

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
JULY 7-13

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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

IN CELEBRATION OF JEFF AND
MARY ANNE MCCOMBS 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

*May God continue to
bless your marriage!*

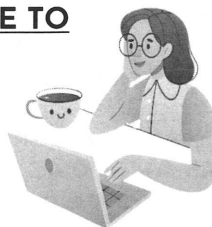
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
David Gamble
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 coastalmission.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 nursery, 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

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

Brad Royuk!

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.





NOTES FROM THE *Board of Directors*

On June 23rd the Voters' Assembly unanimously approved the proposed 2024/2025 budget. Our new constitution will require a quorum of at least 10% of our average Sunday worship attendance in order to vote on motions. We met this threshold and we want to

thank the 49 members who attended. Please continue to attend future meetings in order to help us meet this threshold. The budget includes a salary adjustment for our staff that we feel shows our continuing commitment to providing for their needs.

On June 24th the Cypress City Council approved the plans for the new Charter School who plan to purchase part of the Holy Cross property. The sale can now move forward. We will keep you informed on when the sale is completed and when renovations on the sanctuary will begin.

Finally, we are happy to report that we will be submitting our proposed new Constitution and By-laws to our district office within the next week. They will review them and then send their suggested edits, if any, back to us. Again, we will keep you informed of the progress. The Board of Directors will now be moving on to working on Policy updates and our employee benefits package.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

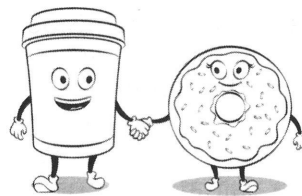
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



We are once again interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday Worship services (8 & 9:30 am)! Contact Karl Fink at kfink@bethanylutheran.org with any questions. Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up on the google doc where you will find all available openings:

bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



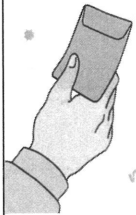
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

This is a great way to interact with church members, hang out with other youth, and earn funds in your Youth Ministry Account to be used towards any Youth Ministry event. Coffee and donuts are provided for you! Email acoleman@bethanylutheran.org for more details.

To volunteer: bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts

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.



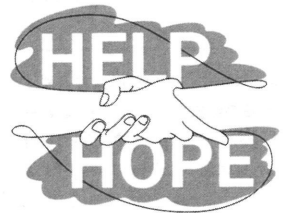
Product Update: American Express eGift cards are now available. Earn 1.25% with the silver cobrand American Express eGift card, available in \$25 - \$1000 amounts. This is in addition to the current offering of \$25, \$100, and \$200 physical gift cards.

- 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

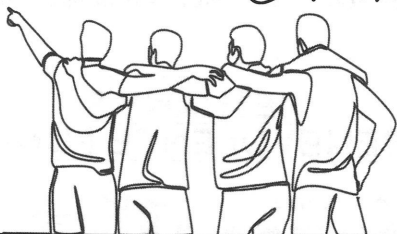
CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS IN THE NARTHEX!

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>

Scan for
more info



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

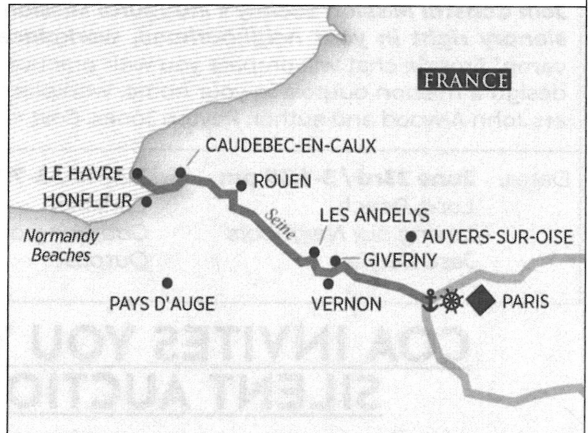
BETHANY ON THE GO!

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 Bizzy, 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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