

Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
OCTOBER 13-19

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays



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.

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 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
 - Marsha Newell
 - Suzanne Reed
 - Marilyn Riordan
 - Shirley Sisson
 - Martin & Nancy
 - Wastell
 - Joyce Yocam

Worshiping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25



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

register at coastalmisson.org

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"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.



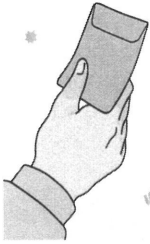
Saturday, October 19, 2024 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Salt Water Deck - 2630 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach
RSVP by phone: 562-432-1440 (or scan the QR code)
Tickets: \$45

- 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.

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

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



TOP RAISERIGHT EARNERS FOR SEPTEMBER!



Here they are! (amounts reflect 60% rebate actually earned):

Lopez	\$131.97
Long	\$98.80
Mangram/Copplin	\$76.12

- The Lopez and Mangram families are good examples of multiple earners making a difference in creating a larger rebate. The more people you actively have earning for you, the larger your rebate will be. Another way to maximize your rebate is to check the RaiseRight app for ALL your shopping needs - not just groceries or gas. There are gift cards for everything - travel, streaming services, home decor, home improvement, tech/electronics, and so much more! You can use gift cards to pay for almost anything!

Don't forget! Second weekend of Bonus Fest coming up this Friday. Featured brand is REI.



To learn more or request the enrollment code:

Ruth Lopez
BLS 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.

BETHANY'S OKTO-BEAR-FEST SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

This year, sponsorships are available for the band (Ladyhosen), the biergarten, or the big top!

Sponsorships come with 2 adult meals, 4 beers, an Okto-bear-fest t-shirt (sizes are limited on first come, first serve basis), and a poster on the biergarten, near the stage or on the big top with sponsor's name. **Sponsorships are \$500.**

If your company or organization would like to sponsor Okto-bear-fest, please contact Pastor Kritzer and kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org.



TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Trunk or treat starts at 4 pm in the Bethany parking lot! Admission is one bag of candy and one canned good per family. Canned goods collected will be used to support the hungry in our community. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available including greeters, candy runners, and, of course, we need lots of fun, decorated cars! Scan the QR code to find out more and to sign up!



WHAT DO WASHINGTON DC AND CHRISTMAS WREATHS HAVE IN COMMON?

Our Bethany Lutheran 8th Graders!

The annual wreath sales to raise funds for the 8th grade DC trip is HERE! There are many opportunities to place your order and every wreath sold supports our 8th graders as they travel to Washington DC in May! Wreaths are hand-crafted from sustainably harvested superior quality Noble Fir Boughs & accented with Blue Juniper, Cedar, faux red berries and Ponderosa pine cones.



On their trip this Spring, these students will have the opportunity to see the places they have been studying all year long. With stops in Williamsburg, Jamestown, Monticello, Washington DC, & Gettysburg, this trip will be one to remember!

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Questions! Contact Dr. Fink at mfink@bethanylutheran.org.




Mom Co.

Date: second Tuesdays of the month
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am
Location: Youth Center



A time for moms to connect with one another, have a time of devotion, learn & grow, build one another up & snack on breakfast treats together.

Mom Co. questions! Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org. 

ROOTED IS COMING BACK TO BETHANY!

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 & everyone!

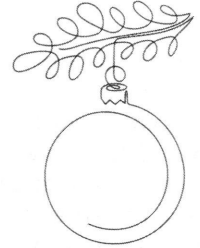


CHRIST LUTHERAN'S 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Date: Saturday, December 7th
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Location: 6500 Stearns St. Long Beach

Come stroll through booths of crafts, food, fair trade items, and more. There will be a children's area of games and crafts plus family photos will be taken. A fun day for all!

Questions? Call or text Sheri Esswein at 657-456-3225.



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 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!

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:

