



Dear Bethel Family,

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:1-2)

When Mary came to the tomb she wasn't expecting it to be empty and her immediate thought wasn't that Jesus had been raised. Even though Jesus had told the disciples he would be raised from the dead, the empty tomb created more questions than answers. Such is the mystery and power of Easter. Join us Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death, darkness, and all the powers of evil and gives us the promise of eternal life.

Blessings,
Pastor Ben

Sunday, March 31

with Pastor Ben Sandin

6:30am - Sunrise Service at
Cupertino Memorial Park

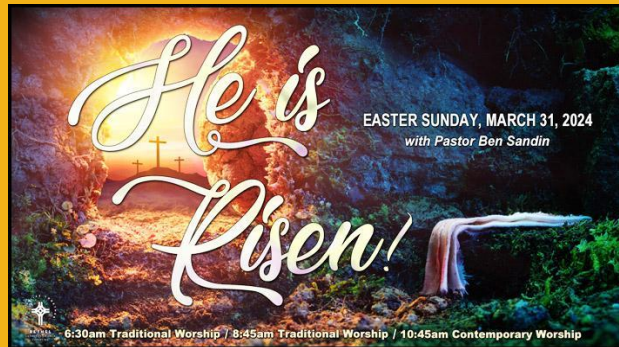
8:45am - Traditional Worship

9am-11:30am - Easter Breakfast

9:50am - Easter Egg Hunt

10:45pm - Contemporary Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, March 31

6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service at Cupertino Memorial Park

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

9:00am - Easter Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

9:50am - Egg Hunt for ages up to 5th grade

10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

10am-1pm Office is open

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

10am-3pm Office is open
7:00pm - Bethel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Click on the adjacent image to watch the latest episode of Bethel Staff news!



Bethel Community Listening Team

Thanks to 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 understand our community better, both the needs and opportunities, and respond. Contact Pastor Ben to schedule a time for an interview.

LENT JOURNEY & EASTER CELEBRATION

Bethel Farm Project for Lent

Our farm is growing! Check out the trifold board in the Narthex, and the flyer [here](#), to see how our farm is progressing. We have exceeded our goals in some areas! Note that the yellow numbers indicate what is needed to reach our goals: 8 pigs, 1 cow, 4 chicks, 2 irrigation, and 5 fruit trees. You may donate whatever you like and we will send a list with all our donations to ELCA Goodgifts.

To donate, you may write a check to Bethel Lutheran Church and put it in the Offering plate or hand it to Amanda Laughlin.



Holy Week Worship Services

March 24-31

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



Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter

Saturday, March 30

Come to the Sanctuary and help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.



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 the Hallelujah Chorus with the Choir at the 8:45am Worship Service on Easter Sunday... or just show up on Easter and sing with the choir!

Click on the adjacent image to view the invitation from the choir.



Youth Fundraiser Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31 at 9am-11:30am

Torvend Hall area

Please join us Easter Sunday morning between 9am and 11:30am for a delicious breakfast feast provided by our youth group. Once again, the main course will come from the amazing Waffle Amore food truck and we will also be offering fruit salad, juices, fresh Starbuck's coffee, tea, and milk. All proceeds will go to support our youth heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans as well as some amazing experiencing after. These will include the Whitney Plantation (run by descendants of former slaves), the MLK museum in Memphis, TN, and the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, AL. This will be a treat as always. We look forward to seeing you there.



Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel

Sunday, March 31 at 9:50am

All kids in 5th grade or younger are invited to join the fun at Bethel for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. No registration is required. Show up on the back playground area at 9:50 to line up and prepare to hunt. The hunt begins at 10am.



Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 31:

6:30am Sunrise Service at
Cupertino

Memorial Park

8:45am Traditional Worship

9-11:30am Youth Fundraiser
Breakfast

9:50am Easter Egg Hunt

10:45am Contemporary Worship



1st Wednesday Speaker Series

Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm
in the Fireside Room

Our April speaker is Sujatha Venkatraman, CEO of West Valley Community Services. She will share about the important work WVCS is doing in the community and how we can make an impact.

Dianne Stauffer's Trip to Tanzania

Sunday, April 14 at 9:50am
in the Fireside Room

Learn more about Tanzania and hear about Dianne's recent trip.





Creek Cleanup

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 11:45 am - 2 pm

As part of Earth Day recognition, we will clean up Calabazas Creek between Bollinger Rd. and Blaney Ave. on Sunday, April 14 after church. We will meet at 11:45am in front of the church so that we can carpool to the cleanup site. If you want to meet directly at the cleanup place, let Hella know.

