



Dear Bethel Family,

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. (Mark 9:2-3)

The Transfiguration of Jesus takes place at the midpoint of the gospel of Mark. The supernatural transformation of Jesus' appearance helps further empower and equip the disciples to follow Jesus. This story is part of a recurring biblical theme of revelatory moments on mountaintops. It seems that high places become the meeting point between heaven and earth, when people become most aware of the Divine. Join us Sunday as we consider the power of God's revelations for our life.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday

February 11

with Pastor Ben Sandin

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

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, February 11

8:15am - Confirmation mini-Retreat
8:45am - Traditional Worship Service
9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering
9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service
6:30am - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 12

9:00am - Men of Monday
9:15am - Quilters
1:30pm - Caring Connection Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

10am-1pm Office is open

Ash Wednesday, February 14

10am-3pm Office is open
10:00am - Women of Wednesday
6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship
7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

10am-3pm Office is open
7:30pm Bethel Choir

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

February 2024 Episode of Bethel Staff Loves You

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



Bethel Farm Project

Mary and Amanda are putting together a Bethel Farm Project. Check out the board in the Narthex to watch its progress.

Winter Congregational Meeting

In case you missed the meeting last Sunday, you can still watch it [here](#) on youtube.





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>.



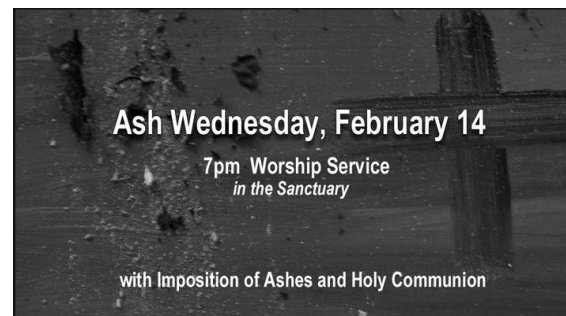
This is a great opportunity for Bethel members to have some community involvement since this is a local event. It is also a great opportunity to interact with adults with special needs. And as one volunteer commented: "volunteers have just as much fun as the honored guests."

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

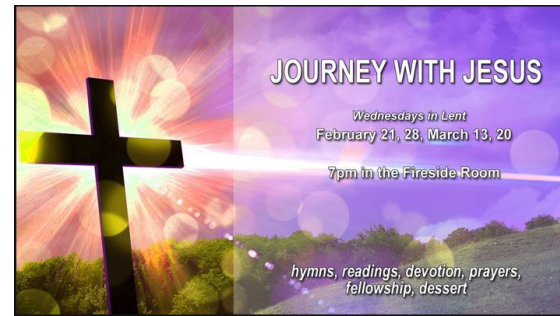
Pastor Ben will lead a 5-week sermon series and corresponding Bible Study on Spiritual Growth during the season of Lent. Each week will feature a different aspect of our spiritual life and how we can grow in our relationship with God and one another.



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.



Readers Anonymous

Wednesday, February 18 at 1:30pm
in the Library

Each reader is invited to find to find a book that explains the history of Israel. Please join us for this discussion as we try to piece together from many authors' perspectives the events leading up to October 7, 2023. Everyone is invited.

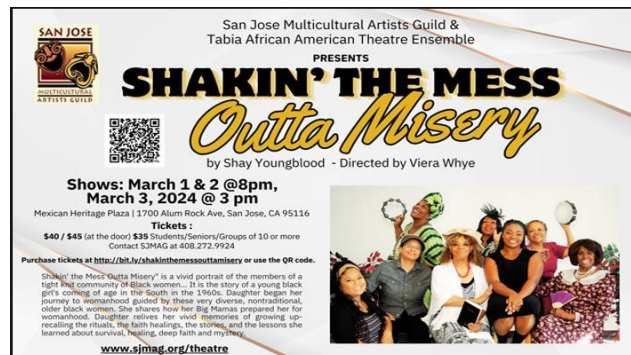
See Jennifer Green in "Shakin' The Mess Outta Misery"

March 1,2,3
at the Mexican Heritage Plaza,
1700 Alum Rock Avenue,
San Jose

This is a compelling and fun journey of storytelling as these "Big Mamas" share their wisdom with Daughter! Warm, fun, and captivating stories of sisterhood, family, and how a village/community raises a child. Watch for our own Jennifer Green in this production by Tabia African American Theater Ensemble!

