



Dear Bethel Family,

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" (Mark 1:23-25)

The ministry of Jesus was filled with all different kinds of encounters. In Mark chapter 1, Jesus is in the local synagogue teaching about the kingdom of God, when a man with an unclean spirit (demon) cries out

to him. The man with the spirit knows Jesus' name, his power over evil, and his true identity. This tells us a lot about Jesus and the forces he faced. Join us Sunday as we consider the healing power of Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday
January 28
with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional
Worship
10:45pm - Contemporary
Worship

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The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, January 28

- 8:45am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30am - Confirmation Sunday Gatherings
- 9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering
- 9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
- 10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 6:30am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 29

- 9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

Tuesday, January 30

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, January 31

10am-3pm Office is open

10:00am - Women of Wednesday

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, February 1

10am-3pm Office is open

7:30pm Bethel Choir

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Bethel Staff Loves You

Click on the adjacent image to watch the January episode of "Bethel Staff Loves You."



Community Listening Project

A Community Listening Team from Bethel will be conducting interviews with people who live close to the church (within 2 miles or so). If you are contacted for an interview please say YES! The goal is to learn about the community, both opportunities and challenges, and how Bethel can best serve our community. The interviews are about 30-45 minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions.

LAST SUNDAY AT BETHEL

Mount Cross Ministries

Registration is open for Summer Camps

Last Sunday, Andrew Templeman, the new Director at Mount Cross (the location of our annual Labor Day Retreat), came to Bethel to share what's going on at Mount Cross. During the coffee hour last Sunday, while waiting for the Chili Cookoff to start, Joann chatted with Andrew (see adjacent photo).



Be sure to check out all the camping opportunities this summer at mtcross.org. Mount Cross is a beautiful, wooded area in the Santa Cruz Mountains where we can explore more deeply the authentic selves God has created us to be.

If you are looking a summer job, check out the listings Mount Cross has for Counselors, Support Staff, and Kitchen Staff.

Chili Cookoff Winners

Mary congratulates the winner of Best Chili at the Chili Cookoff last Sunday - Steve Emmert, followed closely by Rachel Sudarsanam for second place and Paul Baldwin at third place.



Men of Mondays

Mondays at 9am

All men are welcome to come to the Facilities Office to help improve the Bethel grounds. There is always something that needs work! No signups are necessary, just show up, ready to pitch in.

For more information, contact Tom Hoegel.

Winter Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4, noon in the Sanctuary

Hangout in the Sanctuary after services and attend the annual Winter Congregational meeting to hear about the progress of our Capital Campaign, the budget, and what's going on at Bethel. And meet our new Council President! Please read the minutes from the previous meeting [here](#).



First Wednesday Speaker

February 7 at 7pm, Fireside Room

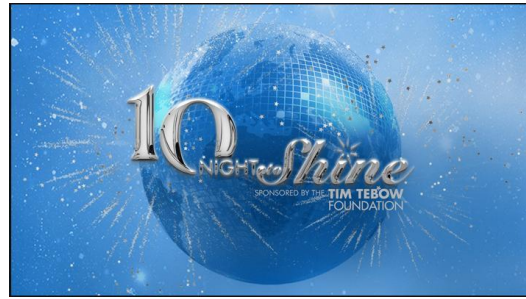
Attorney Aaron Aguas-Rao from the Innocence Project will speak about "Innocence 101." This presentation aims to shed light on the alarming issue of wrongful convictions within the legal system. This presentation will delve into the causes, consequences, and remedies surrounding this critical issue. Through a combination of real-life cases and legal insights, participants will gain a comprehensive

understanding of the factors that contribute to wrongful convictions and the steps that can be taken to prevent them. Come for the talk, discussion, and enjoy some snacks

"Night to Shine Silicon Valley"

Volunteers needed

Friday, February 9, 6-9pm
Bridges Community Church,
625 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos



Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, this amazing event, hosted at a local church, is an international prom event for young adults with special needs, that some Bethel members have been involved in.

This event needs volunteers, especially "Buddy volunteers." For more information and to sign up to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Spillar at kathy@bridges.church and visit <https://www.nighttoshinesiliconvalley.com>.

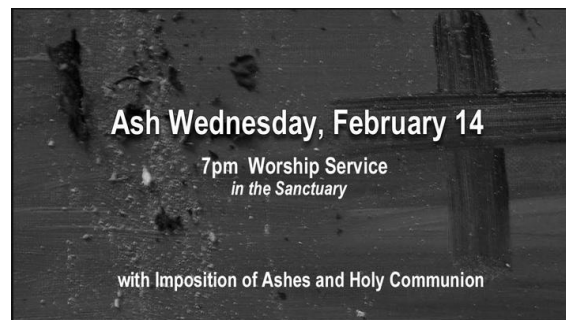
This is a great opportunity for Bethel members to have some community involvement since this is a local event. It is also a great opportunity to interact with adults with special needs. And as one volunteer commented: "volunteers have just as much fun as the honored guests."

