

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
JUNE 30-
JULY 6

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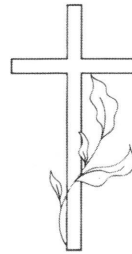
Monday—Thursday
9 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

God's Comfort and Peace to

the Crabtree and Fischer families at the
death of Larry Crabtree *and*

the Ruhl family at the death of Elizabeth Ruhl.



*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes
in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever
lives and believes in Me will never die."*

John 11: 25-26

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Michelle Bialorke
- Betty Greene
- Walter Greene
- Cristina LaSalvia
- Phyllis Lee
- Ron Miner
- Tom Mooney
- Heidi Moyer-
Juswanto
- Larry Neasel
- Suzanne Reed
- 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 kloya@bethanylutheran.org
to be printed in the following
Sunday's Chimes.

*Thank you!
Kasey Loya*



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 POSTION 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.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING

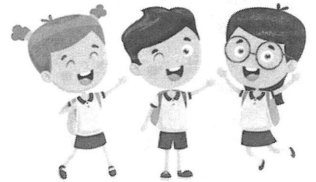
Brad Royuk!

We are happy to announce that Mr. Brad Royuk has accepted our call to be our 8th Grade Homeroom/Middle School History teacher!

Mr. Royuk has been serving at Christ-Rancho Palos Verdes the past two years. Before that he served schools in Seattle, Maui, and Baltimore. He is a graduate of Concordia-Nebraska and brings experience and a love for middle-school students (as well as music abilities) to our staff.

Glory, honor and praise to the One who answers prayer in His time!

Welcome to *Bethany!*



We are still seeking a part-time P.E. teacher for next year! This person would teach P.E. two days per week, Grades K - 8. A teaching credential is preferred. Interested or know someone who might be? Contact mfink@bethanylutheran.org.

Congratulations

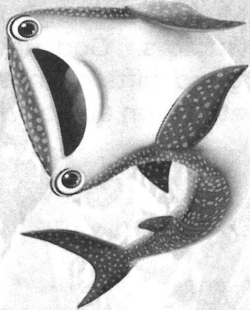
TO THE BEUTEL & MUSIC MINISTRY GRANT RECIPIENTS!

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.



AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO OUR *Fin-tastic VBS Volunteers!*



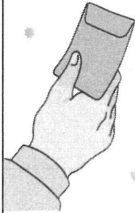
We are so grateful for your willingness to give your time, energy, and talents to make VBS an amazing experience. We couldn't do it without you!

