

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
JUNE 23-29

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
9 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God



BY JOHN AND JOSETTE UTKE IN
CELEBRATION OF THE MIRACLE OF A
A NEW HEART FOR JOSETTE'S SISTER,
ANNETTE DAVIS.



Praise be to God!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
Betty Greene
Walter Greene
Cristina LaSalvia
Phyllis Lee
Ron Miner
Tom Mooney
Heidi Moyer-
Juswanto
Larry Neasel
Suzanne Reed
Liz Ruhl
Juanita Rush
Shirley Sisson
Martin & Nancy
Wastell
Joyce Yocam

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO
SUBMIT TO THE WEEKLY CHIMES?**

Please submit all articles by **Wednesday at Noon**
to klova@bethanylutheran.org to be printed in the
following Sunday's Chimes.

*Thank you!
Kasey Lopez*



Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

PRAY WITH COASTAL MISSION SOCIETY



On Pentecost Sunday, we announced Bethany's partnership and the launch of the new Coastal Mission Society, which is aiming to convene churches around the further and intentional expansion of Christ's church here in coastal Southern California. We are thrilled to be a part of this crucial ministry, and one way we can initially get involved is by joining the rest of the mission society in prayer. Please visit coastalmision.org/pray to sign up as a Prayer Partner and receive Coastal's monthly prayer update and other valuable prayer resources to aid your time with God, living out Christ's call in Luke 10:2 for us to pray.



Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CHILDCARE PROVIDER POSITION OPENING:



Do you love kids and love Jesus? We might have just the position for you! We are seeking one more childcare provider to watch over our littlest ones during morning worship services. Our nursery employees work in teams of two on Sundays welcoming our littlest ones to the nursey, providing age-appropriate care, interacting with the children and parents. They have the opportunity to share Jesus through Christian behaviors with our youngsters. **Hours are 7:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday mornings.** Candidates must be 18 years old and satisfactorily complete employment processes. To apply or for additional information, please contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

CONGRATULATIONS AND YOU WILL BE MISSED

Pastor Mark!

It has been a joy for us at Bethany to partner in ministry with Pastor Mark Siegert for nearly 4 years.

Pastor Mark's passion for teaching is clearly evident in all he does! That passion will obviously be a blessing to Crean Lutheran High School, where Pastor Mark will serve full time starting this fall.

What does this mean? While Pastor Mark will come back and serve as a guest preacher occasionally, his official ministry with us ends on July 7th. If you would like to drop Pastor Mark a note of appreciation, you can bring it to the church office!



Congratulations

TO THE BEUTEL & MUSIC MINISTRY GRANT RECIPIENTS!

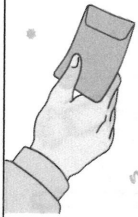
Beutel Scholarship Grant awards for academic year 2024-2025 have been awarded to Lilian Alwood and Soren Widmann. These Concordia University, Nebraska students continue their preparation for full-time careers as church workers in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In August, Lily will begin her final year of studies at CUNE, after which she will attend one of our LCMS Seminaries for deaconess vocational training. Soren, a junior this fall, continues his undergraduate studies in CUNE's Pre-Seminary Program. God has called each of these Bethany young adults to do His work in our church, and we look forward to watching His good plan unfold in each of them.

The Music Ministry of Bethany Lutheran announces Trinity Alwood as this year's Music Ministry Grant Award recipient. Trinity will be a senior this fall at CSULB, pursuing a degree in K-12 Vocal and Choral Music Education. Bethany and Holy Cross campuses have been blessed by her musical gifts in worship services on piano and vocals. She is also one of Bethany Music Academy's much-loved piano instructors. God has filled Trinity with His good gifts of music; we are blessed to watch Him at work in her.



Giving Proportionately: Luke 21:1-4

WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN



TITHE AND OFFERINGS

At Bethany we know that "our stuff is not our stuff!" All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from Him. We also know that giving is a spirit-given compulsion. For Jesus Christ, in whose likeness we are being transformed daily, is the ultimate giver. Your gifts fund ministry that give people Jesus. His words, His promises, His presence, His gifts, His comfort, His strength are given through the gifts you are now giving Him. We thank and honor you for these gifts, because they thank and honor Him!

There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:
Giving Online, Text to Give, Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Box

Please see the GIVING link on Bethany's website for more information on how to make your offering. **If you need further assistance, contact our Financial Administrator at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org**

SCRIP UPDATES!

Earnings Increase: PetSmart gift cards have increased from 5% to 6%. Shop \$25 physical gift cards, reloadable in \$5 - \$500 amounts. Also available as eGift cards from \$5 - \$500.

