

Labor Day Retreat for all of the Bethel Community!

September 3-5, 2016

Come for the weekend or come for a day

GRACE WINS



Speaker: Pastor Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun is an amateur roller derby queen whose day job is being associate and campus pastor at Salem Lutheran Church and School in Glendale, CA. Sarah has a passion for faith formation at all ages and stages and finding creative and innovative ways to communicate the power of

God's grace. She and her husband Kevin have two small kids, Zoe and Ezra, and one chubby cat, Louie.



Registration Details

Registration forms (along with the costs) are available before and after each Sunday service and can be obtained online from the Bethel website. Fees cover the use of the facility, all events, all of the meals and accommodations at Mt. Cross. Registration payment (checks should be made payable to Bethel Lutheran Church) is due by check-in at Mt. Cross.

Activities: Variety Show, Campfire, Carnival, Swimming, Polar Bear Swim, Archery, Sleepovers (times for these events will be posted). Please complete the Acknowledgment of Risk form if you would like to participate in archery or if you are going to use the pool at anytime during the weekend. Please have a parent sign this form if you are under 18.

iServe, Labor Day Retreat Service Opportunities: There will be an opportunity to prepare cards for members of the Bethel community who need to be remembered.

Accommodations at Mt. Cross

Accommodations include single or double beds (you need to bring your own bedding and towels) with shared bathroom facilities. The accommodations are comfortable, but a bit rustic.

- **Jensen** – Centrally located, 2-3 persons per room
- **Oak** – Near Jensen, 2-3 persons per room
- **Madrones** – Behind the cafeteria, 10 persons per room
- **Dormitories** – Behind and up a hill from Jensen, two buildings, typically one for men and one for women, but sometimes used for families
- **Camping** – Space or tents and RV's but no facilities. Shared bathroom at the Pool
- **Treetop** – for all 6th – 8th graders - Near the dorms in a BIG tree, on the two outdoor wooden platforms, bring a pillow, sleeping bag etc.

A few helpful details:

What to Bring:

- * Casual clothes, jacket (it can get cool), comfortable shoes and a swim suit
- * **Sleeping Bag**, or bedding, towels, and toiletries
- * Bible, note pad, pencil, flashlight
- * Snacks and games to share for the evening fellowship time
- * Any sports equipment like balls, etc.
- * Variety Show props and ideas ("variety" from all ages is encouraged: music, story telling, dance, skits)

Bethel Bus: The bus will be going to and from Mt. Cross on Saturday and Sunday. If you need a ride on Monday please indicate that on your registration form.

HUG – Help Us Go

The H.U.G. program is a confidential financial aid program, which enables ALL to attend the retreat. Please consider using or contributing to this fund. Contact Tom Hoegel – 408-252-8500 x113 for more information.

For those of you driving - DIRECTIONS Mt. Cross is located 1.5 miles north of Felton in Santa Cruz County. From Bethel:

- Highway 280 South to Highway 17 toward Santa Cruz
- Exit at "Mt. Hermon Rd / Glen Canyon" exit in Scotts Valley
- Drive west (right) on Mt. Hermon Road until you reach Graham Hill Road in Felton
- Turn right onto Graham Hill Rd and go one block to the stoplight in downtown Felton, which is Highway 9.
- Turn right onto Highway 9 and go north 1.5 miles.
- The entrance is marked by a "Mount Cross" sign on the left. For additional information or directions, call the camp at 831-336-5179.
- You can also take Highway 9 from Downtown Saratoga.
- website: www.mtcross.org

MT. CROSS CAMP RULES Smoking is permitted only in designated areas (patios, decks and parking lot). Smoking is not permitted in buildings or wooded areas. There is a strict ***no alcohol*** policy. ***Quiet time*** at Mt. Cross is from 10:00 pm - 7:30 am. Please do your best to respect Mt. Cross' neighbors.

PETS Sorry, no pets allowed at Mt. Cross.

Overview of the Schedule

SATURDAY, September 3rd

- 1:00 Registration begins (Pool & archery are available)
- 1:30 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot
- 3:30 Opening Gathering
- 4:30 ***Session 1 – Being Lutheran: What’s Grace Got To Do With It?***
Children’s Activities and Nursery available
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Activities for Everyone (Carnival & Games)
- 8:30 Campfire: Songs and S’mores
- 9:30 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross
Fellowship & Snacks (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)

SUNDAY, September 4th

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim followed by Devotions (nearly mandatory)
8:30 Bethel Bus departs Bethel parking lot
8:30 Breakfast
9:30 Worship Prep, Children Activities and Nursery
10:30 ***Worship Session 2 – Grace Wins: How Grace is Relevant Today***
Children’s Activities and Nursery available
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Bethel Olympics (field) “games” for all ages and skill levels
2:30 Free time: Hiking, Swimming, Table Games, Archery, and iServe opportunity: card writing for Bethel members
3:00 Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross (1st departure time)
4:30 ***Session 3 – Grace as a Way of Life***
Children’s Activities and Nursery available
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Bethel Family Variety Show
After Variety Show, Bethel Bus departs Mt. Cross (2nd departure time), Fellowship, Games, & Snacks (Cafeteria)
Special events for 1st – 5th grade, Middle School and High School
10:00 Camp Curfew (please be quiet)

MONDAY, September 6th

- 7:00 Polar Bear Swim followed by Devotions (nearly mandatory)
8:30 Breakfast
9:30 Outdoor Opportunities
10:30 ***Session 4 – Making Bethel a Place of Grace***
Children’s Activities and Nursery available
12:00 noon Lunch
12:30 Swimming, hiking, free time, packing up
3:00 Retreat ends

Have a Great Time! The retreat committee is excited about another great weekend as we grow together in friendship and faith.

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