

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

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT • FEBRUARY 21, 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.

www.bethelroseville.org <https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/>

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75th Anniversary

We are excited to welcome Bishop Mark Holmerud to our worship gathering this morning as we celebrate 75 years in the life of Bethel! Stick around for “coffee hour” and a visual walk down memory lane.

Special thanks to all those who contributed photos for today’s celebration slide show – we have so many fun things to remember that you can look forward to additional slide shows in the coming months 😊

Our plan is to keep the celebration going all year with special events in the future months as public health and safety allows. So stay tuned for more activities to come – and for creative ways you can help out!

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 28th:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

GATHER ONLINE AT 6:00PM

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

The service will be live-streamed from the Bethel sanctuary. Use this link:

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

Access each worship gathering 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.

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

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. Today we’ll be looking at the concept of “suffering”



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

Giving in February


2/7	=	\$2314.80
2/14	=	\$659.80
2/21	=	\$
2/28	=	\$

Total for month = **\$2974.60**

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!



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



- 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!

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 23rd at 6:30pm

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

Thank You to all who help lead worship each week

Today's readers: Linda Dunn, Jeff Dodge, Lisa Kaufman-Chan, Brad & Jenn Saeger

Next Week: Jeri Wartena, Patrick Gale, Bruce Seiler, Nancy Gorman



Easter Baskets
 for Children at St. Johns' Shelter

Once again it's time to shop and share with the children who are living at the St. John's shelter ([St. John's Program for Real Change](#)).

As in the past, we will collect small toys for the baskets for kids of all ages – no candy. Good ideas include small stuffed animals, yo-yos, card games, puzzles, and similar sized items. Small books and simple art supplies are good too.

Cindi Roxworthy will coordinate the collection. Like last year, if you'd rather not shop, Cindi will take care of that for you if you wish to just make a monetary donation.

Details coming soon about volunteering to fill and deliver the baskets.

Our Lenten Journey Begins

Our annual 40 Day Journey to the Cross began on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. You are encouraged to check out the link for [40 Days of Giving](#), a devotion produced by ELCA World Hunger. Please consider making a special donation to ELCA World Hunger as part of your Lenten discipline this year.

Another option for your Lenten Journey is a set of weekly family devotions and activities from Illustrated Ministry –you were emailed a copy this week. Aimed at families, there is plenty of substance for members of all ages to work with and it will form the foundation for our mid-week Lenten gatherings. 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.



Meet•Pray•Love, these three words challenge us to simplify our life as the community of Bethel while at the same time recommit to a life of Christian discipleship.

We come together as we **MEET** in worship to give thanks for our life as the people of God and to hear of God's love for us. Then, rooted in this love, we move more deeply into our walk with Jesus and grow spiritually as we **PRAY** and support one another along our faith journey together as disciples of Jesus. Emboldened by the security of God's love, we go out into our week ready to **LOVE** one another as Jesus loves us.