

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 29, 2020



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

Some thoughts from Bethel's Servant Team

Ministry continues, even in the midst of crisis. God has a role for you to play in this time, no matter who you are, even if you're stuck at home. It could be reaching out to someone by phone. It could be helping neighbors shop for groceries. It could be brightening your neighborhood sidewalks with chalk art. It could be organizing an online small group or something else entirely. Our prayers are with you as you discern what role God is calling you to play in this unique time in history.

Today we meet again for online worship. Each week we try new things and learn new ways to adapt to this unusual format. We welcome your ideas so please share them. Please continue to find a way to join us either by phone or computer. Do not hesitate to ask for help navigating this new way of connecting.

Last week it was obvious that folks craved connection, so we will continue to create ways to share our joys, sorrows, and needs with each other. It's not the same as a hug, but being in a shared space together – even virtually goes a long way to ease the strangeness of this new way of life.

There is no doubt about it: we are navigating stormy seas. But in the midst of every storm, Jesus tells us to "Fear not!" – for new life is coming. Prayers and blessings to all of you in this continuing Lenten season, and prayers that God grants each of us the blessed assurance of God's faithfulness amidst our uncertainties. May God's peace be with each of you in the coming days.



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	=	\$100.00
3/22	=	\$1470.00
3/29	=	\$

TOTAL for Feb. = **\$5949.16**

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

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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Holy Week

It is now obvious that we are doing worship ministry in a whole new way for awhile. I have been on several Zoom meetings brainstorming ideas for how to "do" Maundy Thursday and Good Friday online. So many of the ideas made presumptions about what the local practice of a congregation might be – and it often didn't match with Bethel.

So, here is my question for you –

What would you like to see from Bethel for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday?

We can have an online version of our traditional evening gatherings or something completely new and creative. What would be meaningful to you?

Please contact me in the next few days with ideas – Thanks, Lisa Herlocker