

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

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF AVENT • NOVEMBER 29, 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/>

## Prayers for Our Congregation

As we begin a new church year, let's remember to hold each other in prayer. These past months have been strange and for many of us there have been unexpected peaks and valleys.

Our congregation continues to be here for each other. Leaders have stepped forward to meet needs. Bills have been paid. Property has been maintained. Ministry to the needy has continued. Faith has been nurtured for all ages.

Today we want to especially lift up the ministry of the Call Committee and its long journey together to find a permanent pastor for Bethel. We are not where we expected to be at this time last year, but we are excited to share that we are once again in the interview process. A first round of interviews has taken place and the committee feels a renewed sense of excitement and possibility.

This week you are invited to pray for the Call Committee and all of our congregation ministries using the following prayer:

*Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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



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	=	\$670.25
11/29	=	\$

Total for month = **\$4954.07**

**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!*

**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. 29<sup>th</sup> – The Statues
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – The Widow and the Frog
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – The Shining Fish



It's a virtual Christmas program this year!! Audrey has worked hard to cast folks of all ages and they can't wait to share their final product with you on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to the actors: Videos will need to be sent to Lisa H. by December 13<sup>th</sup> for editing.



- 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!*



**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

**Advent & Christmas  
Worship Opportunities**

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

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

Christmas Morning @10:00am

Online Festival Worship Gathering



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.

## Mid-Week Advent Gathering

During Advent, our Fellowship Hangout will become a time of worship. Please join us for our Mid-Week Advent Gathering. A brief time for devotion, music, and message.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 886 8371 6700

Passcode: 867406

### 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 & gloves; body wash & lotion.

Drop off donations or arrange for pick up by coordinating with Cindi Roxworthy (916-849-6271). Please have donations to Cindi by Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 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>