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

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 2, 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. <u>www.bethelroseville.org</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/</u>

August Thoughts

If we were living our normal summer lives, today would be the traditional date of our annual Congregational Pool Party – a date generally chosen as the last "free Sunday" before kids start heading back to school. There would be good food, fellowship, and time to connect with each other poolside. Conversations would revolve around summer travels and the upcoming school year.

This year we are all at home wondering when we'll ever see children returning to school in anything resembling "normalcy." For many of us, it's hard to separate our internal calendar from the familiar rhythms of the school year – we've spent too many years connected to schools. Throughout this pandemic, we are asking: What are the best options for learning? How can schools offer the best to their students? How do we honor and protect teachers and other school personnel?

As families return to school, either as students or teachers, or concerned neighbors, you're encouraged to ponder these questions and use the following prayer.

- What new beginnings are you experiencing at the start of this school year?
- Where you might see God during this new year?
- What might be more difficult for you during this year? Where might God show up in that difficulty?

God, we pray for students and teachers at the beginning of this school year. Give them open minds and hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. When they are nervous, remind them of your love. When they are frustrated, give them peace and rest. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year and all the days of their lives. Bless all these items and those who carry them. In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

Today's Leaders/Readers: Patrick Gale, Allen Dunn, Kary Pfennig, Gwen Boswell, Tessa Boswell, Andrew Chan, Jacob Chan, Hadley Gale, Wendy Gale, and Jaelyn Saeger

NEXT Sunday's readers are: Linda Dunn, Lisa Kaufman-Chan, and Kristen Blackburn



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

Giving in July:

7/5	=	\$2490
7/12	=	\$1230.66
7/19	=	\$1950
7/26	=	\$920
TOTAL for July	=	\$6,590.66
TOTAL for Ju	ıne	= \$4150.66

*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, <u>bethelroseville.org</u> You can make one-time donations or ongoing donations. No more having to remember your check!

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

August Worship Highlights

8/9 – Camp Sunday with special guest, Adam Erickson, Director, Mt. Cross Ministries

8/16 – 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



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 July Birthdays; please let us know if we accidently left you off this list!

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 state and federal legislative priorities and direct a quick advocacy activity.

Please join this good work via Zoom at 12:00pm every Wednesday:

https://zoom.us/j/389725625

Anti-racist Conversation Group

In the midst of wide-ranging nationwide marches, protests, and conversations, 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=RzNCc0 <u>RIMkM0SINJZS80ZjkvMVA2UT09</u>

Meeting ID: 869 9113 5130 Password: 772509