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm

Join us for an Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes.



Sundays in Lent

beginning February 18 at 9:50am,
Fireside

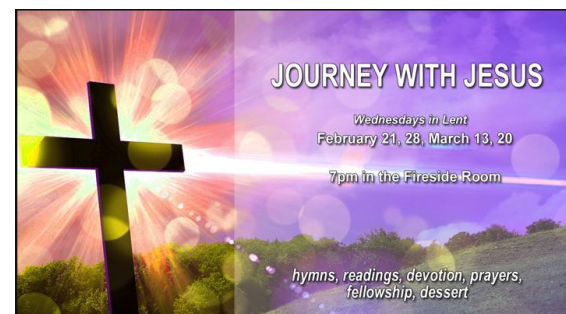
Pastor Ben will lead a 5-week sermon series and corresponding Bible Study on Spiritual Growth during the season of Lent. Each week will feature a different aspect of our spiritual life and how we can growth in our relationship with God and one another.



Wednesdays in Lent

February 21-March 20 at 7pm,
Fireside

Gather together for worship in the Fireside Room, with a focus on the theme "Journey with Jesus." We will sing hymns, have readings, a devotion, prayers, fellowship, and dessert.





New Member Luncheon / NEW DATE *Sunday, April 21 at noon, Fireside Room*

Interested in becoming a new member here at Bethel Lutheran Church in Cupertino, or know someone who might be? Contact Pr Ben for questions and to sign up for this luncheon meeting.



San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

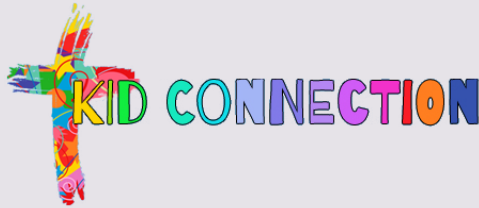
The San Jose Family Shelter needs volunteers to cook or serve, on the follow dates in 2024:

Sunday, February 11, Sunday, April 14, Sunday, June 9,
Sunday, August 11, Sunday, October 13, Sunday, December 8

Cook Volunteers are needed 5:30am - 7am.

Server Volunteers are needed 6:45am - 8:15am.

Contact is Chris Ford at chris@island2.com.



Sunday School
Preschool-1st Grade Group
Children's Choir
3rd-5th Grade Group
Parent Fellowship

Kid Connection Sunday School

Sunday, January 28 at 9:50am to 10:40am - Kids meet for opening, then go to classrooms. Our Bible point is "Jesus is powerful" and He gives us power. (Acts 1:6-14; 2:1-12)

We are continuing to collect offering for ELCA Good Gifts. The money collected will help children in other places of the world to go to a health clinic.

Children's Choir

Next meeting is on Sunday, February 4 at 11:45am in the Music and Ed room, around noon, after grabbing some chili (or macaroni and cheese) at the Chili Cookoff.

First Communion Class

Sunday, March 10 and Sunday, March 17 at 9:50am-10:40am, during Kid Connection time. Led by Pastor Ben and Amanda, parents are encouraged to attend with their child. There will be bread baking on Maundy Thursday. Sign up with Amanda.

For more information and to receive the Kid Connection emails, contact Amanda Laughlin.



Confirmation Class (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

Sunday, January 28

We continue our look at David, *King David*, this week. Being chosen King by God can be a mixed blessing. (So tempting to say "like a double-edged sword") Being anointed King, David has many advantages, many responsibilities, many possibilities, many consequences, and nothing comes easily. The consequences for choices made, to actions taken, will be a focal point this week. King

David was not perfect, far from it. God stayed true to David however that doesn't mean David would be getting free passes. David's choices made concerning Uriah and Bathsheba, had very real and deadly results and consequences. Were they fair? Were they too severe? Too lenient? What can we learn from King David's faith, actions and repentance?

For more information about the Confirmation program at Bethel, contact Robyn Winegardner.



Sr. High Students

Sunday, January 28

Sr High Sunday class.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm - dinner and discussion.

For more information on Sr. High activities and to get on the email list, contact Tom Hoegel.

Your Giving

Here are the monthly Benevolence Giving Reports:

<https://www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/index.php#Benevolence>

Ways to give to Bethel:

Contact Fara Brock in the church office at 408-252-8500
or visit <https://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving>

*For more information on Bethel Cupertino
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