

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
22-28

4644 Clark Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90808

(562) 421-4711

bethanylutheran.org



Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

Yesterday we Celebrated the Holy Baptism of:



Lucas Roman Lopez, son of Sergio and Patricia (née Hyatt) Lopez.

Lucas' sponsors are Daniel and Emily Hyatt.

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God



IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FLOWER LADY,
LOU WADE.

-BY LAUREN CERULLE

"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



Worshipping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25

BETHANY LUTHERAN STEPPING STONES: 3RD GRADE FIRST BIBLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

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

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH!



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 Parkcrest Church. From there, folks will head across the city of Long Beach to serve different people in different ways.

Parkcrest Church:
3936 Woodruff Ave.
Long Beach 90808

Hosted by: Long Beach
Church Collective



Questions!
Contact Pastor Kyle Blake at
kyleblake@bethanylutheran.org.

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:

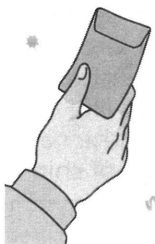
- \$25 provides four bags of groceries with produce and food for a family of four
- \$50 provides two packs of diapers to a low-income mother for her infant
- \$100 clothes a homeless or low-income individual, along with hygiene essentials
- \$250 provides household furniture and goods for a low-income 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 Maraley 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.



ARE YOU USING OUR SCRIP PROGRAM YET?



Help Bethany ministries by using our Scrip program, RaiseRight. All you have to do is buy and use gift cards to make your everyday purchases. The brand gives back. The money earned can be used to support Bethany ministries: Music, Youth, SSP, Tuition and General Ministry (focus on Bethany kitchen facelift). Get started today!



To learn more or request the enrollment code

Ruth Lopez
Bethany Lutheran Scrip Coordinator
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.

CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS!

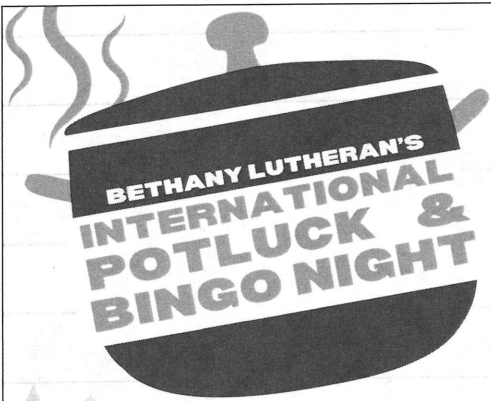
Lutheran Hour Ministries' booklet ministry, **Project Connect**, is designed to provide down-to-earth insight about things people deal with every day—grief, stress, prayer, relationships—and more. You can share **Project Connect** booklets with friends and neighbors, and use them for your own encouragement 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.



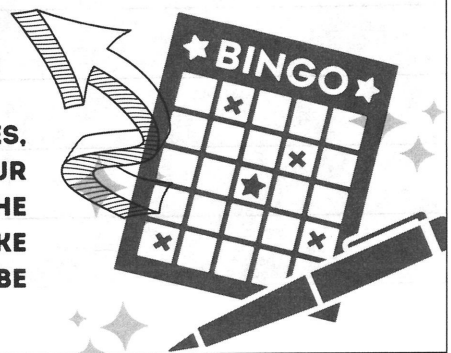
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY HOUR STARTS TODAY!

Greetings men of Bethany and Holy Cross. **A new men's fellowship and study hour will be starting today, 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.





**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27TH
7 PM - 10 PM
BETHANY GYM**

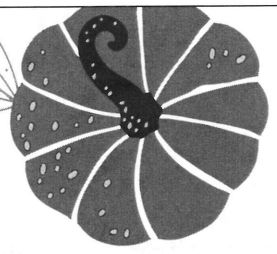
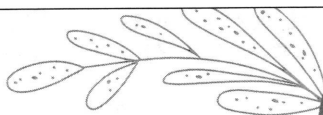


PLEASE JOIN PTL FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, GAMES, AND PRIZES. BRING YOUR APPETITE AND YOUR FAVORITE INTERNATIONAL DISH TO SHARE. USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING. DONATIONS FOR PRIZES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



Please join us for a

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



**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.

register at coastalmission.org

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training

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



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

Your estate plan requires someone to serve in an executor/trustee role, as well as carrying out the power of attorney responsibilities. It is a mistake to not share with them your plans now while you can discuss and clarify. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help to share copies of legal documents with your chosen people encouraging you to follow through with this step.

Contact:

**Andrea Hyde Gift Planning Specialist -
209-613-2125 / andrea.hyde@lfnd.org**

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TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

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?

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bethanylutheran.org



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

