

*Weekly*  
**CHIMES**  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 6-12

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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 [kloya@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kloya@bethanylutheran.org) to be printed in the following Sunday's Chimes.

*Thank you! Kasey 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.



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# Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

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## **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.

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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)



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# Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

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## **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

REGISTER  
HERE



Questions!

Contact Pastor Kyle Blake at  
[kyleblake@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kyleblake@bethanylutheran.org)

## "WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." (1 JOHN 4:19)

### *Helping the victims of Hurricane Helene*



Hurricane Helene made landfall near Perry, FL on September 26th as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. To assist those suffering through Helene you can go to LCMS disaster relief directly by going to <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster> or by using the QR code.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources.



## *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/goods for a low-income person 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.



## COA'S GOSPEL BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

Christian Outreach in Action invites you to our Gospel Brunch on the Beach at Salt Water Deck, located steps away from the water at Junipero Beach.



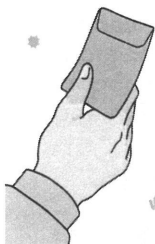
**Saturday, October 19, 2024 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Salt Water Deck - 2630 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach**  
**RSVP by phone: 562-432-1440 (or scan the QR code)**  
**Tickets: \$45**

- Private dining on the sand - right on the beach
- A delicious brunch buffet by Saltwater Deck, a premier and new restaurant in Long Beach on the sand!
- Live gospel music by the water
- The chance to mix and mingle with like-minded, generous people who live to give back
- Silent Auction with an amazing selection
- Supports our foodbank



# 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](mailto: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



## EARN MORE WITH RAISERIGHT'S BONUS FEST!



Earn big all 4 weekends in October with 3-day bonuses up to 20%. Each weekend will include a featured brand along with other brands on bonus.

### **Featured brands:**

- Oct. 4 - 6** Bath and Body Works
- Oct. 11 - 13** REI
- Oct. 18 - 20** GAP (Includes GAP, Old Navy, Athleta, Banana Republic)
- Oct. 25 - 27** Total Wine and More

### **Things to know:**

- Bonuses start at 12am ET Friday and end 11:59pm ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced Friday via email and on Facebook.
- All gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).



*To learn more or request the enrollment code:*  
 Ruth Lopez  
 BLS Scrip Coordinator  
[rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org)  
 562-420-7783 ext. 58



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# Community Connections: Acts 2:44

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## **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.

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## **ROOTED IS COMING BACK TO BETHANY!**

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# **ROOTED**

**Date:** Tuesdays, February 4 – April 9, 2025

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm

Men's and Women's groups



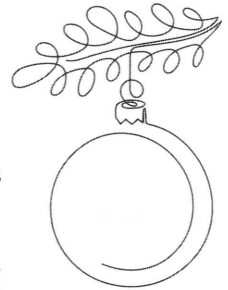
Have you wondered about the purpose and plan for your life? In the past two years, Rooted has provided over 100 people at Bethany the opportunity to learn to follow Jesus differently and gain a deeper understanding of the plan He has for our lives. We'd love to have you experience Rooted with us during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

# CHRIST LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Date: Saturday, December 7th**

**Time: 10 am - 2 pm**

**Location: Christ Lutheran Church Parking Lot  
6500 Stearns St. Long Beach**



The annual Christmas Market at Christ Lutheran Church in Long Beach is set for Saturday, December 7. Local artisans will be selling their custom artwork and crafts. It is a great event to enjoy especially if you are looking for the perfect present, holiday decorations, handmade gifts, jewelry, Christmas cheer, and unique treasures. Tasty international foods and treats will be available for purchase as well!

If you would like to be a vendor, sell your crafts, specialty foods, artwork, etc., please reach out to Claudia Fitzpatrick at [rory690@aol.com](mailto:rory690@aol.com). Vendor spaces are \$25.00.

Questions? Contact Sheri Esswein at [esswein.sheri@gmail.com](mailto:esswein.sheri@gmail.com). Flyers available soon.



## 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.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to thanking veterans for their service and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of student-created thank you cards to arrive just before Veterans Day.



**\*Important Note\*** In order to keep the list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names/addresses yearly. If you submitted a veteran in previous years, please submit them again. We will only be mailing to those on the 2024 list.



***We ask that you please:***

- Complete this form no later than **Friday, October 25th, 2024.**
- Complete this form for **one veteran at a time.**

Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Evans at [cevans@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cevans@bethanylutheran.org) with any questions.

Last year, over 80 envelopes full of thank you notes were mailed around the U.S.A. We hope to do that again! Thank you for your help!

## GOT ANY REAL ESTATE TO BUY OR SELL?

Coastal Mission Society has developed a partnership with real estate company AARE where they will give up to 25% of their commission on most sales directly to the work of Coastal Mission Society. This is a practical way to know that not only are you working with Christians who care about you and the stewardship of your investment, but back up this passion by giving to a cause that is directly having an impact on the expansion of Christ's kingdom.



**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:

