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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY . NOVEMBER 21, 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.

#### Can You Help?

The Altar Guild is in need of a few more volunteers. Members of the Altar Guild prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. The ideal group has enough volunteers that no one is responsible for more than a few weeks a year. This is a great way to serve the congregation – consider volunteering as a family. Training will be given. You can contact Loraine Anderson to ask questions or volunteer today. ©

## 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 statue. 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 inperson 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.

#### Serve lunch at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen TODAY!

Be a part of this long established ministry of the people of Bethel this month or in the future.

To volunteer or to learn more details, talk with Scott Larson after worship.



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

#### Giving in November

11/7	=	\$3512
11/14	=	\$1200
11/21	=	
11/28	=	

Total for month = \$4712

#### **TOTAL** for October = \$7233.92

Additional gifts collected at 11/7 Installation Service \$360

#### Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!

#### **Consider Online Giving**

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 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



## Contact Pastor Carolyn

Office Hours this Week Tues, Wed, Thurs afternoon – call to confirm

> pastor@bethelroseville.org 916-781-3333 (office)

## Today'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 Worship Team

Usher: Mike & Loraine Anderson Reader: Barb Morris Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Pastor Carolyn Musician: A Wing and A Prayer Flowers: OPEN Snacks: OPEN

#### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Sunday in Advent

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-36

#### Praying the Directory

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

- Lisa, Frank, Andrew & Jacob Chan
- Eileen Huhtala
- Ingrid Huber
- Heather Hubbard



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



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 accidently 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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/applycoup

on/applycouponlink/index/coupon code/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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 <u>lirs.org/hope</u> and download the tool kit.



#### Advent Begins Sunday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>!

#### 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 below

> 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!

## 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.



## Fall Stewardship Drive

As God's disciples we serve God in a variety of ways. This includes our monetary giving.

Pledge cards are now available, and you are asked to prayerfully consider your giving to Bethel for 2022. **They will be collected TODAY – just lay it on the altar when you come up for communion.** 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.

Thank You to all those who volunteered to color a poster for our Christmas Program on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We found plenty of eager artists last week. Please bring your completed posters to church

no later than December 12<sup>th</sup> so that they can be set up prior to worship on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Lisa Herlocker.

#### Annual St. John's Christmas "Store"

We are once again collecting donations for the women at the shelter run by St. John's Program for Real Change in Sacramento. Our donations are used by their staff to set up a "store" for the children living there to "shop" for a gift for their mother.

The best donations are things like cozy socks, gloves, journals, lotions, and other small items that don't need electricity or batteries. We may also need donations of gift bags and tissue paper.

Questions? Ask Cindi Roxworthy or Kelly Mendonsa

Donations may be left in the back of the sanctuary through Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church!

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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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.

