

Weekly  
**CHIMES**  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF  
JULY 21-27

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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 DAN &  
MARY KAY ESSWEIN'S 49TH  
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  
Ben Quezada  
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](mailto:kloya@bethanylutheran.org) to be  
printed in the following  
Sunday's Chimes.

*Thank you! Kasey Loya*

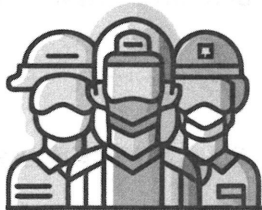


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## *Worshiping Faithfully* Hebrews 10:25

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### **FIRST RESPONDERS PRAYER AND BLESSING...**



On Sunday, August 4, we will be having a specific time in all three services where we pray for, and say a blessing over, the First Responders in our community. We know that these individuals give and sacrifice a lot to keep us, and our communities safe. As a result, we want to spend some time praying for, and saying a blessing over, them.

*If you, or someone you know, is a First Responder, we would love to invite you, or them, to join us on Sunday, August 4, for our services at Bethany and/or Holy Cross.*

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## *Serving Passionately* Ephesians 2:10

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### **HOST A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT GATHERING!**

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events.

This year's National Night Out is on **Tuesday, August 6**, and we are inviting our members to consider hosting a National Night Out gathering in their community. This is a great way to connect with your neighbors!

If you would like to talk about what a gathering could look like, or would like some ideas on how to host a gathering, please contact Pastor Kyle Blake at **Rev.KBlake@gmail.com**.

If you live in the City of Long Beach and would like more information on what National Night Out looks like in Long Beach, please reach out to LBPD's Youth and Community Engagement Division at 562.570.5274 or **LBPDCommunityEngagement@longbeach.gov**. If you are already planning to host an event in Long Beach, LBPD asks that you register your event before July 26 at **<https://bit.ly/NN02024RegistrationForm>**.

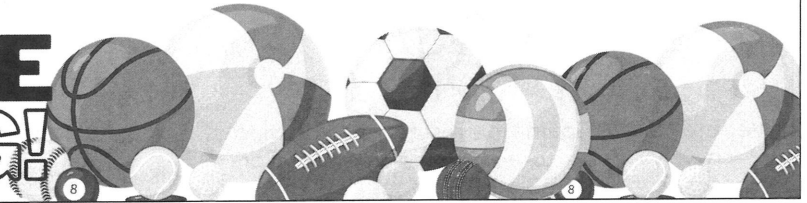




Bethany Lutheran School is seeking a part-time P.E. teacher for next year! This person would teach P.E. two days per week, grades K-8. A teaching credential is preferred. Interested or know someone who might be?

**Please contact Mary Fink at**  
***mfink@bethanylutheran.org.***

# WE ARE HIRING!



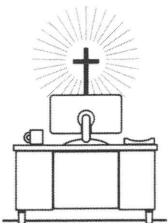
## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CHILDCARE PROVIDER POSTION OPENING:**



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.***



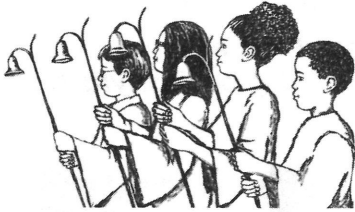
## **THE TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU! (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)**



We have been live streaming our worship services for a while now. It has been a blessing to our online community and to those who are not able to attend worship in person. **To keep this ministry going we are in need of volunteers who can help run the tech for the services.** Positions Include: Camera operator, in-house sound, live stream sound, and slide operator! A training day will be scheduled. Contact Blake Flattley (***bflattley@bethanylutheran.org***) if you are interested.

## YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

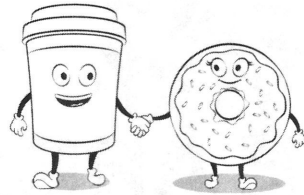
### **ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**



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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer)**

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

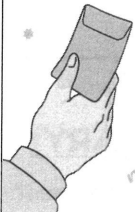


#### **OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!**

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](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org) for more details.

To volunteer: **[bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts](http://bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts)**

## *Giving Proportionately* **Luke 21:1-4**



### **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](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org)***

## DONATE TO BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION\*** is a special type of donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
- A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND** enables Bethany to have flowers in worship and for our shut-in and hospitalized members to receive flowers from our flower ministry team, even when no one has ordered flowers for specific purposes on Sunday. **This General Donation is for any amount you wish .**

\*If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is towards. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.



### SCRIP UPDATES!

#### NEW BRANDS:

MLB Shop, NBA Store, NFL Shop, NHL Shop and NASCAR Shop - Show your team spirit with official gear, custom jerseys and apparel, autographed memorabilia, and more! Available as eGift cards in amounts from \$5 - \$500; 7% earnings.



#### DISCONTINUED:

Chevron gift cards and reload are no longer available through RaiseRight. Gift cards you may have purchased remain usable. I still have one \$50 and one \$100 card available for purchase.

- 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.



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## Community Connections **Acts 2:44**

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### **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 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!)**



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*Last Boot Camp is coming up!*

**August 11 / 3-7:30 pm**

Long Beach

*Missionary Spiritual Habits*



If you are a sewer, quilter, knitter, cross-stitcher, crocheter, scrapbooker, jeweler, painter, woodworker or all around crafter and you would love to have uninterrupted time to finish a project or start something new... this is for you!

We will gather in the Parish Lounge on Friday and craft the day away (doors will open at 12 noon.) Stay as long as you want but the lights will be on until 10:00pm. We will return on Saturday morning (doors open at 8 am) and craft the day away until the lights go out at 8 pm.

RSVP or questions to: Cindy Morlok  
562-972-2747 / [cindylula@twc.com](mailto:cindylula@twc.com) or  
Anita Armbrust 310-259-4766 /  
[dogbigredbear@yahoo.com](mailto:dogbigredbear@yahoo.com)

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT YET?

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 provided). The retreat starts with dinner on Friday and concludes with Worship on Sunday morning with 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. Our theme this year is **Joseph: Detours to Destiny**.

**Registration is now open!** Use the QR code or look for the registration table in Friendship Square on Sunday mornings to register. Last day to register is Sunday, September 1st by midnight.



Questions? Contact Karl Fink  
at 562.421.4711 (ext. 19) or  
[kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org).

### 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.

  
**coastal**  
 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!*

## 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.



# BETHANY ON THE GO!

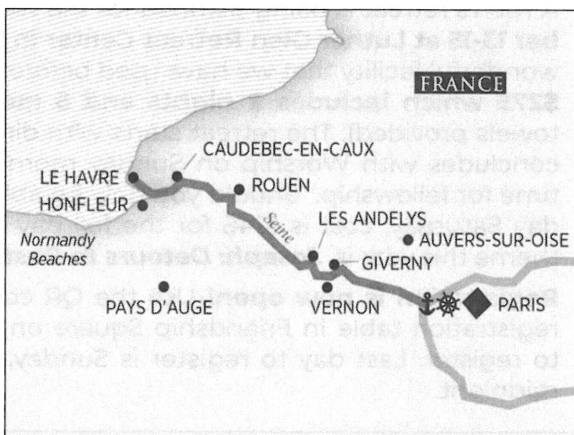
## AMAWATERWAYS RIVER CRUISE

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](mailto:justind@ctatravel.com) or (800) 758-4955 or Lucy Smith at [lucysmith99@verizon.net](mailto:lucysmith99@verizon.net) or (562) 972-7209.

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REQUEST OR DESIRE  
INFORMATION ABOUT A  
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Today's 9:30 am service will  
be live-streamed on our  
YouTube channel:

