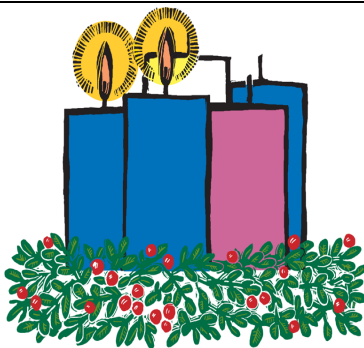


Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

2ND SUNDAY OF AVENT • DECEMBER 6, 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/>

Prayers for Our Congregation

As we begin a new church year, let's remember to hold each other in prayer. These past months have been strange and for many of us there have been unexpected peaks and valleys.

Our congregation continues to be here for each other. Leaders have stepped forward to meet needs. Bills have been paid. Property has been maintained. Ministry to the needy has continued.

Faith has been nurtured for all ages.

Today we want to especially lift up the ministry of the Call Committee and its long journey together to find a permanent pastor for Bethel. We are not where we expected to be at this time last year, but we are excited to share that we are once again in the interview process. A first round of interviews has taken place and the committee feels a renewed sense of excitement and possibility.

This week you are invited to pray for the Call Committee and all of our congregation ministries using the following prayer:

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Adult Forum Topics

Join Pastor Ron after "coffee hour" for a conversation about **Transitions**. Dr. Alan Chinin collected fairy tales of adults and elders from around the world and provided explanations in a book titled *In the Ever After*. We will discuss several of these fairy tales.

Dec. 6th – The Widow and the Frog

Dec. 13th – The Shining Fish

Mid-Week Advent Gathering

Wednesday at 7:00pm

Join us online for a little Holden, a short message, & time with friends

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683716700?pwd=RnZmTDBKbTRRSkN3d3lOU0RiOURsZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 8371 6700

Passcode: 867406



Finance Update

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

Giving in November

11/1	=	\$830.16
11/8	=	\$2340.66
11/15	=	\$1113.00
11/22	=	\$670.25
11/29	=	\$

Total for month = **\$4954.07**

TOTAL for October = \$6370.82

**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
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- 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!

Thank You to all who help lead worship each week

Today's Leaders/Readers: Terri Larson, Kary Pfennig, Jeff Dodge, and Brad & Jenn Saeger

NEXT Sunday's readers: TBD

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!



It's a virtual Christmas program this year!!

Audrey has worked hard to cast folks of all ages and they can't wait to share their final product with you on Sunday, December 20th.

A reminder to the actors: Videos will need to be sent to Lisa H. by December 13th for editing.



Barb Morris has continued to create seasonal flower arrangements for the sanctuary throughout our time away.

Above is her latest creation for Advent, along with a list of the flowers' meaning:

Blue Hydrangea -- devotion

Oregon grape holly -- goodwill; holy

Pink rose -- grace, Mary

Wisteria -- welcome fair stranger

Thanks so much Barb for your beautiful, quiet artistry.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 13 at 3:00pm



All are welcome to attend this online gathering led by Pastor Ron of Bethel and lay pastor Kendra of Incarnation. It is especially for those who find themselves "blue" during a time of year where we are surrounded by sounds of excitement, joy, and celebration. Loss of loved ones, seasonal depression, or life in a pandemic can leave us searching for God's light and love. Come and join us in prayer, scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence for those that mourn, those that struggle, and those in search of comfort.

Attend using this link:

<http://www.incarnationmission.org/ministries/live-stream>

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

Final Decision about location will be made by December 22nd – plan B will be to move the worship online due to weather or new COVID restrictions

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

You are invited to bring your own battery-operated candles and chairs for seating if needed (none will be provided)

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



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/>



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PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

There's still time to order a wreath and help support Bethel.

The same quality Christmas wreaths the youth have sold for years are now available directly online at

GiftItForward.com

Use the coupon code BETHELCA002 when you place an order and \$8 per item will go directly to Bethel! It's easy! Talk with Lisa for more details.

A BETHEL TRADITION

St. John's "Christmas Store"

As you Christmas shop this year, don't forget about the women at St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter in Sacramento.

This year we will again collect gifts for the children of the shelter to give their moms. Unlike years past, we won't be able to host a Christmas store – the staff will do that with our donations.

Popular items include cozy slippers; scarves & gloves; body wash & lotion. Drop off donations or arrange for pick up by coordinating with Cindi Roxworthy (916-849-6271). Please have donations to Cindi by Dec 20th.



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.

If you're not signed up yet, talk with Lisa Herlocker for details.

ADVOCACY IN QUARANTINE IS TAKING A BREAK AND WILL RESUME IN JANUARY!

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>