

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT • DECEMBER 19, 2021



All Are Welcome!

Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. We mean it when we say “all are welcome” – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify.

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD’s house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community.

We encourage families with young children to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. Parents and other neighboring adults can help developing readers follow along with the congregation and the printed Order of Worship. Be patient with our children as they learn to participate in the rituals of worship. Celebrate as they learn to help with various aspects of worship leadership. An encouraging smile can go a long way to helping parents feel comfortable as their kids learn.

Christmas Program

TODAY

Worship led by our Little Lutherans: Tessa & Gwen Boswell; Jacob & Andrew Chan; and Wendy & Hadley Gale.

Posters colored by: The Boswell Family, The Chan Family, The Gale Family, The McBain Family, The Villanueva Family, Maggie Herlocker, and Jeri Wartena.

A special thanks to Audrey Gale for music leadership and Lisa Herlocker for adapting material from *An Illustrated Advent: God with Us* to create today’s special order of worship.

COVID-19 Update

We will be requiring masks indoors at all Bethel events through January 15 in compliance with the new state mandate. We hope that by doing this small thing we will help slow the spread of COVID-19 during the peak of holiday gatherings.

We continue to stream our worship gatherings via Zoom and have made other adaptations to our “normal” liturgical flow.

We look forward to a time with less risk of infection and a return to sung liturgy, hugs, and full communion tables.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPTIONS

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship
at 5:00pm and 11:00pm

Christmas Morning

Festival Worship at 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 26th at 9:00am

“Lessons & Carols” Worship

All Worship Options will be live-streamed via Zoom, too. (ID = 823 5546 8095)



To meet our **2021** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6968**


Giving in December

12/5	=	\$2353.16
12/12	=	\$2314.00
12/19	=	\$
12/26	=	\$

Total for month = **\$4667.16**

TOTAL for November = \$6418.00

Thanks for your ongoing support of
Bethel's Ministries!



Consider Online Giving

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 or drop it into the basket near the main door as you leave worship.

Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone



Contact Pastor Carolyn

Office Hours this Week
Tues, Wed, Thurs afternoon – call to confirm

pastor@bethelroseville.org
916-781-3333 (office)
916-223-2114 (cell)

Today's Worship Team

Usher: Susan Woods + children
Reader: Jeri Wartena, Erin Blackburn + children
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Kelly Mendonsa
Kids Message: N/A – children leading worship
Musician: Audrey Gale

5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Team

Usher: Susan Woods
Reader:
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Kelly Mendonsa
Musician: Audrey Gale

Christmas Day Worship Team

Usher: Matt & Lisa Herlocker
Reader: Mollie or Matt Herlocker
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Terri Larson
Musician: Maggie Herlocker

Sunday, 12/26 Worship Team

Usher: OPEN
Readers: Barb Morris, Jeri Wartena, Allen Dunn
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Terri Larson
Kids Message: Allen Dunn
Musician: Jeff Dodge

Not filled with Christmas joy and happiness? A **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** sponsored by the Women of the ELCA offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome.

Register now to participate in the Blue Christmas Service. The service will take place at 7 p.m. CST on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, via Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Go to: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/blue-christmas-service> to register.



- December 1 – Lisa Herlocker
- December 1 – Kary Pfennig
- December 3 – Jason Hetland
- December 5 – Tyler Linn
- December 11 – Emily Boswell
- December 19 – Sawyer Linn Gish
- December 27 – Vincent Villanueva
- December 30 – Katelyn Swanson

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



Please consider contributing to fund upgrades in technology and Pastor Carolyn's office, as well as, making repairs to the church building – including stucco and interior wall repairs.

Currently gifts total \$2875



Amazon shoppers: don't forget to link your Amazon account to Bethel through the Amazon Smile Program.

Starting your shopping at Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to Bethel.

Over the past few years, we've earned over \$500 with just this easy step.

If you're not signed up yet, it's easy to do. There are directions available in the back of the sanctuary OR talk with Lisa Herlocker.

Annual

St. John's Christmas "Store"

Thank you for all the donations we collected for the women living at St. John's Program for Real Change in Sacramento. Our donations will be used by their staff to set up a "store" for the children living there to "shop" for a gift for their mothers later this week.

Special Thanks to Kelly Mendonsa and Cheryle Sorensen for stepping up and organizing this activity this year while Cindi Roxworthy recovers from ankle surgery.



Follow us on Social Media for pictures of activities, connections to the synod & the ELCA, and other up-to-date information.



Facebook: BethelRosevilleCA
Instagram: @bethelrosevilleca



Check out the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs in the back of the sanctuary and shop for Christmas gifts that make a real difference!

Choose your gifts from projects with direct impact in people's lives. Items are chosen after listening to community partners, companion churches, and other partners in ministry so that communities get exactly the help they need. Your generosity allows for flexibility and adaptable projects in order the help in ways that make the most difference in people's lives.

Order gifts through the catalog with a check or online at elca.org/goodgifts

Sunday School UPDATE

Beginning today, through January 9th, there will be no Sunday School for children or adults due to Holiday activities and other "conflicts" - instead watch your bulletin for announcements of other activities and options. Learning opportunities will return, Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Praying the Directory

This week you are invited to remember a few Bethel members in your daily prayers.

- Brianna Bradbury
- Erin Blackburn & Baby Ryan
- Mike & Loraine Anderson

Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be involved in our prayer chain, so you can pray more directly for people's current needs, contact Kelly Mendonsa. There is both an email and a text version.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Christmas Eve, December 24th

- Isaiah 7:14-15
- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Luke 2:1-20
- John 1:1-14

Christmas Day, December 25th

- Isaiah 52:7-10
- Psalm 98
- Hebrews 1:1-12
- John 1:1-14

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 26th

- Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18
- Micah 5:2-5a
- Luke 1:26-35, 38
- Matthew 1:18-25
- Luke 2:8-20
- Matthew 2:1-11
- John 1:1-14



Curious about what our favorite Lutheran Camp has in store for 2022? Head over to mtcross.org to find details of several upcoming opportunities.

- January 7-9 – Work Weekend – do you have time to help?
- Summer Camp Registration opens January 31st – opportunities for kids as young as Kindergarten or consider Family Camp – is there interest in organizing a Bethel group?
- Capital Campaign Update – New Restrooms in Lower Jensen are on the way! Final bids are being considered by the Board this month with a goal to begin construction in January



The Congregational Life Team is planning an all-ages New Year's Eve Celebration beginning at 6:00pm!!

The event will include games, food, and ringing in the new year in various time zones!

If you would like to attend, please let Terri Larson know today.