for our sakes, an act of generous love and sacrifice. Join us Sunday as we consider God's abundance and our invitation to live in response.



Blessings,  
Pastor Ben Sandin

## Sunday, November 10

message given by Pr. Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship  
10:45am - Contemporary Worship



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## The Week Ahead at Bethel

### Sunday, November 10

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

- 9:00am - Confirmation Mini-Retreat
- 9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
- 9:50am - Sr High Gathering
- 9:50am - "Making Sense of Luther"

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

- 12:30pm - Confirmation to Mini-Golf
- 6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, November 11 / Veteran's Day

- 9:00am - Men of Monday
- 9:15am - Quilters
- 1:30pm - Caring Connection Meeting

### Tuesday, November 12

- 10am-1pm Office Open

### Wednesday, November 13

10:00am - Women of Wednesdays  
10am-3pm Office Open

### Thursday, November 14

10am-3pm Office Open  
7:30pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, November 15

### Saturday, November 16

9:00am-1pm SV Korean School uses Bethel Parking Lot

## Message from our ELCA Synod Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Click [here](#) to watch a post-election message from our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton.

Click [here](#) to see the entire newsletter from our synod.



## Staff Meeting of November 5

Click on the adjacent image to hear from the staff.

## Safe Car Parking

This is the second year that Bethel will be a Safe Car Parking Host (RSCP). All guests have been through a screening and placement process. We can expect 10-15 guests and about the same number of cars at Bethel. Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality services, like snacks and drinks, to the guests. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Hella Bluhm-Stieber or Robyn Winegardner and they will send you the sign-up link. The YMCA provides free shower privileges to the RSCP Guests.





## Sunday Forum: Making Sense of Luther

now through November 17, 9:50am in  
the Fireside Room

This video series, featuring Rev. Dr. David Lose, explores how Luther's understanding of God's life-changing gospel informs day-to-day faith and life in the world today.

## Help One Child Giving Tree

Select a gift tag through Sunday, November 24; Bring gift to Bethel by Sunday, December 1

The Bethel Lutheran family is once again partnering with [Help One Child](#) to provide love and Christmas cheer to children and adolescents in foster care.

Help One Child is a non-profit organization that partners with local churches and community agencies, with a mission to strengthen foster, adoptive, and at-risk families by providing them access to education, community and tangible resources. By addressing the unique needs of foster, adoptive and vulnerable families, we strive to positively impact the long-term health and stability for family preservation.



Bethel has been asked to give a total of 40 gifts with 8 gifts per age group:  
0- 3, 4 - 7, 8 - 12, 13 - 17, 18 - 21

Pick up a gift tag for a child you would like to support and return the unwrapped gift to church with the gift tag securely fastened. Each gift tag will list an age and gender. Gift suggestions will also be provided. Each gift should be \$40- \$50. We are also collecting gift cards to support older youth.

**Sunday, November 24** is the last day to select a gift tag. Gifts (**unwrapped**), with gift cards securely attached, must be returned no later than **Sunday, December 1**. If you have questions, please contact Mark Evashenk.



## Julebutikk Christmas Shop

Saturday, November 9 at 9:30am-1:30pm

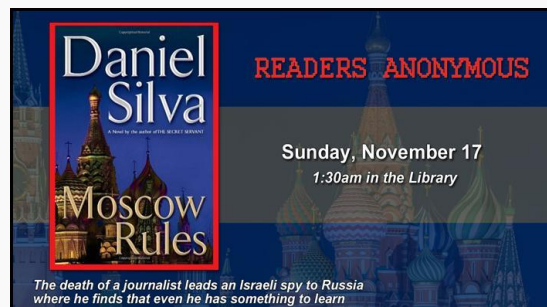
All are welcome to attend the Scandinavian Christmas Shop at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 1715 Grant Road in Los Altos, for Norwegian and American Christmas items, soup, complimentary coffee & cookies.

The shop is sponsored by the Anne Grimdalen chapter of the Daughters of Norway.

## Readers Anonymous

Sunday, November 17  
at 1:30pm in the Library

Please join us for a discussion of Moscow Rules by Daniel Silva. Silva has written many spy stories and is one of Readers Anonymous' favorite light reads.





## Calabazas Creek Cleanup

Saturday, November 23, 2024, 10am - noon

Please help to clean up the part of Calabazas Creek that Bethel has adopted between Vallco Parkway and Tantau Ave.

