

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

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 16, 2020



Welcome to our online worship gathering. As we gather as the people of God in virtual ways, you are invited to use this bulletin as a devotional aid. Continue to check your email, the Bethel website, and the Bethel Facebook page for more ways to connect and encourage one another.

www.bethelroseville.org <https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/>

Updates from the Servant Team

The Bethel Servant Team met this week and spent much of the meeting discussing the current health of the congregation during this pandemic and ways of continuing to build on the successes we've had over the past few months. **Here are the highlights:**

1. The **Call Committee** continues to work with their preferred candidate and **hopes to arrange a visit this Fall**. The Servant Team & Call Committee will be meeting with Pr. Katy after worship today for some additional counseling from the Synod, including **considering new options for worship leadership** while we await our candidate's visit.
2. After several false starts, Bethel now has a **Safe Church Policy**. This gives us a clear set of policies and procedures to conduct **background checks on key volunteers and employees** in order to create a **safe environment** for our children and vulnerable adults. It also establishes guidelines to maintain **good boundaries** for the people trusted to care for our **monetary gifts**.
3. The Servant Team continues to assess the infection rate in Placer County as a guideline for resuming any **in-person worship**. As mentioned in June, our goal is still to do a thorough **analysis after Labor Day**. Returning to worship at Bethel's campus – even outdoors on the lawn – will take a **considerable amount of volunteer effort** to set up and take down each week so part of the discernment will be the availability of consistent volunteers. We also seek to balance the number of people willing to worship in person with that effort. We recognize that as much as we may want to return to normal, that's a long way off, and that with few exceptions we are **worshiping online with an attendance at or above our pre-pandemic levels**. Please be patient as we attempt to make the best decision for the congregation. **If you have questions or comments don't hesitate to contact a Servant Team member.**
4. Finally, although we may not be able to safely meet in person for fellowship activities, there are other ways we can hang out virtually. **We are gathering ideas for creative, socially distanced fun – and would love to hear your ideas!**

As always, thank you for your support,
The Bethel Servant Team
(Patrick Gale, Lisa Herlocker, Terri Larson & Rick Mendonsa)



Finance Update

To meet our **2020** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6986***

Giving in August:

8/2	=	\$516.16
8/9	=	\$2790.66
8/16	=	\$
8/23	=	\$
8/31	=	\$

Total for August = **\$3,306.82**

TOTAL for July = \$6590.66

**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!*



Online Giving Option

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, bethelroseville.org

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



August 6 – Audrey Gale
 August 18 – Rick Mendonsa
 August 22 – Trillium Struck
 August 24 – Susan Woods
 August 25 – William McBain

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

Thank You to all who have volunteered to help lead worship each week

Today's Leaders/Readers: Jeri Wartena, Barb Morris, and Jeff Dodge

NEXT Sunday's readers are: Bob Swanson, Nancy Garman, Bruce Seiler

Anti-racist Conversation Group

You are invited to consider joining with some of your Bethel friends for a time of exploration as we look at the legacy of racism in our nation and learn how we can “do the work” of becoming anti-racists. For more information contact Lisa Herlocker or simply join our Anti-Racist Conversation Group, **Tuesdays at 7:00pm**
 ZOOM Meeting ID: 892 3044 5694
 Password: 528065

Bethel Fellowship Hangout

Take a moment out of your week to check-in with your Bethel friends – join us for conversation and laughs each **Wednesday at 7:00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86991135130?pwd=RzNCc0RlMkMOSINJZS80ZjkvMVA2UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9113 5130
Password: 772509

Be the Change! Faith in Action!

The **Lutheran Office of Public Policy** invites you to take part in their weekly **Advocacy in Quarantine** meetings. Each half-hour call, includes an update on legislative actions and a quick advocacy activity. **Please join this good work via Zoom at 12:00pm every Wednesday:**

<https://zoom.us/j/389725625>

August Worship Highlights

TODAY – Guest preacher: Pr. Katy Grindberg, Assistant to the Bishop

8//23 – Regina Banks, Director, Lutheran Office of Public Policy, California

8/30 – Guest Musician, Rachel Kurtz