






THE WEEKLY  
**CHIMES**  
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*God's Comfort and Peace to:*



the family and friends of Michael Robert Coleman who went home to his heavenly father on December 16, 2024.

*May the love of God surround you, offering comfort and peace in the midst of sorrow.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke  
Patt Demetri  
David Gamble  
Betty Greene  
Walter Greene  
Cristina LaSalvia  
Phyllis Lee  
Tom Mooney  
Larry Neasel  
Marsha Newell  
Suzanne Reed  
Marilyn Riordan  
Shirley Sisson  
Kat Totten  
Martin & Nancy Wastell  
Joyce Yocam



**IMPORTANT SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Updates!*

Starting Sunday, February 2nd, our multi-site congregation will temporarily be a singular site for our Sunday schedule. While Bethany's Holy Cross campus is undergoing transformation for future mission and ministry, our Sunday morning schedule will be completely on the main campus of Bethany.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

8 am  
9:30 am  
11 am - **NEW!**

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE:**

1st Sunday: all services  
2nd Sunday: 9:30 am only  
3rd Sunday: all services  
4th Sunday: 9:30 am only

**BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:**

9:30 am - "Lessons of the Day"  
(led by a member of the ministry staff)

10:45 am - Women's and Men's studies  
(led by congregational members)



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# Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

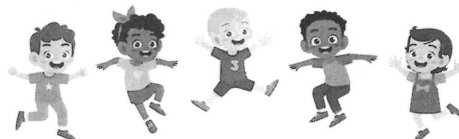
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## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE:**

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



## **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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## **THE TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU! (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)**



We have been live streaming our worship services for a while now. It has been a blessing to our online community and to those who are not able to attend worship in person. **To keep this ministry going we are in need of volunteers who can help run the tech for the services.** Positions Include: Camera operator, in-house sound, live stream sound, and slide operator! A training day will be scheduled. Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact Blake Flattley at [bfattley@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:bfattley@bethanylutheran.org).

# Giving Proportionately **Luke 21:1-4**



## **BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!**

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday and you are able to make two types of donations to support this ministry: a general donation and a special request with recognition.

- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION** This type of donation comes with a special message printed in the weekly Chimes, Sunday Bulletin, and Bethany Bullet.\* **Suggested donation of \$75.**
- **A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND** If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please let us know two weeks in advance and specify which Sunday it is for as well as the message you would like printed.



## **HELP BETHANY WIN FREE SHIPPING!**

In partnership with their featured brands, RaiseRight is giving away free organization shipping to 5 organizations for the rest of 2025. Plus, one lucky participant from each of the winning organizations will receive a \$100 eGift card!

Help us win free shipping for the rest of the year! It costs \$17.25 every time I place an order (at least 2x/month) x 10 months = a savings of at least \$345!

### **How it Works:**

- 5 organizations will be selected from a random drawing to win free shipping for the remainder of 2025 (March – December).
- 1 participant from each of the 5 winning organizations will be randomly selected to win a \$100 eGift card from one of our featured brand partners. Every participant order placed January 11-24 is a qualified entry for your organization.
- All brands and order types are eligible, including all gift card types (physical, eGift and reload) and shopping online through RaiseRight.
- Featured brands: DoorDash, Home Chef, Home Depot, Uber, Instacart, ULTA, Walgreens, Macy's

*To learn more:*

Ruth Lopez  
BLS Scrip Coordinator  
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org  
562-420-7783 ext. 58



# Community Connections Acts 2:44

## IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT!



**When:** February 14-17

**Where:** Mobiland RV Park, Ocotillo Wells

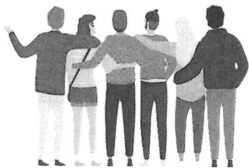
Bring your special dish for Saturday's pot luck supper, and Sunday evening hors d'oeuvres along with some firewood for the campfire. We will have a few optional outings throughout the week-end. A worship service will be held Sunday. For details or reservations, please call or text Philip Lopez at (562) 416-5960.

## NEW GRIEFSHARE SERIES STARTING!

**STARTING:** Sunday, January 19th

**WHERE:** Conference Room (off of the church parking lot)

**LEADER:** Karl Fink  
(562) 421-4711 ext. 19  
kfink@bethanylutheran.org



If you are experiencing grief in any way, shape, or form, or if your grief has been buried for quite some time, please make an effort to attend this

series. There's a nominal fee for the materials, which will be discussed at the first meeting. Griefshare is a 13 week video based series where we watch and discuss as people feel comfortable.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR BETHANY LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**JUNE 23-27, 2025**

**BETHANY'S CAMPUS**

**FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**THEME: TRUE NORTH!**

This year, we're taking kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. In a world where it's easy to lose sight of what's true, True North VBS will guide your kids to the one thing that never changes — Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Get ready for a week of faith, fun, and unforgettable experiences! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.



