

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

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 30, 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/>

Welcome Rachel 😊

This morning we are excited to welcome Rachel Kurtz once again to our online worship gathering. Rachel has been sharing her talents with Bethel for many years and we are grateful for the ability to connect with her during this pandemic time. We look forward to eventually inviting Rachel to California for an in-person concert, but today we look forward to her stories, wisdom, and amazing singing voice.

Survey Responses

A big thanks to all those who took part in our short survey this past week. The Servant Team will be using the results as part of their analysis of next steps toward a return to on-site worship. More info coming soon!

Call Committee Update

As you may recall, the Call Committee had found a candidate from out of state that they'd hoped to interview in person as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allowed. For a variety of good reasons – and after a lot of time in prayer and contemplation – the candidate has removed their name from our call process. This is disappointing news – although not totally unexpected.

What this means now is that we will receive a new slate of candidates from the synod. This will take a few weeks, but the synod is hopeful that there are good candidates out there for us. As soon as we have new names, we will begin interviews. I am hopeful too – when I was part of the call committee for Mt. Cross, we went to a second slate of candidates before finding the well qualified, current director, Adam Erickson.

The one small glitch to our process is that Pr. Katy Grindberg who was advising us, has taken a new position and begins a new job with PLTS (the ELCA seminary in Berkeley) at the end of September. She will leave us in good hands – Bishop Mark will take over her role as our advisor through the remainder of the process.

As always, please keep the Call Committee in your prayers – as well as the Congregation as we go through this process. – *Lisa Herlocker*, chairperson

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

Today's Leaders/Readers: Bob Swanson, Nancy Garman, Bruce Seiler

NEXT Sunday's readers are: TBD



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

Giving in August:

8/2	=	\$516.16
8/9	=	\$2790.66
8/16	=	\$1810.00
8/23	=	\$900.16
8/31	=	\$

Total for August = **\$6016.98**

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

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>

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=RzNCc0RIMkMOSINJZS80ZjkvMVA2UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9113 5130

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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!



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

TRADITIONAL, BUT DISTANCED, OPTIONS

- Write thank-you cards to local first responders.
- Check in on elderly neighbors from a distance – offer to help with yardwork or leave a friendly note & gift card on their porch
- Take a walk through your neighborhood & pick up litter
- Clean house – gather donations for local charities

PLEASE forward additional suggestions to Lisa Herlocker for including in next week's announcements

LESS TRADITIONAL OPTION

The Lutheran Office of Public Policy, CA has invited us to take part in a movement for racial justice by joining them in the *Yes on Prop 16* campaign.

Specific information and how you can be involved in simple ways on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 13th will be shared Tuesday at our Anti-Racist Conversation Group.

Anti-racist Conversation Group

Join Bethel friends for a time of exploration as we consider issues of racism and cultural diversity. We look for concrete ways to "do the work" of anti-racism. All are welcome!!

For more information contact Lisa Herlocker or simply join our Anti-Racist Conversation Group, **Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

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Wildfire Response and Recovery

As the smokey skies disappear, let's not forget about fires still impacting California. Lutheran Disaster Response is in engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods, to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

What you can do:

Pray:

Please pray for the communities that lie in the paths of wildfires in California. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give:

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "[U.S. Wildfires](#)" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

Be Bold! New Opportunities to Serve!

Mt. Cross Fall Work Days

Saturdays, September 26, October 17, November 14 , 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Mt. Cross is hosting work days this fall for volunteers willing to come help create at least 30 feet of defensible space around all our buildings. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, gloves, and any personal protective equipment (eye/ear protection) they will want. We also ask that everyone wears a face covering in accordance with local & state health orders. A boxed lunch will be provided.

On-site lodging for this event will be limited to 2 rooms for families in Lower Jensen and 2 Madrone Cabins, as well as two sites in the campground, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are staying at the camp will need to provide their own sleeping bag and pillow, as well as toiletries, towel/washcloth, and any other personal items you will need.

To sign up, simply contact Adam Erickson with your name, contact information, and how many in your group, by the Monday before the Work Day you plan to participate in. You can contact Adam (adam@mtcross.org; 831.336.5179) with questions – including what tools you might need to bring.

Support the ministry of ELCA World Hunger

Thursday, September 24th at 5:00pm

Join Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA and Rick Steves, travel author & TV host for an online benefit event. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19. Registration details are at:

<https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=889f8bca-6b04-4747-baea-3253e85d6f50&trid=889f8bca-6b04-4747-baea-3253e85d6f50>