



Dear Bethel Family,

Lent Week 4: Growing in Generosity

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

This Sunday we continue our Lenten focus on Spiritual Growth. Our focus this week is on generosity. We seek to grow in our giving of time, talent, and treasure becoming more generous while also impacting God's kingdom work. In the gospel text, Jesus contrasts the thief who steals life and the

good shepherd who makes room for abundant life. Join us Sunday as we consider God's invitation to abundant life!

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, March 10

with Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship
9:50am - Adult Ed: Spiritual Growth
10:45pm - Contemporary
Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, March 10

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - Confirmation Class
9:50am - Sr High Sunday Gathering
9:50am - Kid Connection Sunday School
9:50am - Sr. High Sunday School
9:50am - Adult Ed: Spiritual Growth
10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service
12:00pm - Congregational Meeting
6:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 11

9:00am - Men of Monday
9:15am - Quilters

1:30pm - Caring Connection Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, March 13

10am-3pm Office is open

10:00am - Women of Wednesday

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

7:00pm - Lenten Journey with Jesus

Thursday, March 14

10am-3pm Office is open

7:30pm Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

10:45am - Out 'n About St Paddy's Brewery Tour

Amanda Requests

If you have egg cartons, please drop them off at the Office, marked for Amanda.

We're Listening!

The Bethel Community Listening Team thanks all who have participated in the interview process so far. We now invite anyone who would like to share their experience of living in their community to schedule an interview time. Bethel's goal is to understand our community better, both the needs and opportunities, and respond. Contact Pastor Ben to schedule a time.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Bethel Farm Project for Lent

Check out the trifold board in the narthex, and the flyer [here](#), to see all the ways you may contribute to Bethel's Farm Project. Each item on the board that needs funding, indicates a "goal" for the number of that item needed for the whole project to be a success. Items include: Microloan for a woman to start a small business, Latrine (Tom has already volunteered to cover this one), Seeds and gardening tools, Fruit tree seedling, irrigation system, Animals, Simple water well, Water filter, Community Vegetable Garden.



You may write a check to Bethel Lutheran and put it in the Offering plate or hand it to Amanda Laughlin. Money is collected all during Lent and then will be given to ELCA Goodgifts to disseminate.

Sundays in Lent

9:50am in the Fireside Room

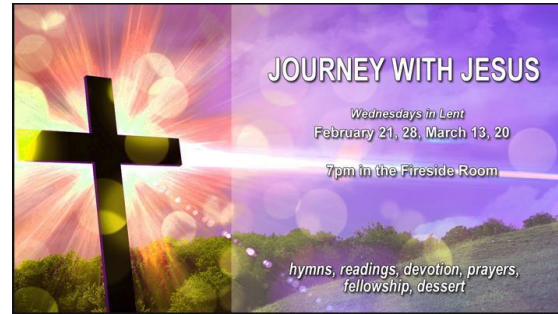
Pastor Ben will lead a 5-week sermon series and corresponding Bible Study on Spiritual Growth during the season of Lent. Each week will feature a different aspect of our spiritual life and how we can grow in our relationship with God and one another.



Wednesdays in Lent

7pm in the Fireside Room

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.



Holy Week Worship Services

March 24-31

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**.
Worship Services at 8:45am and 10:45am.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service is March 28 at 7pm and includes First Communion Students.

Good Friday is March 29 with Worship Service at 7pm.



Sing the Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, March 31 at 8:45am

Attend Bethel Choir rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary to prepare to sing with the Choir at the 8:45am Worship Service on Easter Sunday... or just show up on Easter and sing with the choir!
For more information click [here](#).



Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 31





Out 'n About Goes on a St Paddy's Brewery Tour in Santa Cruz

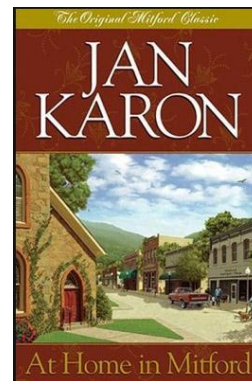
Saturday, March 16 at 10:45am-4:15pm

Join the fun - a day in Santa Cruz - at our 13th Annual St. Paddy's Day Brewery Tour. We'll make 3 stops to sample beer, enjoy food, and end with ice cream. Meet in the Bethel parking lot at 10:45am. See the info [here](#) and sign up at www.bethelcupertino.org. See Molly Schrey if you have questions.

Readers Anonymous

Sunday, March 17 at 1:30pm in the Library

Join us for a discussion of the book "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon. Follow Father Tim and his parishioners in the idyllic town of Mitford. This and most, if not all of the series, is available in the Bethel library. All are welcome.



Thank you from Erna & Manfred Trogisch

Dear Bethel Members,
Thank you so very much for all the prayers for Manfred and myself [Erna].
Manfred is doing much better and I am able to continue with his care.
Praying helped and we appreciated all God's blessings and the card we received.

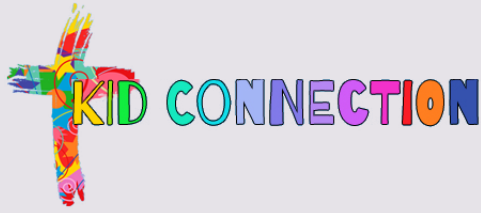


San Jose Family Shelter Breakfast needs Volunteers

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

Sunday, 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, March 10 at 9:50am to 10:40am - Kids meet for opening, then go to classrooms. Our Bible point is "God is our protector" so we encourage others. (Acts 28:1-10)

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.

Children's Choir

Meets on **Sunday, March 10**, at 12:15pm after the Congregational Meeting. Childcare is available during the meeting in Room 2, with lunch provided.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 is **Monday-Friday, July 8-12** from 9am-noon. Save the dates! Registration for VBS will open in the spring. There will also be an afternoon program that will be Scuba themed, for children whose parent(s) work full time, or for anyone who would find this helpful. There will be an added cost and it has limited space. Contact Amanda if you have any questions.

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



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

Sunday, March 10

This has been coming for weeks, *in Confirmation lessons time*. The Chosen people, divided into the 12 Tribes, *communities*, of Jacob, slid away, *again*, from following God and His prophets. Fractures occurred between Tribes. The "WE", south, and "THEY", north, became "REAL."

And now the people are about to experience defeat, loss, death, exile - life outside of following God's will. After chance after chance after chance the consequences of disobedience have fallen. It is very tough. It hurts.

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



Sr. High Students

Sunday, March 10

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>

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