

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

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • NOVEMBER 14, 2021



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.

We encourage families with young children to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. Parents and other neighboring 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. An encouraging smile can go a long way to helping parents feel comfortable as their kids learn.

Bethel & COVID-19

We encourage you to get *both* a flu and a Covid vaccine or booster as we enter the cold weather season.

We strongly encourage all in-person worshippers to mask regardless of vaccination status. This small act helps protect our children and vulnerable people. Infection rates have plateaued, and hospitalizations are inching upward locally.

For those not comfortable returning to in-person worship or who find themselves out of town on a Sunday morning, we will continue to stream our gatherings via Zoom.

We are once again “*passing the plate*” to collect the offering. This brings us one step closer to “regular” worship practices and gives our eager-to-help youngsters a role in worship leadership.

We will continue other adaptations to our liturgical format. We look forward to a time with less risk of infection and a return to sung liturgy, hugs, and full communion tables.

Something New

You may recall that earlier this year, a group of Bethel folks met regularly to discuss topics like anti-racism and inclusivity. One result was considering ways for Bethel to live out its Welcome Statement. One way we can do that is to follow the lead of the ELCA and work toward reconciliation with our American Indian siblings. One simple thing we can do is called a “Land Acknowledgement.” This is a simple ritual of respect and gratitude for the land and our Indigenous neighbors. Using one is a meaningful way to combat the erasure of Indigenous peoples. They are used to acknowledge the original and Indigenous peoples to whom the land originally belonged. For more information, click [here](#). Read our land acknowledgment on the back page of this bulletin.



To meet our **2021** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6968**

Giving in November

11/7 = \$3512
 11/14 =
 11/21 =
 11/28 =

Total for month = **\$3512**

TOTAL for October = \$7233.92

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 or drop it into the basket near the main door as you leave worship.

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



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



Facebook: BethelRosevilleCA
 Instagram: @bethelrosevilleca

Today's Worship Team

- Usher:** Kelly Mendonsa
- Reader:** Allen Dunn
- Sound:** Rick Mendonsa
- Zoom:** Scott Larson
- Altar Guild:** Kelly Mendonsa
- Kids Message:** Jeri Wartena
- Musician:** Audrey Gale
- Flowers:** OPEN
- Snacks:** OPEN

Next Sunday's Worship Team

- Usher:** Jeff & Lan Dodge
- Reader:** Mike Grant
- Sound:** Rick Mendonsa
- Zoom:** Scott Larson
- Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson
- Kids Message:** Allen Dunn
- Musician:** A Wing and A Prayer
- Flowers:** Larson Family
- Snacks:** OPEN

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

November 21st, Christ the King Sunday

- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- Psalm 93
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

Praying the Directory

This week you are invited to remember a few Bethel members in your daily prayers.

- Roger & Deb Linn
- Emily Leven
- Scott & Terri Larson
- Paul Larson

Contact Pastor Carolyn

NO Office Hours this Week – Pastor Carolyn will be at First Call Theological Training at Mt. Cross all week.

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November 7 – Roger Linn
November 9 – Loraine Anderson
November 21 – Hudson McBain
November 26 – Scott Larson
November 28 – Allison McBain

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



Please consider contributing to fund upgrades in technology and Pastor Carolyn's office, as well as, making repairs to the church building – including stucco and interior wall repairs. We are in the midst of securing bids for repairs to the exterior walls of the sanctuary.

Currently gifts total \$2800



Amazon shoppers: don't forget to link your Amazon account to Bethel through the Amazon Smile Program.

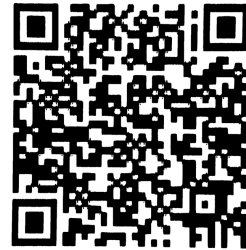
Starting your shopping at Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to Bethel. During the 3rd quarter of this year alone, we've earned \$30.31!!

If you're not signed up yet, it's easy to do. There are directions available in the back of the sanctuary OR talk with Lisa Herlocker.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

It's never too early to start thinking about your Christmas décor – and helping out Bethel. This year you can order wreaths & other products online – and each item purchased earns \$8 for Bethel's 75th Anniversary Fund. Use the QR code below to get started or ask Lisa for a flier. Another option – use this direct link:

<https://giftitforward.com/applycoupon/applycouponlink/index/couponcode/BETHELCA002>



Hope for the Holidays 2021

A program of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Share Christmas greetings with asylum seekers and others living in migrant detention centers this holiday season. A simple card will remind children and others separated from their families that they are not forgotten.

To participate, bring holiday cards signed with simple greetings in English or Spanish, to church on November 28th. Cards can be homemade or just extras you might have around the house. Return the cards without envelopes. Once collected, the entire number will be mailed to LIRS for distribution.

Make a party of it and invite friends to sign cards with you! Have your children make cards! Get creative and share some hope!

For more info – and to find suggestions of what to write in the cards – go to lirs.org/hope and download the tool kit.

Thanks,
Everyone!

Last week's Installation Celebration was amazing, and I wanted to thank all the volunteers who made it happen! Thank you to the shoppers, the preppers, and the cooks! Thank you to those who set up and decorated Lentz Hall and all those who helped return it to normal. Thank you to those involved in hosting the worship gathering and making our special guests feel welcome! Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~ ~ *Pastor Carolyn*



Advent Begins Sunday, Nov 28th!

Midweek Gatherings

Wednesday, Dec 1, 8, & 15

6:00pm Soup Suppers

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sign-ups coming soon

Collect gifts for the women at the

St. John's Shelter

details next week

Sanctuary Decorating

Friday, Dec 10 at 5:00pm

All ages welcome

Pizza and drinks provided

Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec 19 at 9:00am

Worship led by our Little Lutherans!



Fall Stewardship Drive

As God's disciples we serve God in a variety of ways. We volunteer to care for Bethel's grounds, prepare the sanctuary for worship, and give of our time and talents in countless other ways.

As much as we sometimes hate to talk about it, one of the ways we do God's work is by giving our offering to help the congregation's and larger church's various ministries.

Pledge cards are now available, and you are asked to prayerfully consider your giving to Bethel for 2022. A few congregation members will share their giving stories during worship in November. We will collect the cards on November 21st. Your pledge is only seen by one person; only the total amount pledged is shared with the Servant Team to help with long-range planning.



Over the next few months, we will be considering becoming a Creation Care Congregation. This designation means that we will commit to living in ways that are responsible and healthy for our planet. Pastor Carolyn asks that in the coming months you spend some time listening to the following introduction video. We will have other learning opportunities and make a decision at the June 2022 Congregation Meeting.

https://youtu.be/yQA_gyn7HjM

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore a life of faith with us. You 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. We have committed to the following “welcome statement” and are continually working to live it out in worship, fellowship, and service to our siblings locally and throughout the world.

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.*

**Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday
Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)**



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