

Weekly CHIMES BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 5

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT TO THE WEEKLY CHIMES?

Please submit all articles by Wednesday at Noon to klova@bethanylutheran.org to be printed in the following Sunday's Chimes.

Thank you! Casey Loya



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

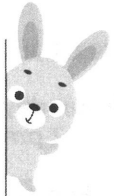
DO YOU LIKE THE SUNDAY CHIMES? THEN YOU'LL LOVE THE BETHANY BULLET!



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.

Worshiping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25

Did you know that the church has different seasons and celebrations throughout the Church year, besides Christmas and Easter? One such celebration is in honor of an early church father named, St. Francis of Assisi.



In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of all of God's creatures, we will hold a "Blessing of the Animals" prayer service in **Friendship Square on Saturday, October 5, at 10am.**

Animal lovers are invited to bring their pets to have them blessed and prayed over. The service is a way of thanking God for the pets that bring joy to so many.



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.

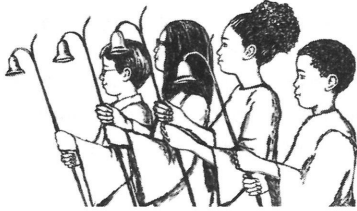
*Questions and
Volunteer Info*

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

OCC Shoeboxes: Good News. Great Joy!!

YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

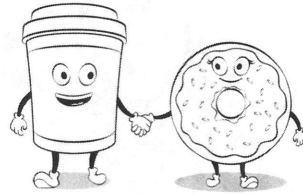
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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

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:

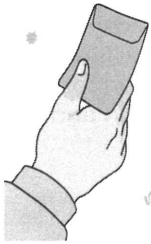
- \$25 provides four bags of groceries with produce and food for a family of four
- \$50 provides two packs of diapers to a low-income mother for her infant
- \$100 clothes a homeless or low-income individual, along with hygiene essentials
- \$250 provides household furniture and goods for a low-income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



CHECK IT OUT... NEW SCRIP BRANDS ADDED!



Quince (6%) Sustainable luxury at an affordable price. Shop clothing, furniture, home decor and more.

Lazy Dog (8%) Enjoy made-from-scratch American food and drinks with seasonally inspired ingredients. Shop \$15 - \$200 eGift cards to earn on your next brunch, lunch, happy hour or dinner.

KFC (6%) Earn while you enjoy hand breaded, freshly prepared and Finger Lickin' Good fried chicken. Shop physical gift cards in \$10 or \$25 amounts, then order your favorite bucket, combo or meal.

The Vitamin Shoppe (6%) Shop for high-quality supplements, proteins, aromatherapy, natural beauty products and more. Available in eGift cards in \$10 - \$500 amounts.

Peloton (6%) Available in eGift cards in \$50 and \$500 amounts, redeemable on state-of-the-art equipment and fitness classes.



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.

ROOTED IS COMING BACK TO BETHANY!



ROOTED

Date: Tuesdays, February 4 – April 9, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Men's and Women's groups



Have you wondered about the purpose and plan for your life? In the past two years, Rooted has provided over 100 people at Bethany the opportunity to learn to follow Jesus differently and gain a deeper understanding of the plan He has for our lives. We'd love to have you experience Rooted with us during Lent of 2025! Watch for registration information. Rooted is for anyone and everyone!

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.

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 CLOSSES
ON OCTOBER 2ND.**

register at coastalmiission.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.

Have you ever heard of someone needing services from several doctors at a time, yet those doctors really didn't understand what the other was doing? The same can be true about your attorney, tax preparer and financial advisor. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in facilitating group communication between you and these professionals, so they are working together for you.

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

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REQUEST OR DESIRE
INFORMATION ABOUT A
MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP,
OR ONLINE GIVING?



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