






THE WEEKLY
CHIMES
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TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God:



ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF JILL'S
ENTRANCE IN THE HEAVENLY PARTY WITH HER
SAVIOR JESUS BY HER HUSBAND, SETH MOORMAN.

*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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS WHO WERE
MARRIED 75 YEARS AGO ON FEBRUARY 26TH BY
DEBRA WASSER AND MEG VELEZ.

*May the love of God surround you, offering
comfort, peace, and joy in their memory.*

IN CELEBRATION OF RYAN, MARY, AND JACOB
FINK'S BIRTHDAYS (WITHIN 6 DAYS OF
EACH OTHER!) BY KARL FINK.

*May the light of the Lord shine upon
you and grant you happiness on this
birthday and in the years to come!*



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Pastor Kyle Blake
Lenore Chunko
Pat Demetri
David Gamble
Betty Greene
John Lightle
Phyllis Lee
Vanessa Lee
Marge Lorenz
Tom Mooney
Larry Neasel
Suzanne Reed
Kat Totten



Worshipping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25



IMPORTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE *Updates!*

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

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:

"Lessons of the Day" will be led by a member of the ministry staff at 9:30AM in the Multi-Purpose Room (# 215) located at the top of the south side staircase in Freedom Square.

Women's and Men's studies will be led by congregational members at 10:45AM. Location varies. Please contact the church office for more information.

* The 8 am service will be livestreamed weekly on our YouTube channel.

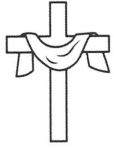


Ash Wednesday Worship Services March 5, 2025

"Savior, when in dust to Thee low we bow the adoring knee; When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes; O, by all Thy pains and woe suffered once for us below, Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!"

With these words the hymnists bids us begin our Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross of Christ, our Savior and Lord. **The journey begins annually on Ash Wednesday.**

- ✦ Bethany will have two Ash Wednesday worship services this year: **1:00PM and 6:30PM.**
- ✦ Our **9:00AM day school chapel service** will also include the Imposition of Ashes.
- ✦ From **10:00-11:00AM** the Sanctuary will be open for meditation, reflection, prayer and private Imposition of Ashes.



MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS:

The Prophet and the palate

In both prophetic utterance and descriptive reflection The Prophet, Isaiah, employs meal metaphors when speaking of the rebellion of the Lord's people and the redemption and deliverance He has worked on their (our) behalf. So that we might again taste and see the goodness of the Lord, this Lent we will gather together, connect over a meal and conversation, and hear the Word of the Lord through the mouth of Isaiah: The Prophet & the palate.

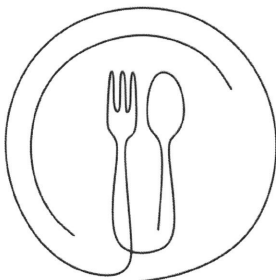
The gym will open at 6pm on Wednesday evenings in Lent. We'll share a light meal, connect with our brothers and sister and then reflect upon a text of Isaiah, sing, pray, discuss and be heading home by 7:30pm.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A MIDWEEK MEAL?

If your small group or rooted group, buddies from Bible study or bunco, your service or ministry team, the group you sing or scout with, the group with which you toss darts or hit balls (golf or pickle) ... you get the picture ... would like to host one Lenten gathering let RevKev and our office administrator Kasey know. (RevKev: kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org / Kasey: kloya@bethanylutheran.org)

Hosting an evening includes picking up the entree, sides and drinks (we have a fund that is covering costs), setting up tables, chairs, table clothes, and food station and then participating in clean up. In good ole Bethany Lutheran fashion we'll count on those attending to help put up tables and chairs for a quick clean up.

THE LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR "THE PROPHET & THE PALATE" IS:



- 3/12** Isaiah 5:1-7
"Good Grapes Planted...bad fruit yielded"
- 3/19** Isaiah 42:10-21
"The False Fast vs Factual Fasting"
- 3/26** Isaiah 25:1-7
"THE Death Eater"
- 4/2** Isaiah 55:1-7
"The Menu: wine, milk and bread"
- 4/9** Isaiah 12:1-6
"Belly Up to the Well of Salvation"

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

at Bethany Lutheran Church

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, April 13th at 8 and 9:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

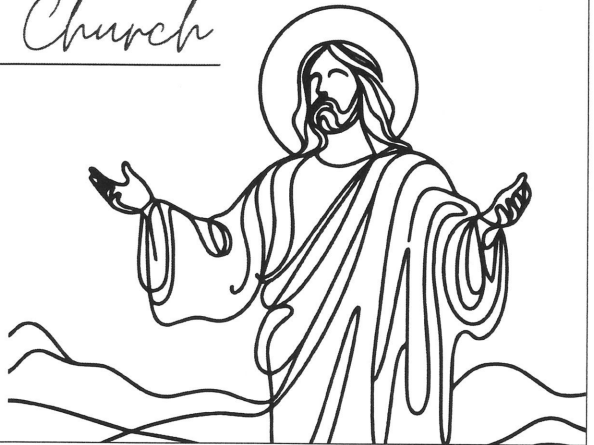
Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

