

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
15-21

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

God's Comfort and Peace to

the family and friends of the beloved former Bethany Lutheran School teacher, Kim Imes. Kim went home to her heavenly father on September 8, 2024. Her funeral service will be held Saturday, October 5th in Texas.



"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

John 11: 25-26

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Walter Greene
Hadley
Cristina LaSalvia
Phyllis Lee
Ron Miner
Tom Mooney
Larry Neasel
Suzanne Reed
Marilyn Riordan
Shirley Sisson
Martin & Nancy
Wastell
Joyce Yocam



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE BETHANY BULLET YET?

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.

Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

BETHANY LUTHERAN STEPPING STONES: 3RD GRADE FIRST BIBLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Did your third grader get a bible last week? On September 24th from 6-8 pm, he/she 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.



WHAT IS STEPPING STONES?

Stepping Stones are an age/grade specific event designed to help children in their growing Faith Walk. Children along with a parent (or grandparent or loving adult in their life) are encouraged and invited to attend the Stepping Stone event for your child's age group.

Questions!

Contact Alissa Brege at
abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE:

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:

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.

Operation Christmas Child: **SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE!**



We once again have the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them to children around the world through churches and other ministry partners in over 100 countries. These local believers tell boys and girls about Jesus Christ - God's Greatest Gift. Our Bethany students will be packing shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 13. We could use pens, small calculators, fun adhesive bandages, and quality toys like hot wheels, magnatiles, dolls, and yo-yos. Items can be placed in the OCC boxes in the narthex and school office. If you prefer, you can donate funds to cover the \$10 cost of shipping each box. Please drop off cash or checks (payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with OCC written on the memo line) to Mrs. Maraley Shaeffer, Financial Administrator.

Questions and Volunteer Info

Contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez, or Aleina Aiello.

OCC Shoeboxes: Good News. Great Joy!!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH *in Action!*

Christian Outreach in Action (COA) has seen a staggering 40% increase in people seeking our help for hot meals, nutritious groceries, clothing, diapers, and furniture. The need in our community is overwhelming as we now serve up to 1,000 individuals daily, stretching out resources thin.

Your donations have an incredible impact:

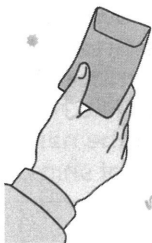
- \$25 provides four bags of groceries with produce and food for a family of four
- \$50 provides two packs of diapers to a low-income mother for her infant
- \$100 clothes a homeless or low-income individual, along with hygiene essentials
- \$250 provides household furniture and goods for a low-income person just receiving housing
- \$500 provides 167 prepared meals for homeless or individuals facing food insecurities
- \$1000 or more provides prepared meals for 334 homeless or low-income individuals

Christian Outreach in Action is a nondenominational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of homeless and impoverished individuals in Long Beach and Greater Los Angeles, so they may reach and sustain self-sufficiency and independence.



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!



Questions!

Contact Maralee Shaeffer at
mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:

Giving Online, Text to Give, Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Box



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.



RAISE DAYS ARE COMING SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH!



Get ready for two days of big bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Stock up for fall, get a jumpstart on holiday shopping, or make the most of your household budget.

Things to know:

- Limited time bonuses, September 19 - 20 only
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- An online account is necessary to participate

Plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus - only in the RR mobile app on September 18. Don't have an account yet? Visit raiseright.com/enroll to sign up and get started today!

To learn more or request the enrollment code, contact our Scrip Co-ordinator, Ruth Lopez: rlopez@bethanylutheran.org // 562-420-7783 ext. 58



Community Connections: Acts 2:44

JOIN US AT OUR OKTO-BEAR-FEST CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!

Activities include our **Trunk or Treat (admission to Trunk or Treat = 1 bag of candy per family + 1 can of food)**, a traditional German feast with all the trimmings (order food and drink using the QR code below), and we will also be collecting canned food to support the hungry in our community. A day of live entertainment, good food, and plenty of fun and fellowship with the entire Bethany family.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **3:30-4 pm:** Preschool Open House
- **4-5 pm:** "Trunk or Treat" in the Bethany parking lot
- **4:30 - 6:30 pm:** Food is served
- **4-7 pm:** Okto-bear-fest (under the tent)



Sales are now OPEN!

Purchase your food, beer, t-shirt or make a donation to help offset costs by scanning the QR code.

*Beer purchases are PRESALE ONLY and limited to (2) per adult.

*Last day to make purchases - midnight, October 20th.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP IS BACK!

**Friendship Group returns
Wednesday, September 18th at
11:30 am in the Parish Lounge.**

Woo Hoo! Back to school and back to Friendship is the theme. Pizza, dessert and coffee will be served. Karl will have a wonderful devotion for us and then we will play Bingo, a favorite of all! Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss out in the fun and fellowship. See you there!



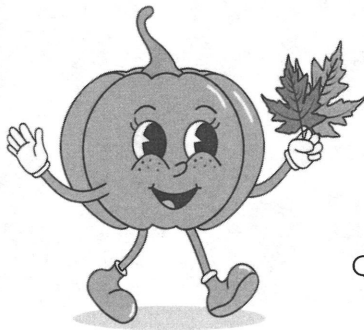
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY HOUR

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 gather and talk, then follow with a time of study. Our goal is to meet together in fellowship, to encourage one another, and to grow in our relationship with God.



FAMILY MINISTRIES: "FALL-OWING JESUS" PUMPKIN DECORATING JAMBOREE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH @ 11 AM
IN THE BETHANY GYM**



**This is a free event!
Sign up today
using the QR code.**

**Registration closes
on October 2nd.**



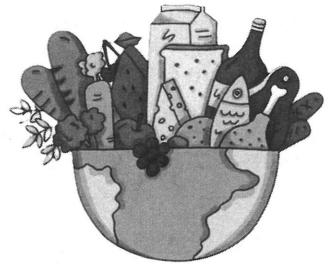
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BETHANY LUTHERAN'S INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK & BINGO NIGHT



**Friday, September 27th
7 pm — 10 pm
Bethany Lutheran Gym**



Please join PTL for a night of food, games, and prizes. Bring your appetite and your favorite international dish to share. Use the QR code to sign up for what you would like to bring. Donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated!

Get ready to eat and play!

register at coastalmision.org

OUTPOST

november 9 training

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



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

If you are planning to make a gift to support ministry, it is a great idea to have a conversation with a ministry leader, maybe a pastor or lay leader who can help you make sure that your passion for ministry translates into practical support that will make a difference. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help set up that meeting, or even attend.

To get started, 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:

