

# Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 25, 2021



Welcome to our online worship gathering. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. As we gather as the people of God in virtual ways, please continue to connect and encourage one another. Continue to stay on top of Bethel announcements by checking email, our [website](#), and [Facebook page](#).

For any pastoral care needs, contact Pastor Ron (530) 417-4951 or [ronzielske@gmail.com](mailto:ronzielske@gmail.com)

## Nominating Committee Update

We are working hard to find a nominee for Congregation President. If we ask you to consider this role, please prayerfully consider it. If you wish to find out more about what the role entails, don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

Elections are part of our Spring Semi-Annual Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> and we plan to have all our nominees by mid-May.

Thank you,  
Loraine Anderson, Allen Dunn, and Lisa Kaufman-Chan

*Please drop your prayer requests into the Zoom Chat Box for inclusion during the Prayers of Intercession today if you don't wish to say them aloud yourself.*

## Adult Forum

Stay after "coffee hour" and take part!

Today we begin our study of the book of Galatians. Did you ever long for a quick description of the new life in Christ? Join us for a study of St. Paul's letter to the congregation in Galatia to learn more.

## Call Committee Update

We have received the names and ministry profiles for new pastoral candidates and will begin the interview process in the coming weeks. Please continue to keep the members of the committee, the congregation, and the candidates in your prayers as we discern the next called pastor for Bethel.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**NEXT Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to onsite worship**

You will not need to bring your own chairs (although you're welcome to) but you will need to wear a mask and maintain safe distances. Expect a few adaptations to our regular worship routine as well.

For those not ready or able to join us in person, we will live-stream our gathering so they can be "with" us.

For this to work well for everyone, we will need a solid crew of volunteers, so if you haven't yet, please contact Lisa or Pastor Ron for details on how you can help. If you've already volunteered look for an email with more info.



To meet our **2021** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6986\***

**Giving in April**

|      |   |           |
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| 4/4  | = | \$5464.95 |
| 4/11 | = | \$910.66  |
| 4/18 | = | \$410.00  |
| 4/25 | = | \$        |

**Total for month = \$6785.61**

**TOTAL for March = \$5581.48**

*\*Keep in mind, this total may be adjusted with the final compensation package offered a new pastor*

*Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!*



**Consider Online Giving**

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://bethelroseville.org)

*If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678*

**In the Coming Week . . .**

One way to prepare for weekly worship is to spend time reading the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons. Here are the readings for May 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalms 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

**Thank You to all who help lead worship each week**

**Today's reader:** Bruce Seiler, Nancy Garman, Allen Dunn, Kary Pfennig

**Next Week:** TBD



- April 2 - Maggie Herlocker
- April 4 - Iver Villanueva
- April 5 - Matt Herlocker
- April 9 - Jaelyn Saeger
- April 10 - Peter Seiler-Garman
- April 12 - Truman Struck
- April 15 - Madelynn McBain
- April 16 - Alta Winters
- April 19 - Olivia D'Antonio
- April 21 - Brad Saeger
- April 22 - Wendy Gale
- April 30 - Bruce Seiler

Blessings to all of our April Birthdays; please let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!



**Today's Order of Worship is brought to us by members of Lutherans Restoring Creation**

Never heard of us? Find out more below!

**Our Mission**

Lutherans Restoring Creation exists to inform, encourage, and uplift the discipleship practice of caring for the environment throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This is accomplished by cultivating a network of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all.

**Who We Are**

Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots movement of Lutherans, driven by laity, pastors, lay professionals, synodical leadership, and others who hold positions in the ELCA and its institutions. This movement grows out of a long history of Lutheran concern (see the [1993 social statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice](#)).

## INCLUSIVITY DISCUSSION GROUP

Explore what it means to live out Bethel's Welcome Statement. What do we really mean when we say, "All are welcome?" Join us as we discuss issues of diversity & inclusion through a faith lens.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

ZOOM ID = 895 5220 9484

## Lutheran Lobby Day Online May 19<sup>th</sup>

Are you ready to move some mountains? Get on your legislator's agenda to talk policy and justice for Lutheran Lobby Day! We'll be virtually gathered with our neighbors from across the state for a day of **advocacy, worship, and prayer**. Everyone is welcome, regardless of previous experience of advocacy.

This is a chance for to advocated for bills going through the state legislature concerning food insecurity and housing.

More info at:

<http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/lobby-day-2021>

## Where Does My Offering Go?

ELCA members in more than 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.75 billion in regular offering to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide. When members give through their congregations, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local synod and the national churchwide organization.

This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world

and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations. Of

these unrestricted gifts, the churchwide organization receives around 2.6 percent. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization's operating budget.



### Introducing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund!

We are hoping to do some final improvements to our buildings as part of celebrating 75 years of Bethel. We will be upgrading the pastor's office, fixing & painting sanctuary walls, replacing old folding chairs, and more! If you have the space in your budget, please consider an additional donation this year to Bethel. Small donations monthly are just as welcome as one-time gifts.

At the end of the year, 10% of the giving will be donated to one of Bethel's favorite ministry partners, too!

All Ministry Team Leaders – please write up a short report of your activities during the past year – and maybe some goals for the coming months. These reports will be part of our Annual Report given out at the semi-annual meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please get your reports to Lisa Herlocker via email by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

