

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

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 13, 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/>

## Servant Team UPDATE

This past Thursday night, the Servant Team discussed the possibility of a return to in-person worship services.

After reviewing the results of the recent worship survey, the Servant Team felt the best course of action would be to continue worshipping online. The lengthy conversation took into consideration our lack of a pastor; our limited volunteer base to both host in-person services following current guidelines and set up and stream any on-site worship to those choosing to stay home; as well as the current weather conditions.

We welcome the chance to discuss any questions or suggestions you might have after worship today. We are especially looking for volunteers to host online game nights or to help facilitate possible on-site small group “picnics” that would give folks a chance to see each other in person for fellowship.

*Patrick Gale*, president

## Call Committee Update

As you may recall, the Call Committee had found a candidate from out of state that they'd hoped to interview in person as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allowed. For a variety of good reasons – and after a lot of time in prayer and contemplation – the candidate has removed their name from our call process. This is disappointing news – although not totally unexpected.

What this means now is that we will receive a new slate of candidates from the synod. This will take a few weeks, but the synod is hopeful that there are good candidates out there for us. As soon as we have new names, we will begin interviews. I am hopeful too – when I was part of the call committee for Mt. Cross, we went to a second slate of candidates before finding the well qualified, current director, Adam Erickson.

The one small glitch to our process is that Pr. Katy Grindberg who was advising us, has taken a new position and begins a new job with PLTS (the ELCA seminary in Berkeley) at the end of September. She will leave us in good hands – Bishop Mark will take over her role as our advisor through the remainder of the process.

As always, please keep the Call Committee in your prayers – as well as the Congregation as we go through this process. – *Lisa Herlocker*, chairperson

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

**Today's Leaders/Readers:** Allen Dunn, Jeri Wartena, Nancy Garman/Bruce Seiler

**NEXT Sunday's readers are:** Kristen Blackburn, Bob Swanson, and Patrick Gale



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

**Giving in August:**

9/6	=	\$1925.00
9/13	=	\$
9/20	=	\$
9/27	=	\$

Total for September = **\$1925.00**

**TOTAL for August = \$6567.14**

*\*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*

**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>

**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 at 7:00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86991135130?pwd=RzNCc0RIMkMOSINJZS80ZjkvMVA2UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9113 5130

Passcode: 772509



September 4 – John D'Antonio

September 4 – Kelly Mendonsa

September 8 – Gwen Boswell

September 12 – Robert Edmonds

September 16 – Tessa Boswell

September 28 – Jacob Chan

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



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**TODAY!!!!**

**TRADITIONAL, BUT DISTANCED, OPTIONS**

- Write thank-you cards to local health care workers, postal & delivery people, teachers, & first responders. Deliver cards with a care basket.
- Check in on elderly neighbors from a distance – offer to help with yardwork or leave a friendly note & gift card on their porch
- Take a walk through your neighborhood and pick up litter along the way
- Clean house – gather donations for local charities
  - Arrange for meal or grocery delivery for homebound friends & neighbors
  - Make masks to share with others
- Phone or Video chat with homebound – include kids and share books, games, or memories.
- Create hygiene kits for the homeless; keep in car to pass out with you have the opportunity

**LESS TRADITIONAL OPTIONS**

The Lutheran Office of Public Policy, CA has invited us to take part in a movement for racial justice by joining them in the *Yes on Prop 16* campaign.

Contact Lisa Herlocker for specific information and how you can be involved in simple ways this afternoon.

Check out the website for ELCA Advocacy to find other ways to put your faith in action right from home, including ELCAVotes, Creation Care, and Immigration

<https://elca.org/advocacy>

## Anti-racist/diversity Conversation Group

Join Bethel friends for a time of exploration as we consider issues of racism and cultural diversity. We look for concrete ways to “do the work” of anti-racism. All are welcome!!

For more information contact Lisa Herlocker or simply join our Anti-Racist Conversation Group,

**Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86991135130?pwd=RzNCcORIMkMOSINJZS8OZjkvMVA2UT09>

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*Confirmation classes got underway this past week for Joslyn Saeger and Andrew Chan. They will be exploring Bible Basics this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this traditional 3-year faith journey for Lutheran youth.*

## Wildfire Response and Recovery

Wildfires are burning throughout California and Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, along with the three California synods, to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. Immediate needs include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

### What you can do:

#### Pray:

Please pray for the communities that lie in the paths of wildfires in California and the rest of the Western States. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

#### Give:

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "[U.S. Wildfires](#)" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

## Be Bold! Opportunities to Serve!

### Mt. Cross Fall Work Days

**Saturdays, September 26, October 17,  
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.

On-site lodging for this event will be limited to 2 rooms for families in Lower Jensen and 2 Madrone Cabins, as well as two sites in the campground, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are staying at the camp will need to provide their own sleeping bag and pillow, as well as toiletries, towel/washcloth, and any other personal items you will need.

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](mailto:adam@mtcross.org); 831.336.5179) with questions – including what tools you might need to bring.

### Support ELCA World Hunger

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

Join Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA and Rick Steves, travel author & TV host for an online benefit event. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19. Registration details are at:

<https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=889f8bca-6b04-4747-baea-3253e85d6f50&trid=889f8bca-6b04-4747-baea-3253e85d6f50>