

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY • OCTOBER 25, 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 <https://www.facebook.com/BethelRosevilleCA/>

From Pastor Ron:

In last week's sermon, I referred to two books, *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. Both authors survivors of the Holocaust and have much to say about the struggle and hope found when living through tough times.

Next Sunday, November 1st, I begin hosting an adult forum on the topic of: *Transitions*. Major life transitions include: death of a loved one, moving from one place to another, change of jobs, loss of a job and retirement as some examples plus the pandemic. These upend our lives. We will explore ways to be as well and whole as possible.

We'll begin our conversation after our "coffee hour" time at about 10:30. I don't anticipate the forum lasting for more than 45 minutes. Please consider joining in to share and learn from each other.

Reformation Sunday

Today we commemorate the day in 1517 that Martin Luther, a German university professor and monk, presented his critique of church policies and set off dramatic changes throughout Europe – especially in the way Christians see their faith and relationship with God, each other, and organized religion. Luther's teachings can be summed up as *Word Alone*, *Faith Alone*, *Grace Alone*.

Special thanks to our featured dramatic readers today! What a fun way to remember the history and ideas behind today's commemorations.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting TODAY

Be sure to stay with us after worship to participate in our annual Fall voters' meeting. The main action item of the agenda will be consideration and approval of our 2021 Bethel budget. As we did in June, we will vote electronically via a link Patrick will share in the Zoom chat box when the time comes.

Thank You to all who have volunteered to help lead worship each week

Today's Leaders/Readers: Brad or Jenn Saeger, Jeff Dodge, and Patrick Gale

NEXT Sunday's readers: TBD – if you'd like to volunteer to help out during the coming weeks, let Barb Morris know ☺



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

Giving in October

10/4	=	\$2100.16
10/11	=	\$2740.66
10/18	=	\$680.00
10/25	=	\$

Total for September = **\$5520.82**

TOTAL for September = \$5400.00

**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

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678



SUPPORT MT. CROSS!

Sponsored by Lutheran Outdoor Ministry

Lisa Herlocker is running a virtual 5k to raise money for Mt. Cross!

To join her fundraising effort go to <https://lomnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/q192ep0t1bdxt0l/>

You'll be taken to a pledge form and then emailed a link to the Mt. Cross specific fundraising page so that your donations go directly to our favorite Lutheran camp.



October 8 - Hadley Gale

October 10 - Lisa Kaufman-Chan

October 14 - Cheryle Sorenson

October 16 - Lan Dodge

October 22 - Jeff Dodge

October 24 - Mike Anderson

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

Mark Your Calendars!

TODAY

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting with Budget Vote immediately following worship

November 1st at 2:00am

END Daylight Savings Time - "Fall Back"

November 1st at about 10:30

Initial Adult Forum on the Topic of Transitions with Pr. Ron

November 3rd - Election Day

Be sure to vote in person or by mail by this date to make your voice heard

November 12th

Leadership Team meeting at 6:00pm
Servant Team meeting at 7:00pm

November 14th

Congregation Work Party

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/88937348145?pwd=a1dkYU1aSkJmQWhnQWNhaStNcTcvZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3734 8145

Passcode: 431188

MT. CROSS FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, November 14

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mt. Cross is hosting work days this fall for volunteers willing to come help create at least 30 feet of defensible space around all our buildings. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, gloves, and any personal protective equipment (eye/ear protection) they will want. We also ask that everyone wears a face covering in accordance with local & state health orders. A boxed lunch will be provided.

To sign up, simply contact Adam Erickson with your name, contact information, and how many in your group, by the Monday before the Work Day you plan to participate in. You can contact Adam (adam@mtcross.org; 831.336.5179) with questions – including what tools you might need to bring.

A REMINDER FROM PASTOR RON

*A couple weeks ago, I encouraged us all to become on-line advocates using [Lutheran Office of Public Policy](#) and [ELCA.org/advocacy](#). Please check out their web sites and become a volunteer advocate, bringing the kingdom God wants in this world. Martin Luther is our example. He advocated with the princes to provide basic education to children which only for the sons of rich parents. I also encourage us to make an additional sacrifice and make a contribution to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) or to [Lutheran Social Services of Northern California](#). The contribution should be **in addition** to our support for Bethel. These organizations are working with those affected by the fires and all the other disasters in our country. We are graced to be gracious.*

Coming in November:

Next Faithful Move: Intercultural Inclusion in Congregations

Join Lisa Herlocker for conversations diving into the next steps of being a welcoming congregation based on her recent coursework with Joe Davis & David Scherer, Lutheran experts in Intercultural Development.

Specific Date & Time Details Coming Soon!

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.

Recently, Gov. Newsom signed into law, farm worker protections supported by LOPP-CA a significant advocacy victory.

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

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



Ballots have arrived for the November election. As you consider faithfully casting your vote, check out the Lutheran Office of Public Policy California Voter Guide.

<http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/2020-voter-guide>



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 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.