Mix It Up Brands (Auntie Anne's, Cinnabon, Jamba) earnings have increased from 6% to 7%. Available in \$25 physical gift cards and in eCards in amounts from \$10 - \$200 amounts.

Sephora earnings have increased from 5% to 6.5%. Available in \$25 physical cards and eGift cards in amounts from \$10 to \$250.



Product Update: American Express eGift cards are now available. Earn 1.25% with the silver cobrand American Express eGift card, available in \$25 - \$1000 amounts. This is in addition to the current offering of \$25, \$100, and \$200 physical gift cards.

- Ruth Lopez (Scrip Coordinator)
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org
562-420-7783 ext. 58

BETHANY'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

Summer time but the liv'ns not easy.

While summer time is high volume of travel and lower volume of people on campus, historically speaking

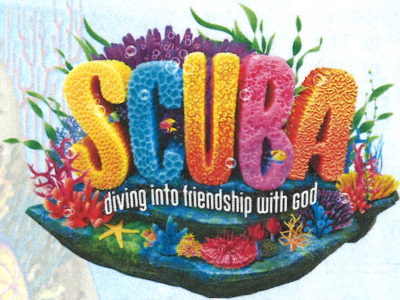
it is when our pastoral staff is asked for assistance more than any other season, with the exception of Christmas. At Bethany, one of the means through which we offer assistance is our benevolence fund. At this moment our benevolence fund is running rather low. If the Lord moves you to help Bethany care for "the least of these" with a gift over and above your regular offerings you can make a special designation to Benevolence by noting such on your check, envelope or on-line.



Community Connections: Acts 2:44

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS *tomorrow!*

JUNE 24-28 • 8:30AM - 12PM



WE ARE OFFICIALLY *full!*

**WE HAVE 225
CHILDREN ATTENDING
& 104 VOLUNTEERS!**



Thank you to ALL the families that have signed up their children to attend Scuba VBS this week. We hope each of you has been loving diving into this AMAZING friendship with God... your kids have been experiencing this through songs, games, hands-on-activities and so much more this week.

Thank you to ALL the VOLUNTEERS for sharing the love and saving grace of Jesus with the children this week. We couldn't do VBS without you!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR VBS BY MAKING AN OFFERING?
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO OUR
MISSION OFFERING OR MATERIALS OFFERING...**

A VBS Material Offering will be used to offset the cost of running VBS which is in the ballpark of \$5000.

Our VBS Mission Offering recipient for this year is **WATER PROJECTS-AFRICA**. In some parts of Africa, tremendous underground water reservoirs have been discovered, however the funds to survey and complete a deep well can be just out of financial reach for many in Africa, particularly rural areas. Likewise, in many regions, unsuitable water sources can lead to cholera, typhoid fever, and other water-borne diseases. The Water Project offers opportunities to supplement local contributions to provide for physical needs while opening doors through local churches to share God's love with communities in need of Christ's Living Water.

These are voluntary offerings, of course, and any amount is appreciated.

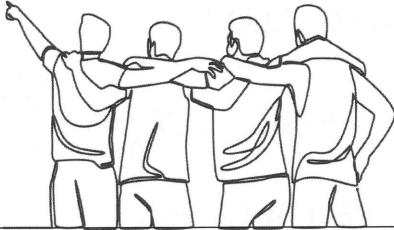
Scan the QR code go to Bethany's giving page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button and then under FUND, choose "VBS Material Donation" or "VBS Mission Offering".
THANK YOU! Every little bit helps!



Community Connections continued:

MEN'S RETREAT

Coming!



A men's retreat is being planned for the weekend of September 13-15 at Luther Glen Retreat Center in Oak Glen. This is a wonderful facility that we have used before. The cost for this is \$275 which includes 2 nights and 5 meals. Bedding and towels are provided for our stay. Retreat starts with dinner on Friday and concludes with Worship on Sunday morning. Theme and program being planned. Plenty of time for fellowship. Should you only be able to join us for the day Saturday, cost is \$146 for the full day and 3 meals. More information to come in the following weeks. Any questions please contact Karl Fink using his email kfink@bethanylutheran.org or call his office at 562.421.4711. ext 19.

GOT ANY REAL ESTATE TO BUY OR SELL?

Coastal Mission Society has developed a partnership with real estate company AARE where they will give up to 25% of their commission on most sales directly to the work of Coastal Mission Society. This is a practical way to know that not only are you working with Christians who care about you and the stewardship of your investment, but back up this passion by giving to a cause that is directly having an impact on the expansion of Christ's kingdom.