Blessings,  
Kayleigh Lopez  
Youth Minister /  
VBS Director  
309-397-6583

*Bethany Lutheran Church presents*  
**THE BRIANNA ESSWEIN  
 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**



- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **Where:** Navy Golf Course at  
5660 Orangetwood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **Check-In Begins:** 6:30AM
- **Tee Time:** 8:00AM
- **Buffet Lunch:** 1:00PM
- **Questions:** Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

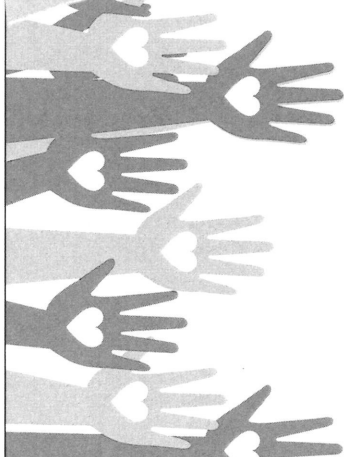
**YOUR 2025 GOLF COMMITTEE:**  
**MARTY CALLOW, BOB NEWELL,**  
**PHIL LOPEZ, CRAIG DEAN,**  
**TED SPASEFF & MARTY PLATT**



**\*EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS @ MIDNIGHT ON  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025.\***

**\*AFTER FEB. 24TH THE PRICE IS \$175 PER GOLFER  
 (UNTIL SOLD OUT)\***

**DEADLINE  
 EXTENDED**



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

**“ESTABLISH THE  
 WORK OF OUR HANDS”**  
**A WOMEN’S RETREAT**  
 with special retreat leader  
**DR. CAROL McDANIEL**

**Friday, June 6 - Saturday, June 7**  
**at Concordia University in Irvine**

*Event begins with dinner on Friday  
 and ends after dinner on Saturday!*

**RETREAT COST  
 IS \$180**  
**SAVE YOUR SPOT  
 WITH \$20 DEPOSIT!**

Use this QR code to  
**Save your Spot**  
 or  
**Fully Register**  
 or  
 you may see our  
**Women’s Retreat Table**  
 on Sunday morning!



# GLOW BRIGHT! LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

*A Bethany Lutheran Stepping Stones Event*



**KINDERGARTENERS & THEIR PARENT** (OR GRANDPARENT, GODPARENT, OTHER LOVING ADULT) ARE INVITED FOR PIZZA, A DEVOTION, AND GLOW IN THE DARK PLAY FUN!

**When:** Sunday, January 12th from 5:30 - 7 pm

**Where:** Youth Center

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, January 8th

**Questions:** Alissa Brege at [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)

## ROOTED REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Where can our restless hearts find the soul-restoring rest that we so desperately long for? We were made to draw our life from Jesus the way a tree draws its life from the soil and sunshine. As Augustine observed, **“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”** Come join us for 10 weeks of **ROOTED** - sinking roots deeply into the Word, building relationships with fellow believers and growing in the Lord in daily rhythms that nurture our faith.



**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Now through January 29, 2025

**MEETINGS:** Tuesdays, Feb 4 – April 9, 2025 from 6:30—8:30 pm  
*(men’s, women’s and couples’ groups available)*

**GROUP SERVICE PROJECT:** TBA during weeks of March 11-25, 2025

**CLOSING CELEBRATION:** Saturday, April 12, 2025

**BOOKS AND CLOSING CELEBRATION FEE:** \$40 (assistance available)

**REPEAT PARTICIPANTS FEE (reusing prior workbook):** \$20.00



Mary Kay Esswein,  
Scott Andersen,  
Emily Chartier,  
Nola Seaman,  
Phil Lopez

**Your Rooted  
Leadership Team**

## IT'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP TIME!

**Friendship Group meets Wednesday, January 15th at 11:30 am in the Parish Lounge.**

Please bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be available and dessert will be served. Karl will have a devotion and then we will play bingo - a favorite of all! We've successfully made it through 2024 and look forward to God guiding us through 2025.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH!

Join us this Thursday, January 16th in the Parish Lounge from 9:30 - 11 am. We are beginning a new, exciting study on the parables of Jesus. Why did Jesus use parables to teach? What do they mean? You will enjoy delving into the Bible with other wonderful women. Come one, come all. Bring your Bibles.

If you have any questions, please call Meg Velez (562) 426-4262.



## **PRAYER TRAINING WITH PASTOR NADER HANNA**

Inviting YOU to discover new ways to talk to God on behalf of others. It's our hearts desire but hard to find the words to pray, even when we know He hears our cries.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER TRAINING WITH PR. NADER HANNA ON WED, JANUARY 15 AT 6:30-8:30 PM IN THE PARISH LOUNGE.**

Refreshments and refreshing ways to pray for one another!

*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."*  
Romans 8:27-28

- Mary Kay Esswein and Rooted Team



## **BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT AT HANDEL'S ICE CREAM!**

**ADDRESS:** 4201 McGowen St. Long Beach

**WHEN:** January 15th from 12 pm — 10 pm

Up to 20% of total purchase will be donated to Bethany Lutheran Church & School's 8th grade class field trip to Washington DC.



**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 & grown, build one another up & snack on breakfast treats together.

*Mom Co questions!* Contact Alissa Brege at [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org).

## ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. In your family, is there someone who has special needs such as long-term care or support through a disability? Inheritance doesn't have to be "fair". It does show God's grace and mercy. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin figuring this out. Contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at [andrea.hyde@lfnf.org](mailto:andrea.hyde@lfnf.org) or 209-613-2125.**



**Go online to [LBVotes.com](http://LBVotes.com) and vote for your favorites.**

**Vote from December 27 through January 26, 2025.**

**SCAN QR CODE TO VOTE!**



## 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.



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:

