

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
JULY 28-
AUG 3

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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 PAT
AND LINDA STACKER'S 52ND
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?**

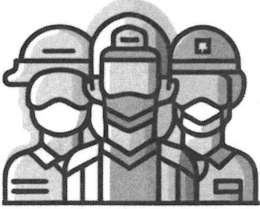
Please submit all articles by **Wednesday at
Noon** to kloya@bethanylutheran.org to be
printed in the following
Sunday's Chimes.

Thank you! Kasey Loya



Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

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.

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

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/NNO2024RegistrationForm>**.



**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.

Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact Blake Flattley at bflattley@bethanylutheran.org.

SUNDAY MORNING 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 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.

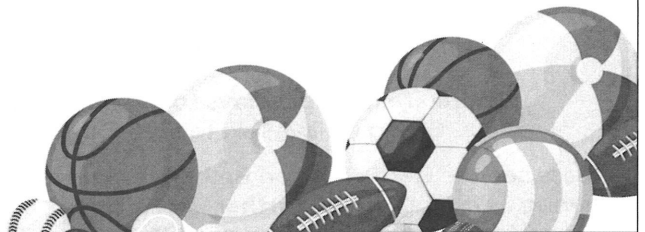
Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



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!**



YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

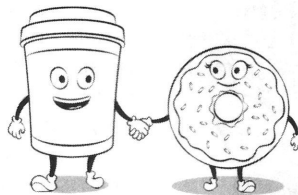
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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!



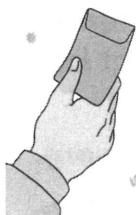
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

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.**

TURN YOUR EXPENSES INTO EARNINGS!



Simply buy gift cards through Bethany's RaiseRight program and brands automatically give up to 20% back to help earn for church ministries (music, youth, kitchen facelift) or school ministries (SSP, tuition).

Use gift cards to pay for everyday things like groceries, gas, clothing, coffee, or dining out, and you could earn more than \$1,000 per year! Plus, with eGift cards, reloadable gift cards, and a mobile app available, you can shop with gift cards and earn anytime, anywhere.

To learn more and request Bethany's enrollment code to join, contact Ruth Lopez at rlopez@bethanylutheran.org or call the office at 562.420.7783, ext 58. If you already have the enrollment code, visit RaiseRight.com/Enroll to sign up and get started.

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**

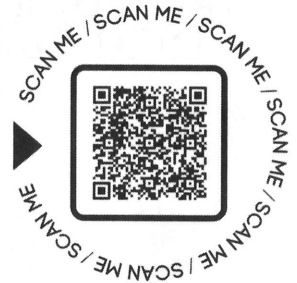


The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (www.lcrlfreedom.org) provides education, advice, advocacy and resources in discussion in our nation's capital, to establish partnerships and resources for the sake of our congregations, schools, universities, and seminaries. They remind us that our prayers ought not be held until heated political seasons, but that we are to regularly pray that our "land be blessed with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life." That we be "saved from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and every evil course of action." And that "those entrusted with authority" be given "a spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land."

**all quotes from pg. 313 of LSB*

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.



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Music Ministry sign up days!

We are gearing up for a new year of praising our Lord in Word and song! Whether you're a returning musician, joining the music ministry for the first time, or would like to find out more information, we invite you to check out the Bethany Lutheran Music Ministry sign-up tables on Sunday, August 18th and 25th. There's always room for more singers, ringers, soloists, and instrumentalists. If you have any questions about the music ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church and Schools, please contact Noah Freeman, Director of Music Ministries & Worship Arts at nfreeman@bethanylutheran.org or Music & Worship Ministries Assistant, Mara Widmann at mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org (or talk to us in person at church)! Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone be the glory.

Creative Crafter's Retreat : **AUGUST 16TH - 17TH**



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.

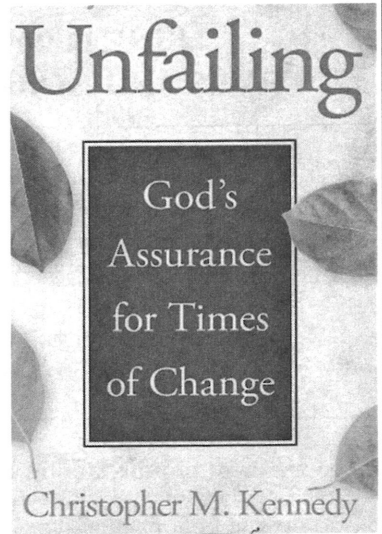
RSVP or questions: Cindy Morlok — (562) 972-2747 or cindylula@twc.com
Anita Armbrust — (310) 259-4766 or bigdogredbear@yahoo.com

New **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR THE FALL!**

UNFAILING: GOD'S ASSURANCE FOR TIMES OF CHANGE

BY CHRISTOPHER M. KENNEDY

Starts September 15, 2024
Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in the Library
Sign up in Friendship Square starting July 28th
Led by Mara Widmann and Sheri Esswein
***Book available online.**



Change is difficult to understand and even harder to navigate. As the world seems to spin faster every day, how can you adjust and adapt to a society that seems to pull further from God with each passing day? Adapting to the change and moving forward is stressful and confusing. Find peace and clarity in Samuel's story, seeing how he followed God's guidance through all the seemingly unclear changes. He followed God's plans for his life and found the beauty of putting everything in His hands.



james bryan smith

the good and beautiful

YOU

DISCOVERING THE PERSON
JESUS CREATED YOU TO BE

**THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL YOU:
DISCOVERING THE PERSON JESUS
CREATED YOU TO BE**

BY: JAMES BRYAN SMITH

Starts September 8, 2024
Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in Room 215
Sign up in Friendship Square starting August 18th
Bible Study Led by Mary Kay Esswein
***Book available online.**

The Good and Beautiful You invites readers to recognize the image of God undeniably woven into each of us and addresses the false self-narratives that hinder spiritual growth. Each chapter provides practical soul training exercises to help us live as God created us: building our identity in Christ through His Word, caring for our souls in community and walking day by day with our Good and Beautiful God.

BETHANY ON THE GO!

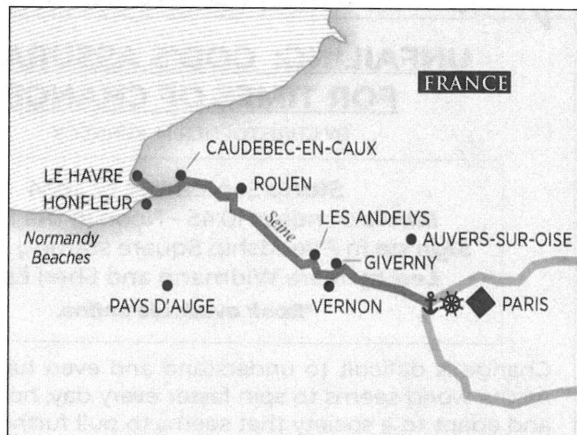
AMAWATERWAYS RIVER CRUISE

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

