

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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 14, 2021



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.

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Join us next week to celebrate a milestone event for Bethel. Bishop Mark Holmerud will join us for worship and we'll follow with a visual timeline and walk down memory lane.

Our plan is to keep the celebration going all year with special events in the coming months as public health and safety allows. So stay tuned for more to come!

Today we welcome back,

***Tyra Dennis!***

Tyra joins us from Los Angeles where she works in a variety of settings sharing her musical gifts with the world. She is also a budding entrepreneur – check out her online store, [Threads from Within](#). We are glad excited to worship with Tyra this morning.

*Please drop your prayer requests into the Zoom Chat Box for inclusion during the Prayers of Intercession today.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

***THAT'S THIS WEEK!!!***

**Joint worship gathering with Incarnation Anglican at 6:00pm.**

The service will be live-streamed from the Bethel sanctuary. Use this link: <https://rsvp.church/r/uNMcXs6y> to access the service from your home computer.

If you are interested in worshipping on-site in order to participate in the Imposition of Ashes, come masked and stay physically distanced in your own chairs, and sit on our patio. The service will be projected out to you so you can follow along. You may also listen from your car and ashes will be brought to you. (We are offering this modified in-person option for those interested, but want you to know that the synod office still recommends against in-person worship at this time.)

**The remaining Mid-Week Lenten services will be online ONLY at 6:00pm.**

Access those worship gatherings using the same link above. Each week will include interactive activities.

Our Wednesday 7:00pm Online Fellowship Hangouts will be cancelled for the season of Lent & resume after Easter.



To meet our **2021** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6986\***

### Giving in February

2/7	=	\$2314.80
2/14	=	\$
2/21	=	\$
2/28	=	\$
Total for month	=	\$

**TOTAL for January = \$8254.85**

*\*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!*

### Thank You to all who help lead worship each week

**Today's readers:** Terri Larson, Jeri Wartena, Allen Dunn, Alta Winters

**Next Week:** Linda Dunn, Jeff Dodge, Lisa Kaufman-Chan, Brad & Jenn Saeger

### In the Coming Week . . .

A great way to prepare for weekly worship is to spend some time reading the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons. Here are the readings for February 21<sup>st</sup>:

- 1 Kings 8:22-30
- Psalms 84
- 1 Peter 2:1-9
- John 10:22-30



- February 5 – Rikelle Mendonsa
- February 12 – Kristen Blackburn
- February 18 – Barbara Morris
- February 27 – Emily Roxworthy
- February 29 – Diane Swanson

*Blessings to all of our February Birthdays; please let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!*



### Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://bethelroseville.org)

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

### Adult Forum: The Book of James

Join Pastor Ron after "coffee hour" for a study of the New Testament book of James. A brief letter describing practical discipleship and insights into daily Christian living. No Bible experience necessary – use this [link](#) to preview the Book of James.

### 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 diversity & inclusion through a faith lens.

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**

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

## Here comes Lent!

*Our annual 40 Day Journey to the Cross begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Included in the following pages is information about 40 Days of Giving, a devotion produced by ELCA World Hunger. If you wish to dig deeper than the included info, please ask Lisa to email you a complete set of devotions.*

*Another option for your Lenten Journey is a set of weekly family devotions and activities from Illustrated Ministry – our Little Lutherans will be getting delivery of theirs tomorrow, but you can have a copy emailed you too. Aimed at families, there is plenty of substance for members of all ages to work with. Finally, don't forget to attend weekly worship gatherings each Wednesday at 6:00pm using the information found earlier in this bulletin.*

## ELCA or Sierra Pacific Synod Ministry Highlights

### Be the Change! Faith in Action!

The **Lutheran Office of Public Policy in California** 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>

Here in California, the Lutheran Office of Public Policy focuses its advocacy in these areas: Deep Childhood Poverty, Immigration/Migration, Housing Instability, Food and Farming, Water Justice, and Criminal Justice. Using the ELCA Social Statements to frame the conversation, LOPPCA chooses where specifically to elevate Lutheran voices in advocating for specific legislation working its way through the State Legislature and US Congress. Working alongside ecumenical partners such as Bread for the World, LOPPCA helps pass new laws dedicated to helping those in need.

#### **Below are listed some important bills that LOPP-CA will be working on this year:**

1. SB 108, as introduced, Hurtado. State Healthy Food Access Policy. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to access sufficient healthy food.
2. AB 221, as introduced, Santiago. Emergency Food Assistance for all. The State Department of Social Services shall provide a food assistance benefit statewide to low-income California residents, regardless of their immigration status.
3. AB 614 (Eggman) – “Farm to Food Bank” Tax Credit  
Overview: This bill would increase access to the food donation tax credit for agricultural growers by expanding the list of qualified donation items to food banks and other non-profit organizations by including other fresh food items not currently in statute, as well as various shelf-stable dietary staples.
4. Emergency food and diapers bill. (no number yet)

*If you are interested in learning more about these and other current legislation, come hangout during the weekly Zoom meeting mentioned above.*

# What will it take to

*end hunger?*

Even in the most challenging times, we trust in God and hope in the work God is doing in the world. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed.

## HOW TO GIVE

### Online:

[ELCA.org/40days](http://ELCA.org/40days)

### By mail:

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809,  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable  
to "ELCA World Hunger" and  
write "40 Days of Giving" on  
the check's memo line.



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# 40 DAYS

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**ELCA World Hunger**  
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The world provides enough food for all, but nearly

# 690 million people

around the world face chronic hunger.

We believe in a God of abundance,  
so as a church, we live out our baptismal call  
to strive for a just world

*where all are fed.*

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We journey alongside our partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action.

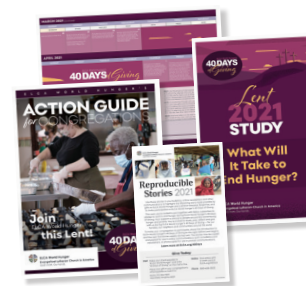
Over the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more people into hunger and poverty. Our work together is more important than ever, even as we feel separated from each other.

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we **"will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes"** (Revelation 7:16-17).

This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill.

**This Lent**, you're invited to join with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger together during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Your support is critically needed for people around the world facing hunger and poverty.

Bring ELCA World Hunger into the life of your congregation and family with resources that are available to use at home, online or in person.



- 1) A devotional calendar with daily ideas for reflection, giving and action.
- 2) A weekly study inviting deep discernment and critical thinking, with inspirational stories about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.
- 3) Additional resources, including an inspirational weekly email series.

You're invited to study, pray, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

**Visit [ELCA.org/40days](https://www.elca.org/40days) to get started today.**