VBS Administrator:	Admin. Asst.	Elementary Coordinator:	Opening/Closing Leader:
Kayleigh Lopez	Almea Coleman	Karl Fink	Kayleigh Lopez
Tide Pool - Preschool & Kindergarten	Red Team	Primary Imagination Station	Tidal Snacks
Director: Alissa Bregge	Team Leader: Laura Angle	Leader: Alicia Arzaga (M-Th)	Lead: Jeanne Ruiz
Closing Circle Music: Frank White	Asst. Christian Haro	Leader: Mary Fink (F)	Helpers:
Tech Asst: Adam Vega	Red Crew Leaders	Asst: Ezra Anema	Pam Bessolo
	Red Crew #1: Madison Farley	Helpers: Samuel Salazar	Matt Ruiz
VBS Kinder (6 yr olds) - Orca Team	Red Crew #2: Elizabeth Albert		Dabbie Nelson
Team Leader: Madison Ruiz	Red Crew #3: Hunter Deeble	Primary Reef Rec Games	Suzanne Kane (Tu-Fr)
Orca Crew #1: Isabella Bowers	Red Crew #4: Paul Heinze	Leader: Jarrett Donham	Tracy Mehr
Orca Crew #2: Nicholas Peralla		Asst: Timothy O'Conner	
Orca Crew #3: Anika Morgensen	Blue Team	Asst: Carter Wegman	Tide Pool Snack Assistants
Orca Crew #4: Kayla Khorram	Team Leader: Mariam Albers	Asst: Eli Anema	Christien Cortado
Helpers - Lukaz Fernandez			Liam Riordan
	Blue Crew Leaders	Sing & Play Splash	Erika Alvarado
	Blue Crew #1: Grant Parker	Leader: Kayleigh Lopez	Anthony Anderson
	Blue Crew #2: Shelby Manzo	Skit: Jacob Murdock	
	Blue Crew #3: Alden Bommarito		
	Blue Crew #4: Cole Medina	Fin-tastic Finale	VBS Office:
		Leader: Kayleigh Lopez	Lead: Charlene Mitchell
			Nola Seaman
VBS Preschool (4 yr olds) - Beluga Team	Green Team	Primary Sticky Scripture	Primary Crews - Deep Bible Adventures
Team Leader: Anna Erdman	Team Leader: Connie Kritzer	Leader: Stefanie Hinrichs	Leader: Shannon Mоргensen
Beluga Crew #1: Olivia Alvarado	Green Crew Leaders	Asst: Jamie Long	Asst: Luke Gorne
Beluga Crew #2: Hailey Avila	Green Crew #1: Nolan Cerulle		Mara Widmann (Lydia) (Fr)
Beluga Crew #3: Jacob Murdock	Green Crew #2: Gene McCarty	Primary Melodious Music	Media:
Beluga Crew #4: Eric Vega	Green Crew #3: Benjamin Evans	Leader: Noah Freeman	Opening/Closing Tech: Seth Moomman
Helpers - Sophia Erdman, Michael Palacios	Green Crew #4: Sherry Grugic	Asst: Jaden Beatty	Tech: Paul Bregge
Max Mehr	Yellow Team	Asst: Hailey Parata	Tech Asst: Jonathon Goebel
	Team Leader: Josh Hicks	Additional Support	Special Thanks:
VBS Preschool (3 yr olds) - Dolphin Team	Crew Leaders: Bethany Preschool Staff	Kasey Loya - Front Office help	To ALL these Volunteers.
Team Leader: Julie Long	Miss Erica D., Miss Kristy, Miss Erika R.		to all that donated (materials & money)
Dolphin Crew #1: Kelly Lerch	Miss Tabitha, Miss Alicia		and for your prayers!
Dolphin Crew #2: Emilee Torres	4/5 yr. olds - Octopus Team		
Dolphin Crew #3: Madison Lott/Jessica Andersen	Crew Leaders: Bethany Preschool Staff		
Helpers -	Miss Annemisa, Miss Jenn.		
	Miss Elizabeth		
	Floater: Miss Lauren & Miss Leticia		

*Subject to changes as of 6.25.24

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 speak-

ing 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

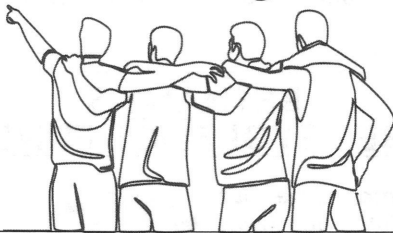
CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS IN THE NARTHEX!

Lutheran Hour Ministries' booklet ministry, **Project Connect**, is designed to provide down-to-earth insight about things people deal with every day—grief, stress, prayer, relationships—and more. You can share **Project Connect** booklets with friends and neighbors, and use them for your own encouragement and enlightenment. Bethany maintains a **Project Connect** booklet carousel in the narthex. Please visit the carousel, browse the booklets available, and take any that are of interest to you.



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!

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.

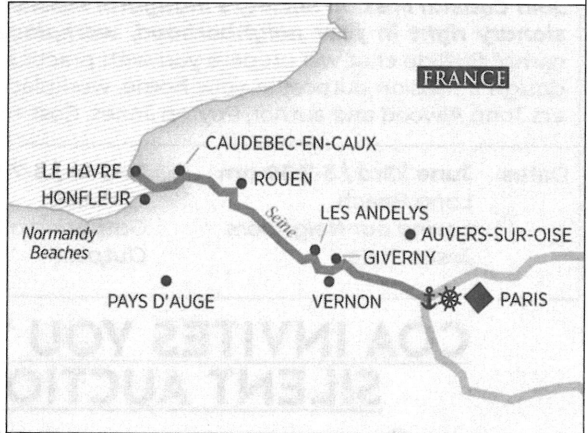
BETHANY ON THE GO!

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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 REQUEST OR DESIRE
 INFORMATION ABOUT A
 MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP,
 OR ONLINE GIVING?**



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 AGAIN?**

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 as podcasts at
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WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

