

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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PRAYER CHAIN NEWS!

For several decades the Kramers, Reva and Rona, have faithfully facilitated Bethany's prayer chain. We join Jesus in saying, "well done good and faithful servants" as they have officially "retired" from this service



**PRAYER REQUESTS SHOULD NOW BE SENT
TO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:**

KFINK@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG AND
KKRITZER@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

If you, desiring to offer up petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings, are a recipient of Bethany's prayer request emails you'll now be receiving them from Bethany Lutheran at noreply@simplechurchcrm.com. And if you are not currently a recipient but would like to sign up please send your request to Kasey Loya at kloya@bethanylutheran.org. Please note that prayer requests will now only be sent out Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

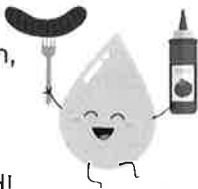
Jacob Bazz
 Nora Borg-Breen
 Kevin Dart
 David Gamble
 Betty Greene
 Lynda Kernohan
 Myrna Koenigsdorf
 Phyllis Lee
 Gary McDaniel
 Tony Mitchell
 Larry Neasel
 Christy Pierce
 Mike Pierce
 Suzanne Reed
 Joyce Rose
 Mike Schliebe
 Kat Totten
 Eno Uti



JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S 9:30
SERVICE FOR

BBQ & WATER PLAY DAY

Meet us for
an after-
noon of fun,
a BBQ
lunch, and
water play
on the field!



GRIEFSHARE STARTS TODAY!

DATES Sundays, starting today
TIME 12:30 - 2:30 pm
PLACE Conference Room
LEADER Karl Fink

Griefshare is a 13 week video based series where we watch and discuss as people feel comfortable. If you have questions or concerns, contact Karl Fink at (562) 421-4711 x19 or by email at kfink@bethanylutheran.org.

Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 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.



UNDER GRACE...

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM

Potty-trained 3 year olds through 2nd graders will start on **Sunday, September 14th** during 9:30 am worship. They will meet every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month. The kids will leave the worship area after the children's message with the kids' ministry team in the narthex (or lobby area in the back of the church) and should be picked up from the Parish Lounge (the glass double doors across the courtyard) at the conclusion of the service.

We are adding a new element for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders starting **Sunday, October 5th** during the 9:30 am service. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, they will also leave following the children's message with our kids' ministry team but will come back to Friendship Square to rejoin their families during fellowship, when worship concludes.

Parents, please fill out the yearlong permission form using the QR code in order for your child to come to any children's ministry program.



Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

Introducing: SERVANT LEADER TEAM: FACILITIES

WHAT IS SLT: FACILITIES?

This team cares for the properties of the congregation as a sacred, legal, and equitable trust; takes all necessary actions to ensure that the properties are properly maintained, function as intended, and kept in good appearance at all times.



POSTIONS
AVAILABLE +
NO TERM
LIMITS



VOLUNTEER
BASED / NOT
ELECTED

2-4

YEARLY TEAM
MEETINGS

CHAIR &
CO-CHAIR:

APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Gathered Connected Sent

option 1 ON-CALL VOLUNTEER

RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteers can opt to be "on-call" for all property care and maintenance issues such as:

- building repairs
- emergency maintenance
- safety inspections
- HVAC up-keep
- alarm testing
- landscaping
- leaks and other roofing issues
- classroom / office up-keep and repairs
- set-up / clean-up for events

option 2 SPECIFIC ROLE & SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEER

RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteers can also opt for specific roles such as:

- landscaping
- irrigation
- cleaning
- electrical
- plumbing
- painting
- carpentry

Or special/annual events such as:

- decorating / un-decorating during holidays
- set-up / clean-up for Okto-bear-fest

interested?

If you'd like to use your gifts and talents to join the SLT: Facilities team, please use the QR code or contact the church office for a form.



Please note: Most recent members of the Trustees or any group operating under their direction that are already serving do not need to fill out a form.

Giving Proportionately

Luke 21:1-4

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 Maralee 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!**



RAISE DAYS GOING ON NOW!

Raise Days is back, and it's BIG. Earn up to 23% with 125+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. It's the perfect time to stock up for fall, get a jump start on holiday shopping, or just make the most of your household budget.

Things to know:

- Limited time bonuses, now - Sept. 15 only
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- An online account is necessary to participate



TO LEARN MORE:

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



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

- **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.

