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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD. JANUARY 10, 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. <u>www.bethelroseville.org</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/</u>

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## TWO BIRTHDAYS

That's right. Each year we get to celebrate two birthdays. One is our birth day where we add a higher number to our age. The other is our baptism birthday when we came into the Kingdom and were washed with water, sealed with the Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

If you don't remember when your baptism birthday is, please look at your certificate. If you can't find it, ask someone else in your family. If all that fails, just choose a date. A ritual for remembrance is included on the last page of these announcements.



Welcome to our newest Bethel Baby! Erin Blackburn & Jason Mack welcomed Ryan Christopher Mack On January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:22pm Ryan weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz and is 20 inches

## Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Watch your email for Zoom link If you are a Ministry Team Leader, this meeting is for you. Time to check-in and get organized for 2021.

## 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. Today we'll look at James 1:1-18.

# 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 January 17<sup>th</sup>:

> 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

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

Bethel is celebrating a milestone anniversary in February!
While we won't be having the big party we anticipated any time soon, Bishop Mark Holmerud will be joining us on February 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate with us.
We will share memories and stories during a virtual party, after worship. Please *email Lisa Herlocker* your favorite photos and written memories of your time at Bethel *by February 15<sup>th</sup>* to be shared on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>



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

#### **Giving in December**

1/3	=	\$355.00
1/10	=	\$
1/17	=	\$
1/24	=	\$
1/31	=	\$
Total for month	=	\$355.00
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**TOTAL for December = \$6535.81** \*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, <u>bethelroseville.org</u> If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE TO OTHERS

ELCA Good Gifts helps globally <u>http://goodgifts.elca.org/</u>

Lutheran Social Services helps locally <u>https://www.lssnorcal.org/</u>

Your generosity matters and makes a real difference!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Join your Bethel friends for a relaxed time to chat and stay connected each Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 4196 6653 Passcode: 759604



January 3 - Ryan Mack

- January 4 Allen Dunn
- January 7 Ronin Villanueva
- January 9 Nancy Garman
- January 11 Morgan Pfennig
- January 20 Debra Linn
- January 21 Alison Villanueva
- January 27 Ryan McBain
- January 29 Brianna (Mendonsa) Bradbury

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

# Starting THIS Week

## 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 emails regarding readings and the Zoom link.

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

*Today's readers:* Lisa Kaufman-Chan, Kary Pfennig, Jeri Wartena, and Brad & Jenn Saeger

*Next Week:* Patrick Gale, Terri Larson, Barb Morris, and Allen Dunn

### Thanks again for all your help!

#### **CELEBRATING A BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY**

This order may be given to a family on the baptismal day with instructions to keep it with the baptismal candle. For other suggestions on celebrating a baptismal anniversary, see "10 Ways to Celebrate Your Child's Baptismal Anniversary" and "Ways to Celebrate Your Godchild's Anniversary" in Washed and Welcome: A Baptism Sourcebook, and Living the Promises of Baptism: 101 Ideas for Parents (both Augsburg Fortress, 2010), both part of the Washed and Welcome family of baptismal resources.

Gather around a table where you usually share a meal, or at some other quiet place in your home, with a bowl of water and the baptismal candle. As the candle is lighted, the leader begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

We remember and give thanks for the baptism of name. Thanks be to Jesus for the saving waters of baptism.

A hymn may be sung. One of these from Evangelical Lutheran Worship or another favorite may be used:

- 451 We are Baptized in Christ Jesus
- 456 Baptized in Water
- 459 Wade in the Water
- 613 Thy Holy Wings
- 781 Children of the Heavenly Father
- 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#### One of these or another passage of scripture is read:

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Genesis 1:1-2	The Spirit moved over the waters
Genesis 8:1-5	God saves Noah and his family
Exodus 14:21—15:1	The Israelites come safely through the sea
Exodus 17:1-7	Water gushes from the rock
2 Kings 5:1-14	Naaman's leprosy is washed clean
Isaiah 55	Isaiah calls all who thirst
Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus is baptized
Acts 2:37-47	The newly baptized are added to the church
Acts 8:26-40	Philip baptizes a new Christian

The group joins together in reading and discussing one of the following: The Lord's Prayer (ages 1-5) The Apostles' Creed (ages 4-8) The Ten Commandments (ages 7-12) These foundational baptismal texts and their explanations can be found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, along with Luther's explanations, on pages 1160 and following. They encompass the three pillars of faith that parents and sponsors committed to teach their child at the time of his or her baptism.

Rejoice in sharing memories and stories of the baptismal day.

*The leader continues.* Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Almighty God bless us and keep us, by the Holy Spirit guiding our days, our thoughts, and our actions, in the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

All join in dipping their hands in the water and making the sign of the cross on their own or one another's forehead.

#### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY GREETING

Congregations that mark baptismal anniversaries of their members in any way may wish to send the following message, or something similar, on a note card, postcard, or in an electronic message.

Happy baptismal anniversary!

As you celebrate another year in the life of Christ and his church on date, we invite you to reflect on your baptism and how it guides you in your daily life and work. Our *congregation/pastoral leadership* will be remembering you in prayer as you celebrate this anniversary.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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