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MISSION SOCIETY

JOIN US FOR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

WHERE: BETHANY
LUTHERAN'S
YOUTH ROOM

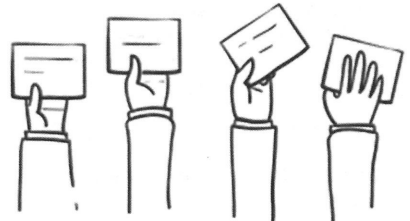
WHEN: SUNDAYS DURING
THE SUMMER
11:30 - 1 PM

AGES: 18-25

Happening now!

VOTERS MEETING TODAY!

We will have our Spring Voters meeting TODAY Sunday, June 23 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. We will be voting on the proposed balanced budget. Copies of the budget are available in the church office.



SUMMER MISSION BOOT CAMP

Join Coastal Mission Society's inaugural Mission Boot Camp where you can be trained as a missionary right in your neighborhood, workplace, and/or campus! This 3-session summer "boot camp" fireside chat will prepare you with practical ways to love your neighbors, make disciples, and design a mission outpost in your home, workplace, or campus. Facilitators are "serial" church planters John Alwood and author, Peyton Jones. Cost = \$0 (covered by our strategic partners!)

Dates: **June 23rd / 3-7:30 pm**
 Long Beach
Loving our Neighbors
Jesus-Style

July 14 / 3-7:30 pm
 Carlsbad
Gathering a Mission
Outpost

August 11 / 3-7:30 pm
 Long Beach
Missionary Spiritual
Habits



COA INVITES YOU TO A THEATRE AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER!



Christian Outreach in Action ("COA"), requests your presence at our Fundraiser on July 11, 2024 at 6PM for the **Long Beach Playhouse's** production of *The Addams Family, A Musical Comedy*. Prepare for a thrilling comic adventure! Watch as Wednesday Addams, the darling of shadows, dives into a forbidden romance with a charming young man from a conventional family. But when secrets collide and dinner is served to the in-laws, chaos erupts! Can Gomez keep this eccentric family affair under control? Get ready for a night of twisted humor, catchy tunes, and the beloved characters you know and love. Don't miss out on this delightfully entertaining musical! From Gomez's passionate tango to Wednesday's love woes, this musical comedy is bound to entertain audiences of all ages.

In addition to the performance, enjoy heavy **hors d'œuvres**, and indulge in the excitement of our **silent auction**, where you can bid on an array of enchanting treasures, while supporting a worthy cause.

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$55
PRIORITY SEATING: \$75

Tickets can be purchased by calling **562-432-1440** or visiting <https://givebutter.com/c/DcQDic>



All proceeds benefit COA's food bank, hot meals, and other programs.

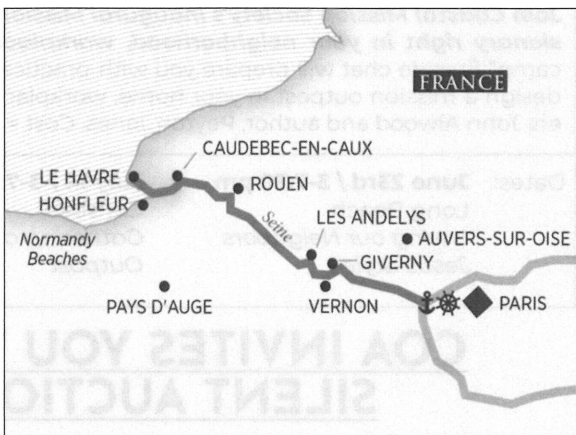
BETHANY ON THE GO!

AMAWATERWAYS RIVER CRUISE

JUNE 12 2025
PARIS AND NORMANDY

Bethany has had a rich heritage of traveling together to all parts of the globe through it's travel group. A final choice for the 2025 trip has been made!

7- Night Cruise With 2 Nights Paris
 Pre-Cruise **from \$4,099**



See the best of Paris during a 2-night stay before embarking on your Paris & Normandy River cruise. Paris always sizzles while Normandy beckons with its stunning coastline, incredible food and artistic beauty. Monet's Gardens and the charming harbor town of Honfleur, will inspire you the same way as they inspired the great Impressionists. For inspiration of a different kind, travel the "Routes des Abbayes," visiting some of the most magnificent monasteries, and to the unforgettable beaches of Normandy where Allied forces landed during WWII's D-Day invasion. Relive the grandeur of royalty at Chateau de Bizy, once referred to as "the Versailles of Normandy." Blend a passion for the good life with culture, art, architecture and timeless landscapes, and you have Northern France.

There are a limited number of cabins available and this itinerary is sure to sell out quickly. This trip is expertly put together through CTA travel. For further details, reservations, and to answer all your questions, please contact our Travel advisor Justin Dolan at justind@ctatravel.com or (800) 758-4955 or Lucy Smith at lucysmith99@verizon.net or (562) 972-7209.

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WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

Today's 9:30 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