Community Connections Acts 2:44

THE WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEEK!

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume September 18 from 9:30 - 11 am in the Parish Lounge! We will be studying the attributes of God using the book, "The Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer. You will learn and be inspired to think rightly about God. So, bring your Bible and "The Knowledge of the Holy," which can be ordered from Amazon or your favorite online store. Feel free to invite your friends who want to learn more about our majestic God. Contact Meg Velez at (562) 426-4262 for more information.

See you there!

IT'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP TIME!

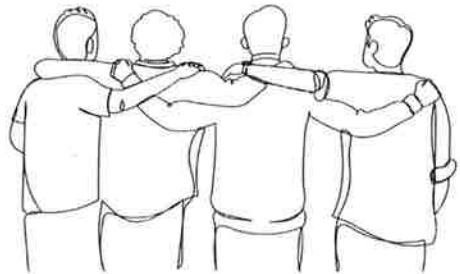
Friendship Group meets Wednesday, September 17 at 11:30 am in the Parish Lounge.

We will be having pizza for lunch and coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided as well! Karl Fink will be sharing a devotion and then we will play bingo. We have new boards that are much easier to read! Don't miss this afternoon of fun and fellowship. See you there!



BETHANY LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW

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. ***This year's theme is: If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat.*** 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 -
kfink@bethanylutheran.org
 562.421.4711, ext 19.



BEER

MUSIC

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

ORDER OF EVENTS

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

4 - 5 PM

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! ADMISSION IS 1 BAG OF CANDY + 1 CANNED FOOD ITEM.

**FOOD IS
SERVED**

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

**OKTO-
FEST**

4 - 7 PM

THE FUN CONTINUES UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST: LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND PLENTY OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**SCAN TO REGISTER
AND ORDER FOOD +
DRINKS BY OCT. 21**



new WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR THE FALL!

SARAH K. HOWLEY

JAMES

KNOW GOD'S WISDOM

A 9-Session Bible Study

Seeing the Old
Testament in
the Epistles

JAMES: KNOW GOD'S WISDOM

Starts September 14, 2025

Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in the library

Bible Study Led by Sheri Esswein

Questions? Contact Sheri at (657) 456-3225

Book available for purchase on Amazon.

Do you want to have more than just good intentions? Do you long for a faith that's anchored in truth—and lived with integrity? Through this study, you'll discover how God's wisdom:

- Aligns your faith and actions with grace and purpose
- Transforms how you speak and relate to others
- Equips you to make sound, Spirit-led decisions
- Frees you to walk confidently everyday
- Invites you to break free from false attachments like wealth or status

new MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR THE FALL!

NEW MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY!

Starts Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Meets 6 - 8 pm at Scott Andersen's home

Bible Study Led by Pastor John Alwood

Questions? Contact Scott at (562) 508-6146

You are invited to an 8 week study on the Old Testament lead by John Alwood, Bethany's first ever Lutheran Church planter. The study will start with a potluck from 6-6:30 pm with the bible study to follow. We all know the epic story of Jesus, but how does the Old Testament tie in? How do we fit in? Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RE-STARTS!

Starts Sunday, September 14, 2025

Meets 10:45 am in the Parish Lounge

Led by Bob Lange & David Akins

Questions? Bob at boblange@ca.rr.com

Continuing with "Heroes of Faith"



SOCAL CONNECTS: a SoCal LLL District mission gathering

Join the So California LLL District mission gathering to learn how to *CONNECT* with people to share Jesus. Highlights include: guest speaker Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, blitz ministry sessions, mission speed dating, mission projects, meet mission-minded people, and be encouraged by our collective service in SoCal.



WHEN Saturday, October 11, 2025

CHECK IN 8:30 AM | **START** 9:00 AM | **COMMISSIONING** 1:50 PM

WHERE St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA

Cost: Free! (Donations accepted for lunch, float decorating, and LHM)

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!



A SEASONAL JOB *with eternal purpose*

Work with Operation Christmas Child to process gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name. Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings — from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons of shoeboxes or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



- Seasonal Employment (mid-November through mid-December) at the Operation Christmas Child facility in Fullerton, CA
- 40+ hours per week, Monday – Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off)
- Hourly pay rate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers
- The joy of being part of a community of believers whose efforts are making a difference around the world

**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:

