#### WEEK OF JULY 6 - 12, 2025



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God's Comfort and Peace to

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THE BETHANY

the family and friends of Roger Crabb who went home to his heavenly father on June 27th. His memorial service will be held Friday, July 18th at 11 am at Bethany Lutheran.

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the glory of God

In celebration of 50 years of marriage for Dan and Mary Kay Esswein

- from Krista & Aaron Ophaug, Julia & Cole and Matt & Sarah Esswein, Nora, Juniper, and Evie (and Brianna from the cloud of witnesses in heaven!)

May God bless your marriage today and always!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Julie Cole Kevin Dart David Gamble **Betty Greene** Tony Harman Lynda Kernohan Phyllis Lee Larry Neasel Christy Pierce Mike Pierce Suzanne Reed Kat Totten Eno Uti

# Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

# AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

### **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 taking a break for the summer. Look for it returning sometime in the Fall.

**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.

### **BETHANY CYPRESS CAMPUS (HOLY CROSS)**

**Exciting new updates:** The chancel has been poured, altar, font, lectern are in the works. Patio cover is scheduled for installation this week and AV begins the end of June.



PASTORAL CALL appoincement!



Nominations for the position of Associate Pastor of Connect Ministry transitioning to Senior Pastor are officially open. Please use the QR code or the URL below to submit your nomination (or a paper form can be found in the church office).

### https://bit.ly/pastoralnomform

Please submit your form online or in-person by July 31st.



Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

Sent X Gathered X Connected X Sent



TO OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS!

VBS Administrator:		Admin. Asst.	Elementary Coordinator:	
Kayleigh Lopez		Aimee Coleman	Karl Fink (M & Tu)	
			Timothy O'Connor (Wed-10am)	
Polar Pal Teams:	Polar Pals Sticky Scripture	Red Team	Primary Imagination Station	Tundra Treats
Preschool & Kindergarten	Leader: Alicia Arzaga	Team Leader: Julie Long (M, Tu- 12:15)	Leader: Kellio Playter	Lead: Jeanne Ruiz
Director: Alissa Brege	Asst:Nathan Haro/LilyMarentez		Asst: Robby Hernandez	Helpers:
Closing Circle Leader: AlissaBrege	Guitar/Music: Mr. Frank	Red Crew Leaders	Assl: David Salazar	Jean Moyer
Closing Circle Music: Mr. Frank		Red Crew #1 Adam Vena		Susanne Kane
Tech Asst: Paul Brege		Red Crew #2. Henry Cerulie		Samuel Salazar
Assts Jameson Steele/ Emilee Torres	Polar Pals Craft and Play	Red Crew #3 Abby Rosas	Primary Glacler Games	Noan Wegman
	Leader: Jennifer DeJongh	Red Crew #4: Lukaz Fernandez	Leader: Jarrett Donham	Liam Riordan
	Asst: Karen Haydock Asst:		Asst: Tyler DeJongh	
VBS Kinder (5 yr.olde)	Declan Deveny		Asst: Alex Cuizon	Polar Pals Snack Assistants
Polar Boar Team		Blue Team		Debbie Nelson
Team Leader: Grace DeJongh /	Polar Pais Exploration Station	Team Leader: Philip Lopez		Pam Bessolo
Lisa Porte (M, Tu)	Leader: Ruth Lopez		Sing & Play Peak	Olivia Alvarado
Polar Bear Crew #1: ElizabethNewell	Asst: JamieLong	Blue Crew Leaders	Leader: Kayleigh Lopez	Vivian Wells
Polar Bear Crew #2: Jenna Walleman	Asst: Carolyn Barbian	Blue Crew #1: Julie Bunting	Skit:GraceDeJongh	
Polar Bear Crew #3: Ben Evans		Blue Crew #2: Lily Craft		VBS Office:
Polar Bear Crew #4: Jacob Murdock	Polar Pais Bible Stories	Blue Crew #3: Christian Cortado/ Nick Peralta		Lead: Charlene Mitchell
Helpers - Ezra Anema / Daniel Evans	Leader: Kevin Kritzer (Wed-Carrie Evans)	Blue Crew #4: Elizabeth Albers	Compass Closing	Stacy DeVeny
	Asst:ReenieLong / LukeGorne		Leader: Kayleigh Lopez	Rose Crawford
				Carol Torres
VBS Preschool (4 yr.olds)	Polar Pals Glacier Games	Green Team		
Gritzily Bear Team	Leader: Anna Erdmann	Team Leader: Josh Hicks	Primary Sticky Scripture	Primary Crews-Wild Bible Adventures
Team Leader: Martha Richards	Asst: Christian Haro		Leader: Stefanie Hinrichs	Leader: Shannon Morgensen
Grizzly Bear Crew #1: Hailey Avila	Asst: Jameson Steele	Green Crew Leaders	Assl:EricVega-	Asst: Trevor Torres
Grizzly Bear Crew #2: Mia Gorne	Asst: Elias Gagne	Green Crew #1: Gene McCarthy	(Leaving early for PP sound) Asst: Adam Marentez	()Assl: Adam Marentez
Grizzly Bear Crew #3: Anika Morgensen	Asst. Max Mehr	Green Crew #2: Logan Noble/ Madison Farley		
Grizzly Bear Crew #4: Fiona Khorram		Green Crew #3: Penelope Cleven		Media:
Helpers - Shelby Manzo	Bethany Preschool - Polar Pals	Green Crew #4: Keily Brenner	Primary Melodious Music	Opening/Closing Tech: Seth Moorman
	Lead: Tammy Simpson		Leader: Noah Freeman	Tech: Noah Freeman
			Asst: Hailey Peralta	Tech: Tristan Duerr
VBS Preschool (3 yr.olds)	2/3 yr olds - Ididarods Team	Yellow Team	Asst: Connor Cleven	Spotlight Tech: Paul Brege
Brown Bear Team	CrewLeaders Bethany Preschool Staff	Team Leader: Cindy Stock		
Team Leader: Sarah Belle	Miss Erica D., Miss Kristy, Miss Erika R.		Floaters:	Special Thanks:
Brown Bear Crew #1: EmileeTorres	Miss Tabitha, Miss Alicia	Yellow Crew Leaders	Katie Musick	Kasey Loya, Sofia Erdmann
Brown Bear Crew #2: Katte Darjany	Miss Lauren, Miss Leticia	Yellow Crew #1: Brady Cleven	Carrie Evans	-Everyone who cut, glued & painted
Helpers - Madison Lott	4/5 yr. olds - Huskles Team	Yellow Crew #2: Eli Anema	Maraley Shaetter	things ahead of VBS week
	Crew Leaders: Bethany Preschool Staff	Yellow Crew #3: Kinley Canelaria	Laura Angle	-All who donated materials, money
	Miss Vannessa, Miss Jenn,	Yellow Crew #4: Tracey Mehr		-Everyone litting us in prayer
	Mice Elizabolk			



