



Dear Bethel Family,

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8)

Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the church year. We celebrate that Jesus is the King of kings, Lord of lords, and how God's reign is eternal. We also know that we live between the Alpha (beginning) and the Omega (end) and in this in-between time things are not always as God would intend. We know God's reign *will* bring an end to evil, injustice, sin, and death while we also acknowledge things are *not yet* there. Join us Sunday as we celebrate the reign of Christ and live into the hope we have in the one who is, was, and is to come.



Blessings,
Pastor Ben Sandin

Sunday, November 24

message given by Pr. Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship

10:45am - Contemporary Worship



[Click here to see the bulletins](#)

The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, November 24

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

9:00am - Confirmation Class

9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School

9:40am - Caregivers Reception

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service

6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 25

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

Tuesday, November 26

10am-1pm Office Open

7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28 / Thanksgiving

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

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30



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. The YMCA provides free shower privileges to the RSCP Guests.

Help One Child Giving Tree

*Select a gift tag thru 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.



Please 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.

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.



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.

Meet at 10am in front of the gate on Vallco Parkway. This is across from Cupertino Mainstreet. 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.

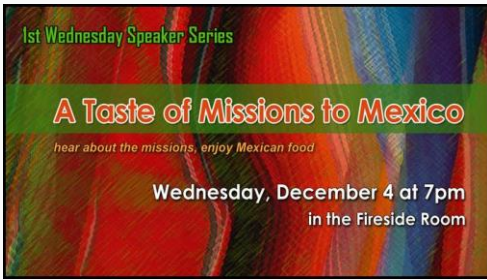
Contact is Mark Evashenk.

Thanksgiving Eve 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.





1st Wednesday Speaker Series: A Taste of Missions to Mexico

December 4 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

You are all invited to come and get a taste of our Mission to Mexico Ministry. M2M experiences will be shared and tasty Mexican Food will be enjoyed. 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 and sending in the [RSVP card](#) from the Sunday Bulletins.

Learn more about Esperanza International, the organization that Bethel supports, [here](#).
Read about Bethel's participation, including a feature article about Tom Hoegel, in their newsletter [here](#).

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.



Roest Family Farewell Reception

Sunday, December 8, 11:45am, Narthex and
Playground

The Roest Family's last day at Bethel is Sunday, December 8. On that day, after the second service, there will be a fruit and cookie reception in the Narthex. Then everyone who would like to join, may join us for a picnic on the playground or in the Kid Connection Classrooms, depending upon the weather. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

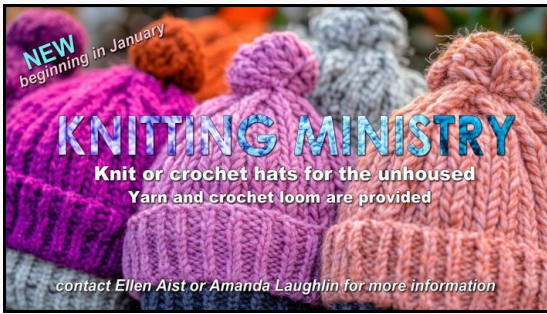
The Roest family would like a chance to say goodbye to all of those who made them feel so welcome here at Bethel.

Mountain View High School Madrigals at Bethel

Sunday, December 15, 9:50am-10:20am

Experience the spirit of Christmas in an a capella concert given by the Mountain View High School Madrigals, led by Jill Denny.





NEW: Knitting Ministry

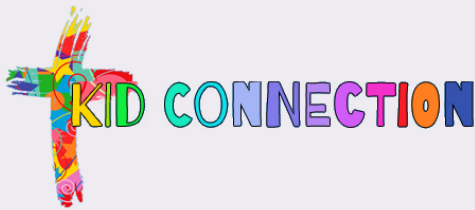
(Kids may also crochet)

Do you like to knit? How about crochet? Ellen Aist is starting a new knitting ministry, in January, to make hats for the unhoused. Yarn, and loom for crocheting, will be provided. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Ellen Aist or Amanda Laughlin.

Christmas Concert: Harpers Hall Ensemble

Saturday, December 14, 7-9pm in the Sanctuary

Come to Bethel to hear the harps of the Harpers Hall. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and will support the Bethel Music Program concert expenses. Visit bethelcupertino.org for more information.



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 24 - 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 24 - Children's Choir sings at both services

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



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

Straight to the point ... What is the first question you will ask Jesus when you get to heaven?

What "Jesus moment" would have made a positive impact on you if you had lived in His day and were around Him?

Do you have someone you can have conversations with about these questions? Maybe you are the one someone can have conversation with. Coins need both sides. Engage the flip.

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
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