

# Weekly CHIMES

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER  
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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
- Kim Imes
- Cristina LaSalvia
- Phyllis Lee
- Ron Miner
- Tom Mooney
- Heidi Moyer-  
Juswanto
- Larry Neasel
- Suzanne Reed
- Juanita Rush
- Shirley Sisson
- Martin & Nancy  
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## 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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## **BETHANY LUTHERAN STEPPING STONES: 3RD GRADE FIRST BIBLE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

We invite ALL third grade students to come and receive their own, new bible at the beginning of our 9:30 am worship service.

*Questions!*

Contact Alissa Brege  
@abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

From 6-8 pm, your third grader and a parent (or grandparent or loving adult) are invited to the Youth Room to share in a pizza dinner, to grow together in knowledge of scripture, and to receive a few fun tools to use in their study of the word.



### **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.

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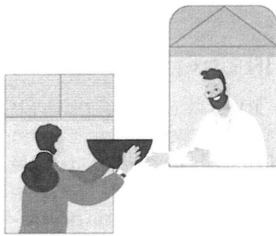
If you haven't filled out a Yearlong Permission Form this year yet, please use the QR code here. Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)



# 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](mailto:bflattley@bethanylutheran.org).

## **SUNDAY MORNING SUBSTITUTE** **CHILDCARE PROVIDER** **POSTION OPENING**

Do you love kids and love Jesus? We might have just the position for you! We are seeking one more **substitute** 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 nurse, 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 Sundays from 7:45 - 10:45 AM.** Candidates must be 18 years old and complete the employment processes.

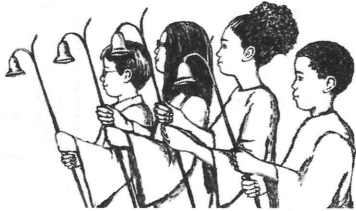
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## YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

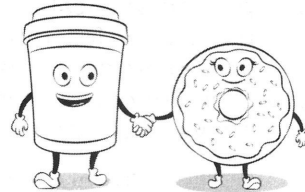
### **ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**



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!**



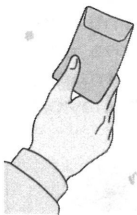
#### **OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!**

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**

### **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](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.



## READY TO UP YOUR EARNING POTENTIAL? RAISERIGHT HAS TWO NEW WAYS TO HELP YOU EARN MORE!



- Shop Online** - Select the 'Shop Online' tab on the website or app; choose from over 450 brands; select 'Shop Now' on the brands detail page to visit their website and go shopping; complete a purchase on the brands website to earn a rebate. For many brands you can also use a gift card from RaiseRight to earn extra on your purchase.
- RaiseRight Earnings Extension** - By adding the extension to your browser, you will be provided with real-time earning reminders while shopping online. The extension icon will glow with color when earnings are available for the brand - it will let you know if RR gift cards or the new shop online feature is available.

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# Community Connections: Acts 2:44

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## **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT YET?** **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!**

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 CLOSING TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT!** 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).



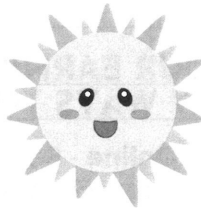
## **BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES BEACH PICNIC!**

**DATE:** Sunday, September 8th

**TIME:** 12 pm – 2 pm

**PLACE:** Seal Beach

North Side of the Pier



Bring a lunch, towel or beach chair, and sand toys (as desired) for a time of fellowship in God's creation! All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Alissa Brege—[abrege@bethanyluthern.org](mailto:abrege@bethanyluthern.org).



## **THE GIFT PLANNING PROCESS OF AN ESTATE PLAN REQUIRES MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICATION.**

The communication begins with your spouse if you are married. It is essential that both spouses buy into the whole process, expressing their wishes and becoming educated so that the plan can stay in place over many years. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor uses a survey incorporating wishes from both spouses into a final design, even if one spouse ordinarily avoids involvement in financial affairs.

**To get started, contact Andrea Hyde Gift Planning Specialist - 209-613-2125 / [andrea.hyde@lfnf.org](mailto:andrea.hyde@lfnf.org)**

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# BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS *starting soon!*

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY HOUR

Greetings men of Bethany and Holy Cross. A new men's fellowship and study hour will be starting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 9:30 service (approximately 10:45 am) in the Parish Lounge on the Bethany campus. We will begin each week with some time to simply gather in fellowship and talk. Talk about what you might ask? Well... anything! It might be the sermon. It might be sports (how did your fantasy football team do last week?). It might be discussing your favorite tools. We'll have some ideas every week but you can help decide what we discuss. This will be followed by a time of study. We are still developing the format for the study but we will spend the first couple of weeks looking at Adam – the first man. And we will go on from there. Please consider joining us. Whether you are 18 or 98 God has blessed you (yes - you!) with your own unique set of gifts and perspectives. We want you to share them with us. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near". That is our goal – to meet together in fellowship, to encourage one another, and to grow together in our relationship with God.



Questions can be directed to  
 Bob Lange - [boblange@ca.rr.com](mailto:boblange@ca.rr.com)  
 or David Akins - [david.akers@live.com](mailto:david.akers@live.com).

## THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL YOU:

*A SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

**Starts** September 8, 2024  
**Meets** Sundays 10:45 - Noon in Room 215  
**Sign up** in Friendship Square  
**Led by** Mary Kay Esswein  
*\*Book available for purchase online.*

The Good and Beautiful You (by: James Bryan Smith) 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.



## THE WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Our bible study will resume on September 12, 9:30 - 11 AM in the Parish Lounge. This year we will complete our study of women in the Bible and then study the parables of Jesus. No books are needed, but bring your Bible. Bible study is a great way to develop friendships and learn more about our magnificent God.



*Questions?*



Call Meg Velez  
 (562) 426-4262.

## 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.



## NEW PICKLEBALL GROUP GOING ON NOW!



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 on **Mondays 8:30 to 10:30am**. 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](http://bethanylutheran.org)



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