# 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 INCLUDING:

Online, Text to Give, Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Box, and now Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, and PayPal!



### CALLING ALL TECH SUPPORTERS!

Here's something you may not be thinking about: The broadcast and live-worship -aid tech equipment breaks down, goes obsolete, and needs upgrading. Whether you are an in-person-only congregant, an online-only worshipper, a sermon podcast listener-viewer, or a mix of all of them, you can help our in-person and online worship ministry continue to thrive through the gift of technology. You can give a onetime gift, or even choose to include a regular, recurring offering into the 'tech-



giving fund'! Use the QR code to get to the online-giving site, or call Maraley in the church office for assistance! Thanks for being a Tech-Supporter!

### SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING...

...are you continuing to earn a rebate for tuition or ministry? It is a great time to use gift cards for all of your summer activities - outdoors, sporting goods, movies, travel, eating out, Disney, reading books, streaming & gaming... and don't forget the gas and groceries you will need all summer long! Stop by the Scrip table on a Sunday morning between services or the school office (summer hours / M-F / 9am - 3pm). However, the easiest way to make an impact is to download the RaiseRight app and earn right from your phone with eGift cards and reloadable cards. Scan the QR code at the Scrip table and get started today!



### TO LEARN MORE:

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

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Community Connections Acts 2:44

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS Hiring!

### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



Bethany Lutheran Church and School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of Finance and Operations. This position will oversee the financial and human resources responsibilities of our organization for both the church and the school, along with overseeing some of our operational functions. This is a full-time benefitted position with an anticipated start date in late Spring 2025.

A full job description is available here:

https://bit.ly/BethanyDPO. If you are interested in this position please submit your name, email address, and a brief summary of your qualifications to jobs@bethanylutheran.org.



Alissa at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

CREATIVE CRAFTER'S retreat!

### JULY 18 - 19

If you are a sewer, quilter, knitter, crossstitcher, crocheter, scrapbooker, jeweler, painter, woodworker, or all-around crafter and you would love to have some uninterrupted time to finish a project or start something new...this is for you!

We will gather in the Parish Lounge of Friday and craft the day away starting at 10 am. Stay as long as you want but the lights will be on until 10 pm. We will return on Saturday morning from 8 am - 6 pm.

> RSVP : Cindy Morlok 562-972-2747 cindylula@twc.com

> > Anita Armbrust 310-259-4766 dogbigredbear@yahoo.com

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Are you an outdoor enthusiast looking for a group of friendly Lutherans to go camping with? Perfect! We are interested in putting together a Bethany camping group and if you would like to hear more and ioin in on the fun, please contact Phil Lopez or the office. The first church scheduled camping trip would be Bonelli RV Park in San Dimas - August 1-3, 2025.

## Congratulations TO OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS!

The Music Ministry of Bethany Lutheran announces Trinity Alwood & Anika Morgensen as this year's Music Ministry Grant Award recipients. Trinity will be a starting her K-12 Vocal and Choral Music Education student teaching this fall. Bethany has been blessed by her musical gifts in worship services on piano and vocals. She is also one of Bethany Music Academy's much-loved piano instructors. Anika will be entering her sophomore year at Millikan High School. She is a member of the Millikan Chamber Orchestra (violin), sings soprano in our Bethany Choir, and plays violin in Bethany's VBS band. God has filled Trinity and Anika with His good gifts of music; we are blessed to watch Him at work in each of them.

## BETHANY LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW of pervi-

A men's retreat is being planned for the weekend of October 3 - 5 at Luther Glen Retreat Center in Oak Glen. This is a wonderful facility that we have used before. The cost for this is \$275 which includes 2 nights and 5 meals. Bedding and towels are provided for our stay. Retreat starts with dinner on Friday and concludes with Worship on Sunday morning. Theme and program being planned. Should you only be able to join us for the day Saturday, cost is \$150 for the full day and 3 meals.

Last day to register is Sunday, September 21st at midnight.





QUESTIONS? Contact Karl Fink -<u>kfink@bethanylutheran.org</u> 562.421.4711. ext 19.

