

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
AUGUST
18-24

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

**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.

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

**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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to staff vacations, no changes can be made to the Chimes for Sunday, August 25th.



Worshipping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25



NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS:

We love kids here at Bethany! **We offer nursery care during both our 8:00 and 9:30AM services.** Infants through preschool kids love connecting with friends & enjoy the playing with the toys while listening to the service playing. We have a fantastic team that are highly qualified caretakers.

Drop off starts at 7:50AM for the 8:00AM service and at 9:20AM for the 9:30AM service. Please make your way across Friendship Square (the courtyard outside) to sign your little one in.



UNDER GRACE, UNDER 8 RETURNS SEPTEMBER 8TH!

Children ages two (and who are potty-trained) through second grade are invited to join us for songs, crafts, stories that help them to better understand Jesus abundant love for them and the grand adventures of the Bible!

Under Grace, Under 8 normally happens during our 9:30AM worship service. Kids will be invited from Children's Message to join in the fun and parents can pick up their kids just following the service at the Parish Lounge.

If you haven't filled out a Yearlong Permission Form this year yet, please use the QR code here. Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org



Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10

CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS!



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.

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.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

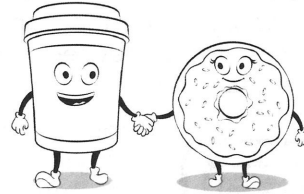
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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!



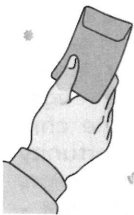
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

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.**

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.



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 / rlopez@bethanylutheran.org / 562.420.7783 ext. 58

Community Connections: Acts 2:44

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.



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.



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.

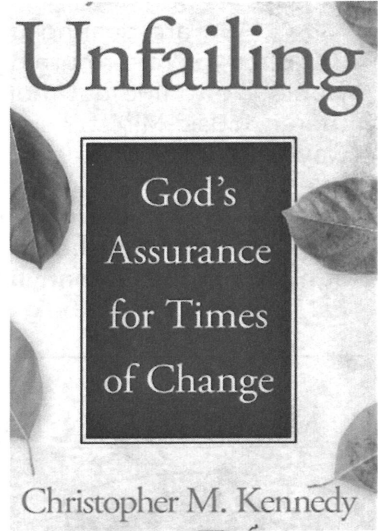


new **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR THE FALL!**

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.

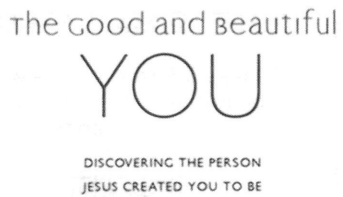


THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL YOU: DISCOVERING THE PERSON JESUS CREATED YOU TO BE

BY: JAMES BRYAN SMITH



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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.



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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.



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 10:30am** 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:

