

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
AUGUST
11-17

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God.



IN THANKS FOR DAVID & JANICE'S AKINS'
30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*May God bless your
marriage now and always!*

AND

IN CELEBRATION OF JUSTIN & ALYSON
FELTS' MARRIAGE ON AUGUST 4TH AND
ALIYAH & MASON'S 1ST BIRTHDAY!

*May God bless your marriage
and our twin grandbabies!*

From the Utke family



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Walter Greene
Cristina LaSalvia
Phyllis Lee
Kayleigh Lopez
Ron Miner
Tom Mooney
Heidi Moyer-
Juswanto
Larry Neasel
Ben Quezada
Suzanne Reed
Juanita Rush
Shirley Sisson
Martin & Nancy
Wastell
Joyce Yocam

Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



DO YOU LIKE THE CHIMES? THEN YOU'LL LOVE THE BETHANY BULLET! SIGN UP TODAY!

The Bethany Bullet is a weekly capsule of worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and your community.

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

WANT TO BE A BETTER NEIGHBOR? *There's an app for that!*

The "Bless App" is an application to support missional living in communities. It helps users pray for, listen to, and build relationships with their neighbors to be a blessing in that neighbor's life. The app challenges its users to show neighbors authentic community, hospitality, and create spaces where they feel comfortable wrestling with life's biggest questions.



Through the app, they provide all the tools you need to get to know your neighbors by name, helping you build genuine relationships with them. Use their dashboard to track your interactions and spiritual journey with each neighbor. Optionally, receive daily reminder emails or app notifications with a prompt to take simple steps to bless five neighbors each day. **Scan the QR code to learn more and download the app from the App Store or on Google Play.**

**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!*

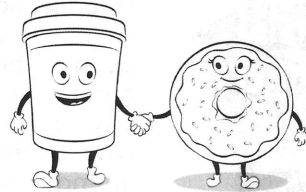
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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!



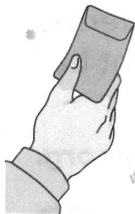
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

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.**

RAISERIGHT: SIMPLY THE RIGHT WAY TO FUNDRAISE

Raise funds by buying gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your everyday shopping and spending year-round. Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the most convenient and effective way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life. Plus, gift cards are great for helping you to set and keep a weekly budget. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.



HOW IT WORKS:

- Buy gift cards at full value from 750+ brands. Pick from eGift cards and physical gift cards.
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy.
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
- Watch your fundraising account grow throughout the year, thanks to the brands that give back to support Bethany - tuition rebate, youth, SSP, Music Ministry, kitchen facelift.

GET STARTED TODAY!

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com. Have questions or need Bethany's enrollment code? Contact: Ruth Lopez / lopez@bethanylutheran.org / 562.420.7783 ext. 58

Community Connections **Acts 2:44**

NEW GRIEF SHARE SERIES BEGINNING IN AUGUST!



Grief Share starts Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 12:30 to 2:00PM in the Conference Room (off of the church parking lot). Karl Fink will lead the group. If you are experiencing grief in any way, shape, or form, or if your grief has been buried for quite some time, please make an effort to attend this series. There's a nominal fee for the materials, which will be discussed at the first meeting. Grief Share is a 13 week video based series where we watch and discuss as people feel comfortable. If you have questions or concerns, contact Karl at kfink@bethanylutheran.org or call his office at 562.421.4711 extension 19. God's Peace.

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 **this 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.

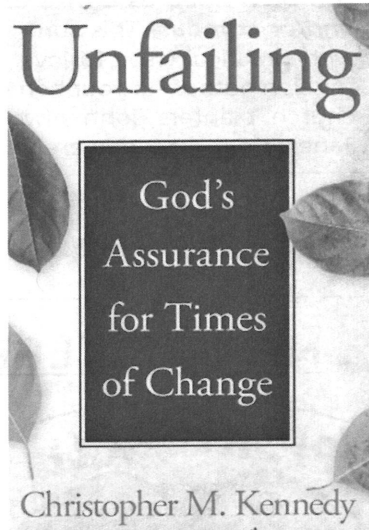
RSVP or questions: Cindy Morlok — (562) 972-2747 or cindylula@twc.com
Anita Armbrust — (310) 259-4766 or bigdogredbear@yahoo.com

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.

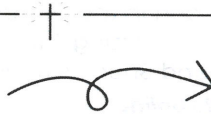
SUMMER MISSION BOOT CAMP

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 part-**



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

Last Boot Camp is today!



NEW PICKLEBALL GROUP STARTING SOON!



Want to learn a great new sport and meet new friends? Consider joining Bethany's NEWEST Pickleball group, **Pickleball With Friends**. Weekly doubles play is planned for **Mondays 8:30 to 9:30am** beginning **Monday August 19**. This group is for players (and their friends) over 18 who are new to pickleball. No prior pickleball experience needed. Rules and basic strategies will be introduced. The group will play on reserved pickleball courts at **Don Knabe Regional Park (19700 Bloomfield Ave in Cerritos)**. Please bring your own paddle. Knabe Park charges a court fee which will be confirmed based on number of participants (about \$6/person). Text your sign up or questions to Sheri Esswein at 657-456-3225.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR DESIRE INFORMATION ABOUT A MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP, OR ONLINE GIVING?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S OR A PREVIOUS SERMON AGAIN?

You can hear them as podcasts at bethanylutheran.org



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

