



Dear Bethel Family,

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:27-28)

On Sunday we begin our Advent journey. Advent is a time of beginnings but also a time of waiting. The gospel text this week features apocalyptic images from Jesus predicting the Second Coming. This will include power and dangerous signs but also the Son of Man coming in power and glory and bringing redemption and wholeness. Jesus tells his followers to raise their heads, be on guard, and to stay alert. Let us look for signs of God all around us, with the promise of redemption and God’s grace.



Blessings,  
Pastor Ben Sandin  
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December 1  
1st Sunday of Advent  
*message given by Pr. Ben Sandin*

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



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## The Week Ahead at Bethel

### Sunday, December 1

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service  
9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School  
9:50am - Sr High Gathering  
10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service  
6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, December 2

9:00am - Men of Monday  
9:15am - Quilters

### Tuesday, December 3

10am-1pm Office Open

### Wednesday, December 4

10:00am - Women of Wednesdays  
10am-3pm Office Open  
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship  
7:00pm - Speaker Series

### Thursday, December 5

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

### Friday, December 6

### Saturday, December 7

9:00am - SVKS in Parking Lot  
9:30am - Advent Decorating

## Thanksgiving Eve Eve Worship

In case you missed it, you may watch the Thanksgiving Eve Eve Worship Service [here](#).



## Young Adult Meet Ups

*Fridays: November 29, December 27, at 5:30pm in the Youth Room*

Meet for kicks and giggles. Bring friends if you wish. Contact Harumy Miura for more information.

## Turkeys Donated to West Valley Community Services

Bethel supported West Valley Community Services by donating 36 turkeys to their food bank and \$100. This will help families in our Cupertino community to have a nice Thanksgiving meal. A big thanks to all who participated!





## Help One Child Giving Tree

*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.

Gifts (**unwrapped**), with gift cards securely attached, must be returned no later than **Sunday, December 1**. If you have questions, please contact Mark Evashenk.

## 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.



## Christmas Concert: Harpers Hall Ensemble

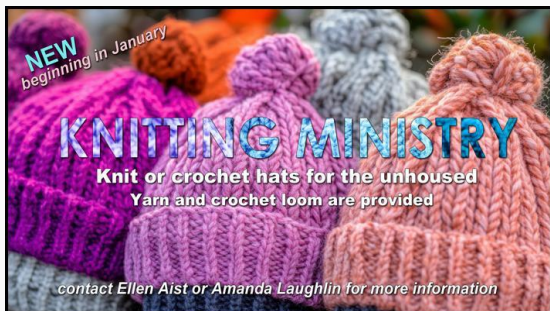
*Saturday, December 14, 7-9pm in the Sanctuary*

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.

## 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.



**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, December 1 - Kid Connection does not meet this Sunday, however ...**

From 9:50am-10:40am, Claire Jochner will be teaching kids how to crochet with a loom in the Kid Connection rooms.

**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)

**Sundays, December 1, 8,15 - Children's Choir will be rehearsing for the Christmas Program.**

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



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

Confirmands will not be gathering this Sunday, December 1, for a lesson. The Confirmands have an assortment of Thanksgiving break plans ... all including time with family and loved ones. 'Tis a big reason to be Thankful.

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

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