

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 11<sup>th</sup> Rally Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mutual Ministry Meeting, 5:00pm  
Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline
- 20<sup>th</sup> Martha Circle
- 29<sup>th</sup> ECHO Dinner, 4:30pm

See calendar for additional events

### Mission Statement

We, the family of Bethel, through God's grace in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, are joyfully called and committed to share with and serve others.

**Pastor:** Amy Beveridge, Office 434-1329  
**Council President:** Roy McKee  
**Council Vice-president:** Elise Bates  
**Council Treasurer:** John Anderson  
**Council Secretary:** Kristin Spears  
**Service/Outreach:** Bev Alderson  
**Worship/Music:** DJ Andersen  
**Fellowship:** Darlene Blaser  
**Parish Education:** Dick Blomquist  
**Youth:** Joanne Cummings  
**Stewardship:** Joyce Dawson  
**Property:** Matt Heil  
**Office Administrator:** Lisa Davis  
**Youth Director:** Chris Miller  
**Financial Secretary:** Kathy Pry  
**Prayer Chain:** Doreen Wynne



*"O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more"*

Psalm 10:17-18

Ten years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001, when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America's sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won't ignore the cries of people in need, and he always ensures that justice is ultimately done.



## **Sunday School Rally Day - Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**

All children from preschool through high school are invited to attend our new after-service Sunday school gatherings beginning September 11 at 11:00 - 11:45am. Join us for worship at 9:30am, have a short snack break in the fellowship hall, then meet in the church for opening prayers, songs and small group activities. It's a new schedule for a new year sharing the Good News together, and we're looking forward to seeing you each Sunday.

Please share this information with your family and friends, invite them to come join us, and if you have questions, contact Jan McKee 466-3171.



Greetings, dear Friends:

The unofficial beginning of the church year is upon us: Rally Day. Strangely this year, it falls on the same day as the ten year anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. In thinking ahead on how to plan for commemorative prayer as well as a celebration of children in church, my memory has fallen back to those days when we witnessed these events.

I had been attending my first year of seminary for only a few weeks when my mother called from Boston that morning and told me to turn on the news. My whole education as a pastor was affected by those events – soon classes in Islamic-Christian Relations were cropping up; theologians from all denominations were grappling publicly with the nature of tragedy and the roots of violence in a way they haven't had to do for decades. I attended numerous forums on the Lutheran Theory of a Just War established 500 years ago.

Here's a long link to some reading about it: <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Journal-of-Lutheran-Ethics/Issues/June-2005/The-Just-War-Theory-of-Peacemaking.aspx>

My entire formation as a theologian and parish pastor was passed in a post-9/11 world. And it wasn't just that one moment that affected my coming-of-age as a religious leader: it was the shift in global relations that came to bear thereafter on my education. I learned to minister in a politically divisive world. I tended to prayers for soldiers in combat. Lay people's interest in world religions exploded. I was made to preach into a new space of anxiety and fear for this generation. As I look back, I wonder how different of a leader I am as a result of that day. Perhaps pastors and students during Vietnam and World War II did the same.

This September 11, I will remember my mentor and teacher, Dr. Timothy Lull who passed in May 2003. He was ignited that September, leading our seminary through a time of huge change for America, drawing together thinkers and pastors, arranging speaking events for interns returning from Ground Zero. It is his voice I recall so clearly. He was a true prophet of the church.

Where were you during those weeks? How are you changed ten years later? I look forward to hearing your own memories and praying with you for our continued national healing.

Peace to you, *Pastor Amy*

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### **Ten Ways You Can Help Children Worship...whether you are a parent, grand-parent or friend**

- 1) **SIT UP FRONT:** Consider sitting up front. Children are more focused when they are closer to the action at the front of the church. Your pastor has a five year old herself and is not easily distracted.
- 2) **NOTHING LIKE SNACK:** Bring your child a "sermon snack" of finger foods like small crackers or Cheerios or something that doesn't stain. Save it for the sermon as a treat.
- 3) **CLUE THEM IN:** Whisper to your child what is happening up front. Tell them, "Look...see the Pastor is holding up the bread we share. Now it's time to pray, etc."
- 4) **MAKE MUSIC:** Encourage them to participate in music-making. Help them when appropriate with instruments or use your finger to point out the words for developing readers when singing hymns. Sing at home: lines of simple liturgy or refrains of songs are catchy.
- 5) **HOMEWORK:** Read the lessons for church ahead of time. They can be found at [workingpreacher.org](http://workingpreacher.org) or [textweek.org](http://textweek.org). Retell them to your child or grandchild during the week leading up to Sunday so the words and names are familiar to them. Augsburg Fortress carries age appropriate Bibles with vibrant artwork. The theology is good as well.
- 6) **GIVE A HAND:** If you see a parent with a wiggly baby, offer to hold the child if the parent seems comfortable with that; nothing like a new face to distract an infant.
- 7) **PRAY TOGETHER:** Tell your child when it's time to pray with the rest of the congregation and ask if they want to say something to God and allow them to whisper it in your ear.
- 8) **OFFER:** Give them a little money to put in the offering plate. They always get a little thrill watching the plate make its way toward them then disappear again.
- 9) **MAKE ART:** Give your child a bag of art supplies from ushers. They can draw and very often, they draw what they experience in worship. If it's in black, give it to Pastor Amy to file away for future bulletin covers.
- 10) **WELCOME THE QUIET:** Remind children that church has times for speaking and times for quiet. It's okay to whisper, just remember to be quiet to listen for what God is saying to us. Be reassured that Bethel is a warm place with an understanding assembly.



