

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

4TH SUNDAY OF AVENT • DECEMBER 20, 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/>

Adult Forum Topics

Join Pastor Ron after “coffee hour” for a conversation about **Transitions**.

Today we'll discuss Spiritual (Ethical) Wills.

New Idea from Pastor Ron

A great way to prepare for weekly worship is to spend some time reading the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons, so we will begin to list those in the bulletin. (December 27th is a “Lessons and Carols” worship which means a few more readings than normal)

Isaiah 9:2-7
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:26-35, 38
Luke 2:1-7
Luke 2:8-16
Luke 2:21-36
Matthew 2:1-11
Matthew 2:13-18
John 1:1-14

Thank You to all who help lead worship each week

Today's Leaders/Readers: the cast members of “Be Not Afraid”

Christmas Morning: Allen & Linda Dunn, Nancy Garman, Bruce Seiler, and Herlocker Family

Dec 27th: Jeri Wartena, Barb Morris, Allen & Linda Dunn, Nancy Garman, and Bruce Seiler. *We could use 3 more readers – volunteer with Barb today!*

Barb Morris is hard at work recruiting and scheduling folks to help out with worship leadership. Be sure to respond to any emails she's sent – or to volunteer if you're interested and have never participated before. Contact Barb at 916-715-4962 or 916-624-0832.

Thanks again for all your help!

Special Guest Musicians Coming Soon!

December 27 – Tangled Blue (Joel & Aimee Pakan)

January 3 – Rachel Kurtz

*All of these musicians are long-time friends of Bethel and we are thrilled to welcome them back!
Be sure to join us for what are sure to be rockin' mornings!*



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

Giving in November

12/6	=	\$1875.16
12/13	=	\$2785.66
12/20	=	\$
12/27	=	\$

Total for month = \$4660.82

TOTAL for November = \$6054.07

**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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 1 – Lisa Herlocker
- December 1 – Kari 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 accidentally left you off this list!

Opportunity Coming in January

Inclusivity Discussion Group

Let's explore what it means to live out Bethel's Welcome Statement. What do we really mean when we say, "All are welcome?" Using a curriculum written by David Scherer & Joe Davis – and adapted by Lisa Herlocker for Bethel – we'll explore issues of inclusivity through a faith lens.

Meetings will be every other Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm beginning January 12, 2021.

Be sure to let Lisa know if you're interested so you receive future emails regarding readings and the Zoom link.

A BETHEL TRADITION

St. John's "Christmas Store"

This year we again collected gifts for the children of the St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter in Sacramento to give their moms.

Thank you for your generosity!
Special thanks to Cindi Roxworthy for coordinating this ministry and for driving the gifts to the shelter with Cheryle Sorensen tomorrow.



Still need a few gifts for your loved ones? How about some that don't need to be shipped? Give gifts with meaningful impact this Christmas. Check out the ELCA Good Gifts online catalog and give unique gifts that truly change lives!

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship @5:00pm

Current Plan: OUTDOORS & ONSITE at Bethel – familiar carols, gospel reading and a brief message – no communion – short, simple, yet meaningful time of worship

Those who attend **must agree** to *wear masks at all times, to maintain at least 6 foot spacing between families, to skip hugs, and to not linger when worship is over.*

(We will also ask those attending to sign-in with name & email for any potential contact tracing needs.)

You are invited to bring your own battery-operated candles and chairs for seating if needed (none will be provided) Dress warmly, no heaters or indoor option available. No restrooms will be available.

Final Decision about location will be made by December 22nd – plan B will be to move the worship online due to weather or changes in area coronavirus restrictions.

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Christmas Morning @10:00am

Online Festival Worship Gathering

Join us in front of your tree – in your PJs if you like 😊 make it a fun way to put the Birth of Jesus at the center of your Christmas Celebration.

Familiar Carols, Gospel Message, Eucharist

If you've never attended a Christmas Day worship gathering, this is the year to try it – no driving or pulling the family away from the tree – just a pause in the day's rush to consider the Birth of the One who turned the world upside down by coming down to live among us. In a year like 2020 this simple message may make a huge difference as we celebrate Christmas by lovingly staying apart from loved ones.

Hope to see your smiling faces on the screen 😊