

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
8-14

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Long Beach, CA 90808

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

Today we Celebrate the Holy Baptism of :



Blake Sunny Oliver, daughter of Richard and Nicky
(née White) Oliver.

Blake's sponsors are Olivia and Carson White.

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
Marilyn Riordan
Juanita Rush
Shirley Sisson
Martin & Nancy
Wastell
Joyce Yocam

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God



IN CELEBRATION AND GIVING THANKS FOR 50
YEARS OF MARRIAGE FOR SHERI AND
TOM ESSWEIN

and

FOR 23 YEARS OF MARRIAGE FOR
MICHELLE AND MARTIN FISCHER

*May God bless your
marriages now and always!*



Worshiping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25

BETHANY LUTHERAN STEPPING STONES: 3RD GRADE FIRST BIBLE

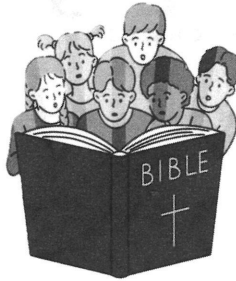
TODAY

TODAY'S THE DAY!

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 at 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 TODAY!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



On Saturday, October 12, Bethany Lutheran will be joining other Christian churches from across Long Beach to serve our city and the surrounding areas. The event, called "Love Our City," will kick off at 8am at Heartwell Park, near Parkcrest Church, and then, from there, folks will head across the city of Long Beach to serve different people in different ways.

Questions!

Contact Pastor Kyle Blake at kyleblake@bethanylutheran.org.

Please be on the lookout for the official registration sign-up. For now, we just want you to be aware of the event and opportunity to serve.

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 SUBSTITUTE CHILDCARE PROVIDER POSITION 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 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 Sundays from 7:45 - 10:45 AM. Candidates must be 18 years old and complete the employment processes.

Questions!

Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

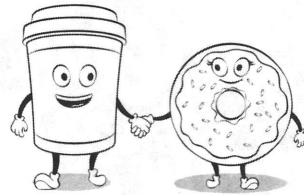
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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!



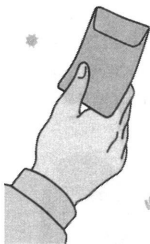
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

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



Questions!

Contact Maraley Shaeffer 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.



TURN YOUR EVERYDAY EXPENSES INTO EARNINGS!



Simply buy gift cards and shop online through Bethany's RaiseRight program, and brands automatically give up to 20% back to help pay for tuition or support the ministry of your choice (SSP, tuition assistance, youth, music ministry, or general ministry (Bethany kitchen facelift). 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 buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight anytime, anywhere.

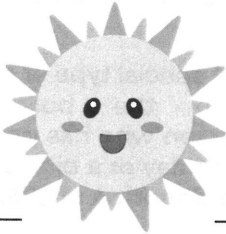
To learn more and request Bethany's enrollment code to join, contact Ruth Lopez at rlopez@bethanylutheran.org or 562-420-7783 ext. 58. If you already have the enrollment code, visit RaiseRight.com/Enroll to sign up and get started.



TODAY

Community Connections: Acts 2:44

BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES BEACH PICNIC!



DATE: Sept. 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OKTO-BEAR-FEST 2024!

Okto-BEAR-fest is back so please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 27th!** Be sure to grab the Chimes next Sunday to get all the details and registration information!



1517

1517 ADVENT MATERIAL AND DEVOTIONAL COMING SOON!

Sign up for the release of the new advent material from 1517 including a devotional. The material is not quite ready but if you sign up using the QR code you will be notified as soon as it is released.



LOOKING FOR A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE?



Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' name! Scan this QR code to apply or go to samaritanspurse.org/ocseasonaljobs.



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 22nd 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
 or David Akins - david.akins@live.com.

TODAY

THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL YOU:

A SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starts TODAY 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!
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 Call Meg Velez
 (562) 426-4262.



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register at coastalmision.org

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coming together to be Christ's light in a dark world



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

Ideally, if you have children, you will share with them your plans, both for use of inheritance as well as your heart for creating a ministry gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can give you the material to facilitate these conversations, or sometimes, even facilitate the conversation.

To find out how important this step is, contact
Andrea Hyde Gift Planning Specialist -
209-613-2125 / andrea.hyde@lfnd.org

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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:

