

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

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • NOVEMBER 22, 2020



Welcome to our online worship gathering. As we gather as the people of God in virtual ways, 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/>

## News from the Worship Team

We have been working on plans for Advent and Christmas – this year will be a bit different, but just like we did for Lent/Easter, we will find ways to adjust and provide meaningful worship opportunities.

### First Sunday in Advent, Nov 29 @ 9:00am

Come to our Zoom worship with an Advent wreath and/or candles to light as we begin the journey to Christmas

### Mid-week Advent Worship Gathering

Wednesday, Dec 2, 9, 16 @ 7:00pm

Join us online for a little Holden, a short message, & time with friends

### Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec 13 @ 3:00pm

Joint gathering with Incarnation for those seeking support & hope during December when it becomes overwhelming or a time of sadness.

### "Be Not Afraid" Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec 20 @ 9:00am

A twist on the traditional Kids' Christmas Program with parts for those of all ages. Details within.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Early Evening – Tentatively Planned for Outdoors – Onsite  
Details coming soon!

### Christmas Morning @ 10:00am

Online Festival Worship Gathering

## Reflections on Bethel's Mission Statement:

### MEET • PRAY • LOVE

In worship we **MEET** together in the presence of the One who always comes down to us – to dwell with us in the midst of our sorrows, joys, fears, guilt, frustrations, and celebrations.

In worship we **PRAY** – and hear anew God's Word gaining strength for our time away from worship. We leave filled with the blessed assurance that we are loved unconditionally.

After worship, **LOVE** strengthens us to go into the world seeking to do God's will among God's people, mirroring our Creator's compassion and grace.



### Thank You to all who help lead worship each week

**Today's Leaders/Readers:** Jeff Dodge, Bob Swanson, Brad/Jenn Saeger

**NEXT Sunday's readers:** Jeri Wartena, Barb Morris, Nancy Garman & Bruce Seiler



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

**Giving in November**

11/1	=	\$830.16
11/8	=	\$2340.66
11/15	=	\$1113.00
11/22	=	\$
11/29	=	\$

Total for month = **\$4283.82**

**TOTAL for October = \$6370.82**

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

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



**Online Giving Option**

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*



Calling all actors, members with dramatic flair, or creative worship leaders!

We are staging a virtual Christmas program this year – and all ages are invited and encouraged to participate!!

Details are still being worked out, but volunteers will need to be able to shoot a short video on their smart phone, act out a scene, and have some fun.

Scripts and staging ideas will be provided by November 29<sup>th</sup>. Videos will need to be finished by December 13<sup>th</sup> for editing.

If you are interested, contact Lisa H. ASAP



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- November 7 – Roger Linn
- November 9 – Loraine Anderson
- November 14 – Ryan Swanson
- 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!*

**Adult Forum Topics**

Join Pastor Ron after “coffee hour” for a conversation about **Transitions**. Dr. Alan Chinin collected fairy tales of adults and elders from around the world and provided explanations in a book titled *In the Ever After*. We will discuss several of these fairy tales.

- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Man Who Lost His Wen
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – The Statues
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – The Widow and the Frog
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – The Shining Fish



*We want to take time today to thank all of our many volunteers who help with the ministry of Bethel both “in house” and in the community. Among other things we:*

- have a crew of folks who make lunch for the homeless of Roseville every other month in connection with St. Vincent de Paul
- tithe portions of our offering to our sister parish in Kirehe, Rwanda
- periodically collect goods for distribution to the residents of St. John’s Shelter in Sacramento
- show up as needed to care for the grounds and buildings of Bethel
- have a robust prayer chain to connect and support members who are in need



Give gifts with meaningful impact this Christmas. Check out the ELCA Good Gifts online catalog and give unique gifts that truly change lives!

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>



### SUPPORT BETHEL &

### PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The same quality Christmas wreaths the youth have sold for years are now available directly online at [GiftItForward.com](http://GiftItForward.com)

Use the coupon code BETHELCA002 when you place an order and \$8 per item will go directly to Bethel! It's easy! Talk with Lisa for more details.



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.

If you're not signed up yet, talk with Lisa Herlocker for details.

## A BETHEL TRADITION

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

As you Christmas shop this year, don't forget about the women at St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter in Sacramento.

This year we will again collect gifts for the children of the shelter to give their moms. Unlike years past, we won't be able to host a Christmas store – the staff will do that with our donations.

Popular items include cozy slippers; scarves and gloves; body wash; and hand lotion.

Drop off arrangements will be made soon – We'll need a volunteer to bring the items to the shelter as well. Please talk with Cindi Roxworthy (916-849-6271) with any questions or to volunteer.

### Bethel Fellowship Hangout

Take a moment out of your week to check-in with your Bethel friends – join us for conversation and laughs each **Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683716700?pwd=RnZmTDBKbTRRSkN3d3lOU0RiOURsZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 8371 6700

Passcode: 867406

### Be the Change! Faith in Action!

The **Lutheran Office of Public Policy** invites you to take part in their weekly **Advocacy in Quarantine** meetings. Each half-hour call includes an update on legislative actions and a quick advocacy activity.

Please join this good work via Zoom at **12:00pm every Wednesday:**

<https://zoom.us/j/389725625>