



Dear Bethel Family,

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." (Mark 13:1-2)

The Temple in Jerusalem was the most sacred place for the Jewish people. It was a place of worship, reverence, and pride. When Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple it would have provoked a big reaction, both among the disciples and his adversaries. His prophesy is more than a prediction but a theological reframing of God's presence in the world. Join us Sunday for more!



Blessings,  
Pastor Ben Sandin

## Sunday, November 17

*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 17

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

9:00am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

9:50am - "Making Sense of Luther"

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

1:30pm - Readers Anonymous

6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, November 18

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

1:30pm - Martha Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 19

10am-1pm Office Open

7:00pm - Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, November 20

10:00am - Women of Wednesdays  
10am-3pm Office Open  
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

### Thursday, November 21

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

### Friday, November 22

### Saturday, November 23

9:00am-1pm SV Korean School uses Bethel Parking Lot  
10:00am - Creek Cleanup

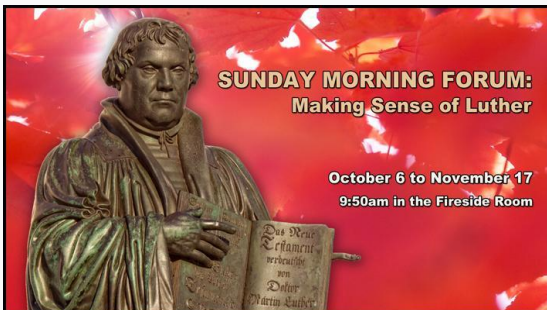


## Staff Meeting of November 5

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

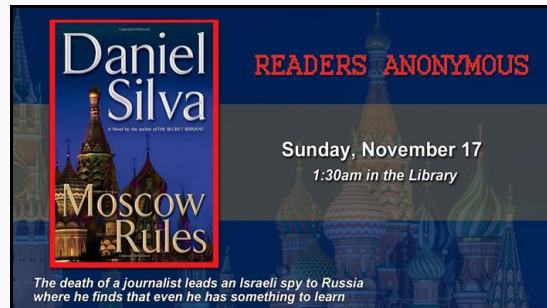
Pick up a gift tag for a child you would like to support and return the unwrapped gift to church with the gift tag securely fastened. Each gift tag will list an age and gender. Gift suggestions will also be provided. Each gift should be \$40- \$50. We are also collecting gift cards to support older youth.

**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**.

## 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 West Valley Community Services

Bring frozen Turkeys 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.

Contact is Mark Evashenk.

## Thanksgiving Eve 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.



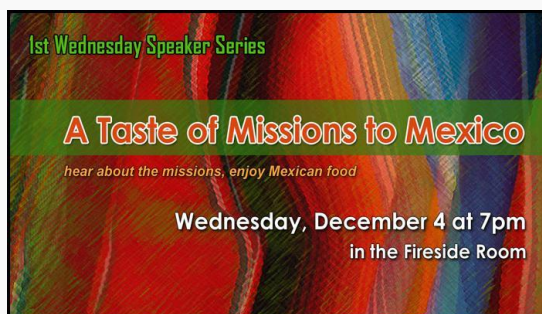
## Altar Guild Needs Helpers

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 17 - 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, December 22 - Kid Connection Christmas Program** at the 10:45am service

Meet at 9:50am for dress rehearsal. Our kids will be acting out the Nativity Skit "Christ is Born in Bethlehem," while Amanda narrates. Our Children's Choir will sing and there will be an opportunity for younger children and for those who are not in the choir to sing as well. We will be practicing during Kid Connection time.

**Sunday, December 22 - Kid Connection Hang Out (ages Preschool-5th grade) 11:45am-2pm in Room 1**

Your child(ren) will hang out with me 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 17 - Children's Choir rehearsal at 11:45am-1:15pm**

Meet at 11:45am in Room 1. Lunch is "make your own sandwiches."

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



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

We have looked at Jesus' Parables and His Miracles and now, Jesus the *Radical*.

Rebel - Arguer - Decisive - Insightful - Caring - Assertive - Loving.

What will the Confirmands lists look like? What would your list look like?

Give it a go.

I'd love to see your list.

*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>

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visit [bethelcupertino.org](http://bethelcupertino.org)*

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