

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

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 22, 2020

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Welcome to our online worship gathering. As we explore new ways of gathering as the people of God, 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](http://www.bethelroseville.org)    <https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/>

## Some thoughts from Bethel's Servant Team

Lent is often described as a journey through the wilderness. A time to ponder our walk with God through some of the difficult times in life. We have now entered the strange wilderness of social distancing – disruptions to our regular routines – some like church gatherings that are painful to let go. Heading into this unknown we may be feeling a bit lost. But God always shows up. And here in this coronavirus wilderness God will bring us new, creative ways to be Church.

We faithfully recognize that all our time together on Sundays has prepared us for “such a time as this” – a time when being Church means making decisions with the most vulnerable in mind, finding creative ways to stay connected, and being open to the Spirit’s movement. While we may have temporarily cancelled in-person worship, we have not cancelled the Body of Christ.

During this Lenten fast from our regular Bethel activities, we hope you find new and creative ways to engage with the Living Christ and the people of God. Limitations breed creativity. How can we strengthen our other “church muscles” without a Sunday worship gathering? Could caring for each other in new, different ways ultimately make us stronger when we once again gather together on Sunday mornings?

As you explore ways to build community, share those ideas with the rest of Bethel, as we continue our Lenten wilderness journey together.



## Finance Update

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

### Giving in March:

3/1	=	\$2585.16
3/8	=	\$1794.00
3/15	=	\$
3/22	=	\$
3/29	=	\$

TOTAL for Feb. = **\$4379.16**

**TOTAL for February = \$6786.16**

*\*Keep in mind, this total may be adjusted with the final compensation package offered a new pastor*

*Thanks for your ongoing support of*



### Online Giving Option

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://bethelroseville.org)  
You can make one-time donations or ongoing donations. No more having to remember your check!

*If you give online but still want to put something in the offering basket, there are slips on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3 – Danelle Pfennig

March 5 – Trevor Linn

March 8 – Paul Larson

March 10 – John Morris

March 11 – Ha Goss

March 18 – Jeri Wartena

March 27 – Erin Blackburn

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



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## An Update from the Call Committee

The Call Committee has begun interviewing potential pastors for Bethel. We have now entered a time of deep confidentiality to protect the process and those involved – consider the Call Committee under a “Cone of Silence” – and so please don't probe us for information about the candidates. Keep us in your prayers and know that we are doing what you have asked of us – questioning, discerning, and prayerfully considering each candidate's gifts and skills in relationship to the ministries and needs of Bethel.

We will update you as we learn more and have things that we can share.

We know that this process may seem long, and maybe even a bit scary, but we know that God is faithful and will continue to walk alongside us every step of the way.

-The Call Committee

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

*Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through GOD's grace, we welcome all to GOD's table. We invite all who are seeking GOD's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because GOD welcomes all, knowing that GOD's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.*

*We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.*

*We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace. We invite you to come as you are to **Meet, Pray, & Love** together.*

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore a life of faith with us. If you are new to Bethel, welcome. If you've been here awhile—we hope you feel welcome, too. All are invited to come as you are to worship a GOD who meets us where we are and journeys with us in love and grace.

**Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday**  
**GIFT** (Cross+Generational Learning Time) **at 10:15am**



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