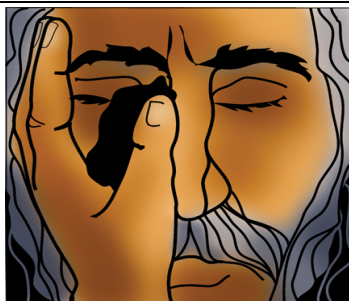


# Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT • MARCH 19, 2023



## All Are Welcome!

Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. We mean it when we say “all are welcome” – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify.

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD's house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community.

Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. Parents and other near-by adults can help developing readers follow along with the congregation and the printed Order of Worship. Be patient with our children as they learn to participate in the rituals of worship. Celebrate as they learn to help with various aspects of worship leadership. Small gestures can go a long way.

## Some Practical Visitor Info

If you need a restroom, you have 2 options. In the sanctuary building, you will find the restroom through the side door near the piano. You can also access it by going outside through the main entrance and re-entering the building near the offices by using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom will be to your left.

If you need an accessible restroom or a baby changing table, you can find that in our back building. Go through the iron gate at the rear of our patio on the left of the sanctuary. As you enter that back building the restroom is immediately to your left.



**TODAY, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Did you know that Bethel has cooked lunch for the clients of our local St. Vincent de Paul's for over 30 years? If you'd like to help out next Sunday, talk with Scott Larson to learn more. No experience needed!

## Prayer Requests

As you enter the sanctuary, paper is available on the table for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People. It is our hope that this will help all those in worship hear the prayer requests.



## Join us on Wednesdays

6:00pm – FREE Soup Supper

*Please use the sign-up sheet on the back wire rack to let us know what you'll be bringing. If we all pitch in and share the load, the fellowship is even sweeter!*

7:00pm – Lent Worship Gathering

*Contemplative, simple, Taize worship style for about 30 minutes to help center us on our Lenten Journey.*



To meet our 2023 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6968**

**Giving in March**

3/5	=	\$2,417.16
3/12	=	\$2,098.00
3/19	=	\$
3/26	=	\$
<b>Total for Month = \$4,515.16</b>		
<b>TOTAL for February = \$6,416.00</b>		

**Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel’s Ministries!**

**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 or drop it into the basket during worship.

**Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone**



**Upcoming Scripture Readings**

*Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Fifth Sunday in Lent.*

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

**Contact Pastor Carolyn**

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

[pastor@bethelroseville.org](mailto:pastor@bethelroseville.org)  
916-781-3333 (office)

**Today’s Worship Team**

- Usher:** Jeri Wartena
- Reader:** Jeri Wartena
- Sound:** Rick Mendonsa/ Vince Neill
- Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson
- Altar Guild:** Nancy Garman
- Kids Message:** Pr. Carolyn Brodt
- Musician:** Wing and a Prayer

**Next Week’s Worship Team**

- Usher:** Jeff & Lan Dodge
- Reader:** Jeff Dodge
- Sound:** Rick Mendonsa/ Vince Neill
- Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson
- Altar Guild:** Terri Larson
- Kids Message:** Pr. Allen Dunn
- Musician:** Audrey Gale

**“Noisy Offering!”**

Encouraging the participation of our youngest members in worship is important to us. When they help collect the offering each week, they are disappointed or confused when folks don’t drop something in the basket.

The Worship & Music Team asks that you consider dropping a little spare change into the basket when it comes your way. The change will be kept in the safe and counted after a few months. When the total amount has grown enough, this “noisy offering” will be donated to a local charity.

**March Song of the Month**

*Beautiful Things*

This song by Michael and Lisa Gungor was made famous by their liturgical post-rock collective, Gungor. Like many psalms, it begins with lament, recalls God’s promise, and moves the singer to hope and trust—this time using images of creation (“out of the dust,” “garden,” and “out of chaos” [Gen. 1–2]). Though Michael was the son of a prominent Pentecostal pastor and author, he and Lisa have had a wide-ranging spiritual journey. Michael is part of “The Liturgists,” a podcast, band, and community that explores societal issues through the lenses of art, science, and faith.

**Save the Dates!**

Join us for a final Spring Spruce Up on either Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> or April 9<sup>th</sup>

See Scott Larson or Jeff Dodge for details





March 3 – Danelle Pfennig  
March 5 – Trevor Linn  
March 8 – Paul Larson  
March 10 – John Morris  
March 18 – Jeri Wartena

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

## Called to Work for Justice

Through Baptism, we are called to be agents of peace and justice in this world. The work of the ELCA in our time includes that of being a Publicly Engaged Church.

In California, this is done through involvement with the **Lutheran Office of Public Policy (LOPP-CA)** which hosts live advocacy briefings on **Wednesdays** at noon. During the half-hour call, listeners get an update on state and federal legislative priorities and direct a quick advocacy activity. The link to join can be found [here](#).

Join LOPP-CA for **Lutheran Lobby Day, May 17!!** We'll meet together at the capitol to advocate directly with members of the State Legislature. More info can be found on [our website](#). We hope to have a good representation from Bethel!

Another way to seek justice is to take part in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Join other Bethel folk on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to learn about the 2024 Federal Farm Bill followed by a letter writing session. The exact details of our time is still being worked out, so save the date and watch for more details after Easter.



## Easter Baskets

for Children at  
St. John's Shelter

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, notebooks, and other similar sized items.

Donations need to be dropped off in the back of the sanctuary no later than Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cindi Roxworthy is coordinating the collection. If you'd rather not shop, Cindi will take care of that for you if you wish to just make a monetary donation.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

“Readers Theatre” Passion Story and Procession of the Palms as part of our worship

### Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Traditional Evening Worship Gathering

### Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Traditional Tennebrae Worship Gathering

### Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunrise Worship at 7:00am on the Patio

Easter Breakfast at 8:00am

Little Lutherans' Easter Egg Hunt 8:30ish

Traditional Worship at 9:00am indoors

*None of these traditional activities happen without volunteers – please say “yes” when asked or check in with Lisa H. to find a place to help out!*



Follow us on social media for pictures of activities, connections to the synod & the ELCA, and other up-to-date information.

Our website includes a digital copy of the bulletin & announcements each week under “News”

Facebook: BethelRosevilleCA -- Instagram: @bethelrosevilleca

Web: [www.bethelroseville.org](http://www.bethelroseville.org)