Friday, April 18 at 1 pm OR 6:30 pm

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, April 20th at 8, 9:30, and 11 am



BETHANY LUTHERAN IN CYPRESS,

Holy Cross Campus



The new members of Bethany, who have called Holy Cross their church home for years or even decades, will be worshipping, studying, fellowshiping and serving with us on our main campus during construction. **Welcome them!**

Delta Construction and Keltner Architecture Firm are our partners in construction. The historic pinnacle roof reaching to the heavens, the matching crosses in the chancel and exterior and the beautiful stained glass windows shall remain, the rest of the building is being updated and altered to house our entire ministry on our Cypress site (Holy Cross Campus) "under one roof." Though there will be a wonderful wrap around patio for gathering and connecting under blue skies and stars too.

Escrow is set to close in early February and construction "in full" is set to begin shortly thereafter. Some initial construction items: system designs, interior item removal and demo and the like is already underway.

more exciting updates to come...

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus," 1 Corinthians 1:4.

Over the last several weeks, I have spent time in prayer and deliberation concerning the Call issued me to become the Pastor at The Family of Faith Lutheran Church. I appreciate your patience with me as I took the time to consider and also for your prayers.

After much prayer, deliberation, and discussion with my wife and family, I have decided to decline the call to be the Pastor of The Family of Faith Lutheran Church.

Please know that this was not an easy decision. The Family of Faith seems to be an excellent congregation that is seeking to proclaim the Gospel to everyone in their area, and it also happens to be in my hometown.

I ask that you keep The Family of Faith Lutheran Church in your prayers as they seek to find a Pastor to lead them.

Blessings,

Pastor Kyle Blake



Updates

FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY SERVING IN KENYA

Dear Friends in Christ,

Warm greeting from Kenya! We are writing to personally thank you for your ongoing support over the past year. Britt has continued to work alongside the director of Project 24, helping provide more children with access to education and fostering connections with the Lutheran church here in Kenya. Micah has kept his tour company running, ensuring that short-term missionary teams from around the world arrive safely at their ministry locations in Kenya and Tanzania. Additionally, he has overseen two school building projects in Kibera.

Both Rael and Silas have completed their first term in second grade. Rael remains passionate about swimming, while Silas has taken up motocross and made great progress in soccer.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in our work. We are grateful to have you alongside us as we continue serving.

In His Grip - Britt, Micah, Rael, and Silas



Updates

FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM REV. DR. ARTHUR, DEACONESS EVA, AND THE RICKMAN FAMILY SERVING IN LATIN AMERICA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose love is eternal and whose grace sustains us each and every day! While many of you in the United States are still in the midst of winter, here in Panama we are coming to the end of our summer. We were able to celebrate the last week with one of the most exciting events of summer, before the children return to school in March—Vacation Bible School!

During VBS, the children had the opportunity to hear Bible lessons, play games, make crafts, sing songs, eat together, and make new friends. The little ones sang, laughed, danced, played and most importantly heard the Good News of Jesus who loves them with an everlasting love. Coinciding with Valentine's Day (the day of love and friendship, here in Panama), we had the perfect opportunity to share the greatest love of all with the children in our community—the love of God in Christ Jesus!

Many of these children are very poor and come from unchurched homes in a nearby housing development. What a privilege it is to bring them the hope and peace of Christ. Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts growing the seeds of faith in their lives. Please also join us in giving thanks for all of our church members and volunteers that worked together to make this event possible.

With school resuming in a few weeks, we have also been planning on expanding our outreach to the children in the community. We plan to continue music classes, have been assessing the needs of the children in the area and are working towards incorporating English and technology as well as an afterschool program.

We thank all of you for partnering with us and making it possible for us to share the most important message with those in Latin America!

In Christ -

Arthur and Eva, Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel, Mary Anna, Addy, and Hannah

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 as well as the message you would like printed.

REFER A FRIEND GIVEAWAY

Now through February 28, participants can enter to win one of five \$100 gift cards by sharing their invite link with friends & family. Invitees can enroll and help earn for your organization. Participants will score an additional entry for every person who signs up through their link—the more they refer, the better their chances of winning!

Your personal invite link can be found at the top right of the home page when you open your app. It is the person-shaped icon. There will be a choice to send as either a text message or an email. Please do not share the link on public websites or social media pages. Doing so may expose our Scrip program to fraudulent activity.

To learn more:

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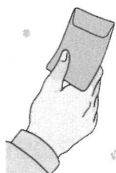


RaiseRight.



WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN

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





Mark your calendars for a night of fun, food, and festivities at the **LCMS Youth Gathering Auction on Saturday, April 5, 2025!**

WHERE: POA Park (behind Long Beach Town Center)

TIME: Check-in starts at 4:00 PM | Auction runs from 5:00–8:00 PM

This year's theme is **Mardi Gras**, celebrating our youth's journey to New Orleans this July! Enjoy the smooth tunes of **The Beach Dixieland Ramblers**, indulge in fresh **made-to-order beignets** and **Southern Creole cooking**, and join us in raising funds for an unforgettable spiritual formation experience for our youth.

TICKETS:

\$20 for adults

\$10 for kids (10 and under)

Tickets go on sale March 2 and close March 23, 2025.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENING OF JOY, COMMUNITY, AND PURPOSE!

DON'T FORGET!
EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS FEB. 24*

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

- **PRICE:** \$150 per golfer
- **WHERE:** Navy Golf Course at
5660 Orangewood Ave, Cypress 90630
- **CHECK-IN BEGINS:** 6:30AM
- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **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 SPAEFF & MARTY PLATT



*** EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON FEB. 24TH.**
ON FEB. 25TH THE PRICE INCREASES TO \$175 PER GOLFER (UNTIL SOLD OUT).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



May 1, 2025 will mark the 74th annual observance of a National Day of Prayer in the United States (occurring each year on the first Thursday of May).

This year, a second country has instituted a National Day of Prayer. On February 12th, the Ukrainian Council voted to establish their NDP on February 24th.

To read The National Day of Prayer Task Force's press release concerning this event please scan the QR code.

God is glorified when we join with others and prayers are multiplied.



Mom Co.

Date: second Tuesdays
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.

Questions? Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



JOIN US FOR COOK'S NIGHT OUT AT WAHOO'S!

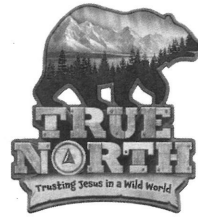
Support our 8th graders going to Washington DC and get a night off from cooking on **Wednesday, February 26th**.

Come out to Wahoo's (4201 McGowen St. #205, Long Beach, CA 90808). Wahoo's will donate 20% of your entire purchase to help support Bethany Lutheran Church & School. Please bring or show flyer at the register. Flyers are available for pickup in the school office or follow the link provided in the Bethany Bullet. (Not receiving the Bullet yet? Scan the QR code on the back page to sign up!)



SAVE THE DATE FOR BETHANY LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JUNE 23-27, 2025

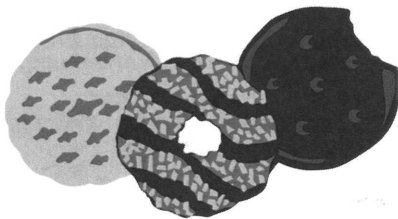


This year, we're taking kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. Get ready for a week of faith, fun, and unforgettable experiences! Stay tuned!

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

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

Get your **Girl Scout Cookies** between services now through **March 9**. There are 9 fantastic flavors to choose from! Thank you for supporting your Bethany Lutheran Girl Scout Troops in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grades!



Join us for Christian Fellowship at Game Day!

Day: Tuesday, March 4th

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Place: Bethany Lutheran's Parish Lounge

**snacks
drinks**

**cards &
board games**

Questions? Contact Cheryl at magicalviewcp@gmail.com.



WITH GOD BY MY SIDE:

A Bethany Lutheran Stepping Stones Event



FIRST GRADERS & THEIR PARENT (OR GRANDPARENT, GODPARENT, OTHER LOVING ADULT) ARE INVITED FOR A PIZZA DINNER & CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN DESSERT WHILE DIVING INTO TOPICS OF FAITH, PRAYER, AND BLESSINGS. WE WILL ENJOY SOME FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES RELATED TO OUR TOPIC.

When: Sunday, February 23rd from 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Youth Center

RSVP: by Wednesday, February 19th

Questions: Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

TAKE ME OUT TO THE ANGELS GAME!

WITH BETHANY LUTHERAN

**SUNDAY, MAY 4TH
1:07 PM GAME TIME
AT ANGEL STADIUM
COST: \$20 PER TICKET
TICKETS ARE LIMITED**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALISSA BREGE AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES

Scan the QR code to learn more about our children and youth ministries and to see a full list of upcoming events!



QUESTIONS?

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE BETHANY BULLET?



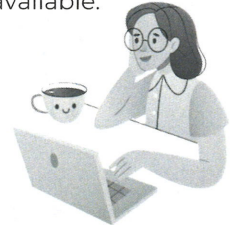
The Bethany Bullet is a weekly capsule of worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you

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 community.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHIMES?

Please submit all articles by **Wednesday** to kloya@bethanylutheran.org to be printed the following Sunday's Chimes. Please note: Articles may be reformatted in order to fit within the space available. Thank you for your understanding.

*Blessings,
 Kasey Loya*



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 8 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