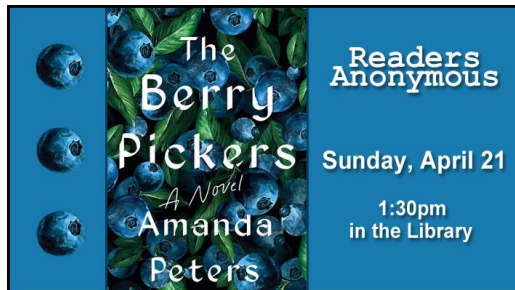
Please wear old clothes, boots, and gloves. Bring a grabber if you have one and some water to drink. Participants must wear closed toed shoes. Children need to be supervised by their parent or another adult at all times. Everybody needs to follow the [guidelines from the Water District](#).

Contact Hella Bluhm-Stieber to sign up.

Thai Thai Food Truck

Sunday, April 21 at 10am-1pm

Come to the back parking lot for some Thai food (around \$8 per serving). Eat on site or take it home. This is a great time for fellowship for families and singles and kids and friends - for everyone!



Readers Anonymous

Sunday, April 21 at 1:30pm
in the Library

Join the discussion of The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. A 50-year-old mysterious disappearance of a young girl from a blueberry field in Maine is solved when a family secret is uncovered.

Quilting for Beginners

Sundays, April 21, 28 at 9:50am
in the Fireside Room

Learn about quilting and help the Quilters by tying some quilts to prepare them to be shipped around the world. Stop by the Fireside Room on Sundays, and consider joining the Bethel Quilters.

Contact is Joann Weberg.





New Member Lunch

Sunday, April 21 at noon
in the Fireside Room

People who are interested in becoming a member of Bethel may wish to contact Pastor Ben and join the lunch to find out more about Bethel.

Out 'n About Adventure in Monterey

Saturday, June 22 at 8:15am-5:30pm

Join us for a day in Monterey where you can make your own adventure. Enjoy the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, kayak in the bay, or ride a bike or surrey on the beautiful pathway along the ocean. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to round out your visit. Bring your family and friends!

Meet: in the Bethel Parking lot at 8:15am.

Fuel Cost: \$10 pp or \$30 for family of 4 or more, (Cash or check made out to "Bethel Lutheran Church").

Food: Find a favorite restaurant on Cannery Row or bring your own sack lunch.

Return: Back to Bethel by 5:30pm.

Contact: Marianne Nadell.

See the Flyer [here](#).



Scuba VBS 2024!

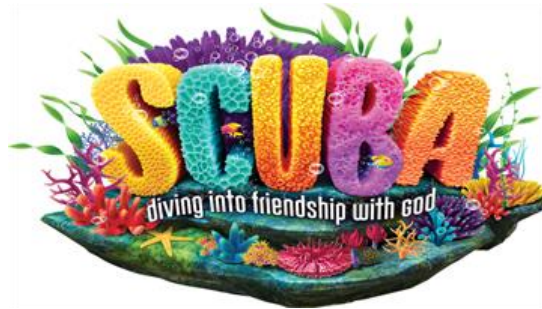
Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9am-12noon
Afternoon care program at noon-5pm

Register your kids today for SCUBA VBS!
This year there is also an afternoon program at noon - 5pm, for an additional cost and limited space.

HUG (Help Us Go) Scholarships are available if this would be helpful for your child to attend.
Contact Amanda Laughlin.

Register here:

https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024_vbs/index.php



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,

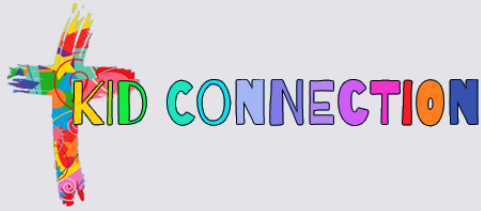
Sunday, August 11,

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

Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9:50am.

Kids ages up to 5th grade line up to get ready to hunt for eggs, which begins at 10am.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

VBS 2024 is **Monday-Friday, July 8-12** from 9am-noon.

Registration for VBS is open now. 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)

Easter Sunday, March 31

HE IS RISEN! As you look around Bethel you will see Confirmands Worshiping and enjoying Waffles Amore and helping Miss Amanda with Bethel's Easter Egg Hunt, aka, *Roll*. It is gonna be a great day.

For more information about the Confirmation program at Bethel,

contact Robyn Winegardner.



Sr. High Students

Easter Sunday, March 31

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](https://www.bethelcupertino.org)*

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