See more information, click [here](#).

Tickets are on Eventbrite or call 408-272-9924. Group tickets are available.



SAN JOSE
MEXICAN HERITAGE ARTISTS GUILD

San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild &
Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble
PRESENTS
SHAKIN' THE MESS
Outta Misery
by Shay Youngblood - Directed by Viera Whye

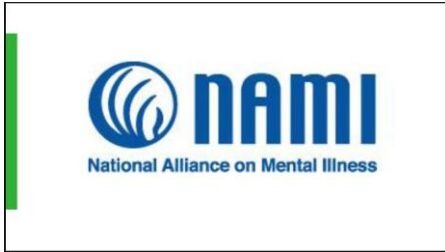
Shows: **March 1 & 2 @ 8pm,**
March 3, 2024 @ 3 pm
Mexican Heritage Plaza | 1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95116

Tickets:
\$40 / \$45 (at the door) \$35 Students/Seniors/Groups of 10 or more
Contact SJMAG at 408.272.9924

Purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/shakinthemessouttamisery> or use the QR code.

SHAKIN' the Mess "Outta Misery" is a vivid portrait of the members of a tight-knit community of Black women... It is the story of a young black girl's coming of age in the South in the 1960s. Daughter began her journey to womanhood guided by these very diverse, nontraditional, older black women. She shares how her Big Mamas prepared her for womanhood. Daughter relives her vivid memories of growing up: recalling the rituals, the faith healings, the stories, and the lessons she learned about survival, holding deep faith and mystery.

www.sjmag.org/theatre



1st Wednesday Speaker Series

March 6 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

Come and hear a presentation from 2 adults living with mental health conditions, from the organization NAMI. Hear their stories, see videos, and ask questions. Light reception at 8pm.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) presents this talk **"In Our Own Voice"** which provides a personal perspective of mental health conditions, as leaders with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to have a mental health condition.

This presentation provides:

- An opportunity to hear open and honest perspectives on a highly misunderstood topic
- A chance to ask leaders questions, allowing for a deeper understanding of mental health conditions and dispelling of stereotypes and misconceptions
- The understanding that people with mental health conditions have lives enriched by hopes, dreams and goals
- Information on how to learn more about mental health and get involved with the mental health community

For more information visit:

<https://namisantaclara.org/nami-in-our-own-voice/>

New Member Luncheon

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.



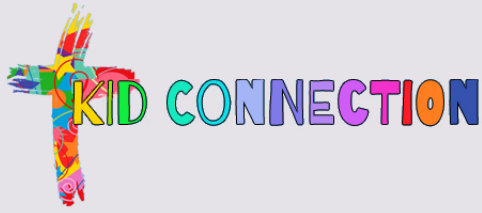
San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

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, February 11 at 9:50am to 10:40am - Kids meet for opening, then go to classrooms. Our Bible point is "God is Full of Surprises" so we watch for surprises. (Acts 12:6-17)

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

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

Valentine's Day Party & KCHO

Sunday, February 18 at noon

3rd - 5th grade youth will meet in room 2 for some valentine fun, including games and treats! We will also have a KCHO (Kid Connection Hangout) group for ages (preschool - 2nd grade) in room 9. Lunch will be provided for both groups, RSVP to Amanda.

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, February 11

It's a mini-Retreat Sunday. Looking forward to sharing the lessons with the 8:45am folks. Also spending prime time with Pastor Ben. He will help us with Ash Wednesday and understanding Transfiguration. We will top it off with a lunch of homemade Lasagna and Spaghetti. Spending time together is the best.

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, February 11

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
visit bethelcupertino.org*

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