We will meet at 10am in front of the gate on Vallco Parkway, this is across from Cupertino Mainstreet.

Please wear old clothes, boots, and gloves, bring a grabber if you have one and some water

to drink. Participants must wear closed toed shoes. Children need to be supervised by their parent or another adult at all times. Everybody needs to follow the guidelines from the Water District. Contact is Hella Bluhm-Stieber for more info and to sign up

## Reception for Caregivers

Sunday, November 24, 9:40am-10:40am

During November's National Family Caregiver Month, Caring Connection wishes to honor and thank the family caregivers at Bethel with a reception. Whether you are the caregiver for your parents, your children, your spouse, neighbors or friends; Bethel sees you and thanks you. Please join us for cake and treats during the coffee hour in the Welcome Zone.



## Turkeys for the Lord's Pantry

Bring to Bethel on Sunday, November 24 by 12:30pm

Once again, Bethel Lutheran Church will be supporting the needs of our community by donating turkeys to a local food bank. This year we are supporting West Valley Community Services as The Lord's Pantry is temporarily closed. Let's keep the Lord's Pantry in our prayers.



The mission of WVCS is to unite the community to fight hunger and homelessness. Their vision is a community where every person has food on the table and every person has a roof over their head. Their work is fueled by six core values: compassion, dignity, integrity, service, diversity, and ingenuity.

Bring your frozen turkey to Bethel on Sunday, November 24. Note, there is some space to accept turkeys the previous Sunday. But all turkeys need to be delivered by 12:30pm on Sunday, November 24 so they can be taken to WVCS.

Contact is Mark Evashenk.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie

Tuesday, November 26, 7pm, Sanctuary & Fireside

Come to Bethel for a Thanksgiving worship and stay for pie. Bring a pie if you wish.



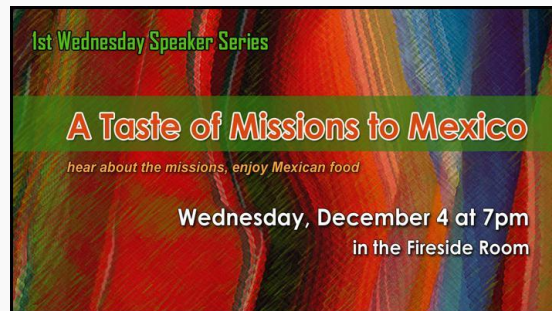
## Altar Guild Needs Helpers

Please contact Marion Abney if you would like to help prepare communion one hour on second Saturdays of the month, or do cleanup 45 minutes on second Sundays of the month, 3 or 4 times a year.

## 1st Wednesday Speaker Series

December 4 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

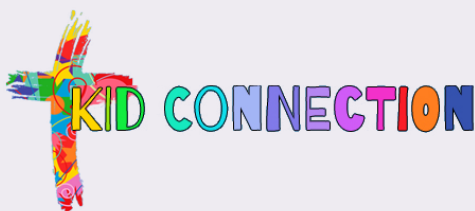
You are all invited to come and get a taste of our Mission to Mexico Ministry. We will be gathering to hear about our experiences and enjoy some tasty Mexican Food. We are looking to expand our roster and exposure so come and check it out. RSVP to Mary Deutscher by Sunday, December 1 by filling out the RSVP card in bulletin, or call the office.



## Help Decorate for Advent & Christmas

Saturday, December 7, 9:30am-noon, Sanctuary

Come and help decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex for Advent and Christmas. There will be 3 Christmas trees, poinsettias, a nativity scene, banners, and lights to put up. Contact is Tom Hoegel.



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, November 10 - 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, November 10 - Kid Connection Hang Out (ages Preschool-5th grade)**

Your child(ren) will hang out with me and Kayla Burkhardt, so that you can go out to lunch and or do whatever you find helpful. Lunch is provided for children. A free will donation is appreciated to help offset the cost of lunch. RSVP to Amanda.

### **Children's Choir (ages 2nd grade and older)**

**Sunday, November 10 - Children's Choir rehearsal at 11:45am-1:15pm**

Meet at 8:15am in the Music & Ed room. Lunch is "make your own sandwiches" and in Room 1.

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



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

Mini-Retreat Sunday - quite a time together. We will attend and lector in the 10:45am Contemporary Service. We will prep and bake potatoes for lunch and have all the fixings to add on. We will then shoot 18 holes of mini-Golf at Golfland USA with the Senior High Youth. All-in-All, a fun community building time together.

*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

*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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