## Sunday, September 25th

Immediately following worship  
Please remain in the church for a

### Congregation Picture

**Wear your Sunday best and a smile!**

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will resume meeting Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sack lunch; dessert and coffee is provided.

The September meeting will be in Cambria at Gigi Ashlock's home. We will meet at the church at 11:15am to carpool to Cambria.

All women are invited - hope to see you there!

**DON'T FORGET!** We are collecting school supplies through September. A collection box and supply list are located in the Fellowship Hall. Donations may also be made to defray mailing costs.



### Symphony of the Vines

under the baton of Dr. Greg Magie, will present performances on Sept. 10 & 11 in commemoration of the 10 year anniversary of 9/11. The orchestra, along with guest soloists from USC and choirs from First Presbyterian, Cuesta Master Chorale and the North County Chorus, will present the Mozart Requiem and the Barber Adagio on Sept. 10, 8:00pm, at the Templeton Performing Arts Center and again on Sept. 11, 3:00pm, at the historic Mission San Miguel. Tickets and more information can be found at [www.symphonyofthevines.org](http://www.symphonyofthevines.org). Remaining tickets will be available at the door. This performance experience includes professional musicians from our area.



### & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Karena Heil	4
Ben Rubin	
Shane Wyatt	
Ed Foley	6
Karsten Heil	8
Brian Lindsey	
Bob Miller	
Steve Urman	
Ritva Lehtinen	10
Ross Nielsen	14
Mona Osborne	
Virginia Ashlock	18
DJ Andersen	19
Rose Johnson	20
Cindy Nielsen	23
Margaret Foley	25
Carol Sherlock	27
Brian Schonfeldt	
Brent Keast	30

#### Anniversaries

Roy & Jan McKee	6
Dick & Shirley Blomquist	16
Don & Carol Saueressig	28

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed  
please let Lisa know.

## ECHO DINNER

### Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

It is Bethel's turn to provide dinner to the homeless at the El Camino Homeless Shelter. A signup sheet will be available in September. Contact Bev Alderson if you would like to serve or provide food.



# Newsletter Deadline is Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

You can e-mail articles to Lisa at:  
[office@blctempleton.org](mailto:office@blctempleton.org)



## MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Resumes on September 19th at 7:00pm at Jan McKee's home. See Jan if you need directions. We will begin a study on the Gospel of Mark using the studies in "Gather" (Formerly "Lutheran Woman Today"), the magazine of the Women of the ELCA. When the new church year begins in Advent, the gospel readings will be mainly from Mark, so this will give a head start for the new year. Besides the Bible study, this group offers great fellowship and always something good to eat as well! Even if you haven't attended before, consider joining us. You are MOST welcome.

### \* \* **Calling All Crafters** \* \*

Years ago, Bethel crafters put their talents to work by creating lap blankets/baby blankets and donating them to those in need. These blankets were lovingly created by Bethel's Crafting Club. The Sunday before Thanksgiving all of the blankets were presented at Sunday service and blessed. I am hoping to spark the interest of some of those who were once involved as well as new crafters so that we may bring this wonderful day of giving back into Bethel's annual events. If you are interested in participating in this year's blanket donation please contact Laural Anderson (805) 434-1620 for more information. You can participate several ways:

- Knit, crochet or quilt a blanket yourself
- Invite a friend to knit, crochet or quilt a blanket with you or for you
- Purchase a blanket if you don't have the spare time or are unable to make one yourself
- Donate supplies (fabric, batting) or cut fabric for those who are sewing

Blankets will need to be completed by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> so that they can be presented at morning worship.

*<sup>11</sup> And on a cold night, two under the same blanket can gain warmth from each other. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12



## Loaves & Fishes

**Loaves & Fishes  
5K Walk/Run Fundraiser  
Sat., Sept. 10th at 8:00am  
Atascadero Lake Park**

Organized by Ian Whittington of  
Boy Scout Troop #101  
As his Eagle Scout Project

Entry fee is 15 cans of food to be donated to Loaves & Fishes.

**Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food items to church. The donation box is at the back of the church.**



## DO YOU KNOW...

DO YOU KNOW that there are 26 ELCA Colleges and Universities? Most of them are in the Midwest and East, but two are right here on the west coast. One, Pacific Lutheran University, is in Washington and California Lutheran University is in Thousand Oaks, California. (Of course, going to a different part of the country for school is an education in itself!) If you, your children or grandchildren are thinking about college, there's nothing better than a church college where faith and values are an integral part of the academic work. Don't feel that you can't afford a private school. These colleges work with you to make it financially possible with a combination of loans, grants and scholarships. Loans and scholarships do not need to be repaid. About 3/4 of all students at the ELCA colleges receive financial aid. The liberal arts schools have well recognized departments, and because their enrollments are usually around 3,000 or less, the classes are small and the faculty takes a personal interest in each student. Extracurricular activities abound - sports, music, drama, service groups, etc., etc. And dorm life is a rich addition to the college years. Visit the ELCA website - [www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org) - to find out more about our colleges. There are also at least 3 members of Bethel, Joyce Dawson, Elaine Sigurdson and Dalene Eimon who would be glad to talk with you about their experiences at an ELCA college.



**El Camino Pines**  
**Friday - Sunday**  
**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

*"Fellowship, Faith & Friends: Getting Connected"*

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rod Schofield,**  
**Vice President of Infinite Excellence, Inc.**

Registration fee is \$130 by Sept. 1; \$150 after

**Register online at:**

<http://mens-advance.org/registration>

If you have any questions or wish to not register online, please email Steve Seekins: [steves3@pacbell.net](mailto:steves3@pacbell.net)

## GATHER, GROW & GO

### A Synod-wide day of learning

We'll explore our identity as followers of Jesus;  
Our mission, beliefs, worship & prayer lives  
Don't miss this opportunity to fortify your spirit  
and your faith!

**Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 5:00pm**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, North Hollywood**

**Register online at: [www.socalsynod.org](http://www.socalsynod.org)**

**Registration fee is \$35 per person; includes lunch**



**Remember in your prayers:** The people of Norway, Caroline Conrad, The people of Missouri, Southeastern United States & Japan, Shirley Blomquist, Jim Hernandez, Sandy Viborg, Gunther Junck, Brian Schonfeldt

**Family:** Joann Crowe's son, Clint; Ralph's daughter, Kim; Rose's daughter, Marion; Lynn Caton's family; Mike Bishop's sister, Mindi Martin; Marian's daughter, Debra; Eileen's cousin, David Haire; Gigi's grandson, Shane

**Friends:** The Hobart Family, Joanne & Richard Flores, Barbara Pelton, Kara Mae, Maria Olga Gomez, Terri Lowrey, Guy Maxwell, Terry Keller, Dan, Jesse, John, Johnny, Madeline, Sheila Erb, Tom

**Our homebound:** Audrey Griswold

**Those Who Mourn:** Jim Blaser & family on the passing of his brother-in-law, Pat

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm  
Atascadero Sunken Gardens

Benefits the Food Bank Coalition  
of San Luis Obispo County

There are walker kits available in the office for anyone interested in forming a team. For more info, contact Donna Etter at 461-1243 or by email at [dhetter@charter.net](mailto:dhetter@charter.net)



## Autumn Renewal

Southwest California Women  
of the ELCA

Friday - Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ventura

Theme:

*Repent ♦ Renew ♦ Rejoice to Prepare the Way*  
Matthew 3:1-3, 11

Registrar: Julie Jensen (805) 486-5762

Information is posted in the Fellowship Hall

## AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING MOTIONS PASSED

**MOTION** by Matt Heil, 2<sup>nd</sup> DJ Andersen - Pay guest musician, July Hobart, \$75 for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION** by John Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Heil - Purchase 2-line, multi-phone system with voice mail

**MOTION** by Matt Heil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Dawson - Roy to inform family who donated piano in nursery there is no longer a convenient place for it and request their wishes in the matter

**MOTION** by DJ Andersen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elise Bates - Allow appropriate vacation time in lieu of back payment for Pastor's pension fund

## THE GOSPEL IN PRISON

### A Study of the Prison Epistles with Reflection of Prison Ministry Today Led by Warren Alderson

This study will take place on the last Saturdays of September, October and November with a visit to the prison at San Luis Obispo on the last Saturday in February 2012.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - Ephesians**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> - Philippians**

**November 26<sup>th</sup> - Colossians**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> - Philemon**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> - a tour of the California Men's Colony Chapel on the East Side**

We will meet at Joebella Coffee, by Trader Joe's, in Templeton at 9:00am. Each of the sessions is a "standalone" session. You are welcome to sign up for one, two, three, four or five of the sessions. Contact Warren Alderson for more information.

On behalf of the Bethel Congregation Education Committee,  
*Warren Alderson*

**Bethel Lutheran Church  
PO Box 337  
295 Old County Road  
Templeton, CA 93465**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:30am**

**Communion Every Sunday**

**8:30am Bible Book Study**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & Crocker, Templeton**

**[www.blctempleton.org](http://www.blctempleton.org)**

**Pastor Amy Beveridge**

**(805) 434-1329**

**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-2:00pm**

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# SEPTEMBER



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4 8:30am Adult Study 9:30am Worship	5 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall)	6	7	8	9	10
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18 8:30am Adult Study 9:30am Worship 11:00am Sunday School	19 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Hall) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	20 12:00pm Martha Circle	21	22	23 <i>First Day Of</i>  FALL	24 3:00pm Wedding
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