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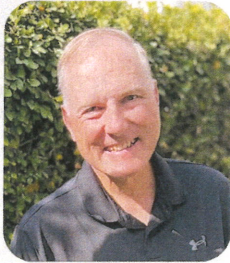
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Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

TIME 10:45 am - 12 pm

ROOMS # 215 & Library

LEAD BY Mary Kay Esswein (215)
Sheri Esswein (Library)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TIME 10:45 am - 12 pm

ROOMS Parish Lounge

LEAD BY Bob Lange & David Akins



UNDER GRACE...

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

Potty-trained 3 year-olds through 2nd graders have the opportunity to take part in Under Grace during 9:30 am worship on 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.



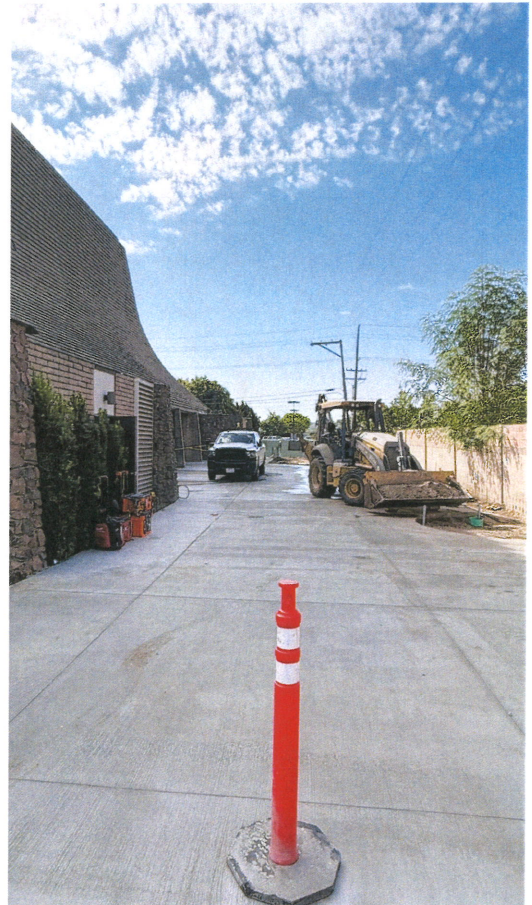
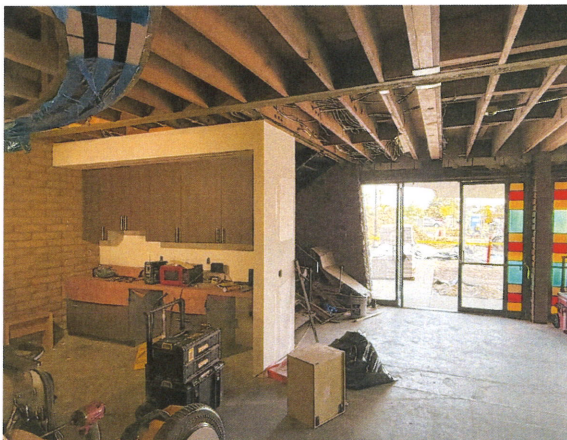
Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org



BETHANY CYPRESS CAMPUS NEWS (HOLY CROSS)

Bethany Cypress Campus is still under construction, but it's starting to take shape! Our planning and preparation for new ministry and outreach opportunities from a Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study, Midweek evening worship, frequent community engaging concerts and Rooted is taking shape too.

Stay tuned for more updates!



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.



**POSITIONS
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.



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH *in Action!*

At Christian Outreach in Action (COA), we are committed to providing essential support to our community members in need. Every day, we offer services such as hot meals, groceries, clothing, and more to ensure that individuals and families in Long Beach can meet their basic needs and thrive. But we can't do it alone—we need you to help us make a lasting impact.

This year, Bethany will be collecting non-perishable food items on Reformation Sunday and at Okto-BEAR-fest for COA's Thanksgiving baskets!

Planning to attend Okto-bear-fest or Trunk or Treat? Christian Outreach in Action is requesting the following items: Canned vegetables/yams, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy (packets), canned cranberry sauce, flour, cooking oil, tortillas, boxed baking items, sugar, energy/nutrition bars, pop-tarts, snack fruits, meat sticks/jerky, and wrapped cracker packets.



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

God is so amazing. Last year we packed over **10.5 million shoeboxes** and each shoebox can impact around 10 people for Jesus. We can't accomplish this without the help of our seasonal associates! If you have packed a shoebox, volunteered in our processing center, worked on our seasonal teams, or prayed for the children who will receive the gospel opportunities... Thank you!!!



Updates

FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM THE RICKMAN FAMILY SERVING IN LATIN AMERICA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation. -Daniel 4:3

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who remains faithful from generation to generation. This year for our missionary conference, we were blessed to have the opportunity to gather together with our colleagues serving throughout Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) along with some of the former missionaries of LAC. Thanks to a wonderful display by Concordia Historical Institute and presentations by Dr. Rast and some current and former missionaries, we were able to learn more about the history of LCMS mission work in Latin America and celebrate 125 years of God's faithfulness as we reflected on the theme "Remember, Repent, Rejoice!" This past year, we were tasked with writing a history of the work in Panama, and Arthur had the opportunity to present it during the LAC leadership meetings prior to the conference. As current missionaries it is inspiring to hear stories of both the joys and challenges our predecessors faced and realize that we are not alone in our own joys and challenges as we continue to serve. Together, we can all rejoice in God's faithfulness "from generation to generation."

After the conference, we have been consumed with preparations for the new academic year. There is a new cohort of ladies beginning their studies to serve as deaconesses in ten countries throughout the region. While the trimester does not officially begin until next week, the last two weeks have been especially busy with orientations for the ladies and working on enrolling all the ladies in their classes using Canvas, an online platform, we are implementing for the first time with this new cycle of students. Arthur has been instrumental in launching this platform and the seminary is hoping to integrate its use into the other seminary programs as well. Additionally, last Saturday we began our first intensive class with the ladies here in Panama and will be finishing the remaining units of this course on Saturday Sept 20th. Please pray for all the deaconess and seminarians beginning a new academic year.

Rickman Family Update: One of the highlights of the conference was showing our children the campus of Concordia Seminary where we attended 20 years ago! History is one of their favorite subjects, so they enjoyed the presentations, hearing about the beginnings of LCMS mission work in Brazil and visiting Altenburg, MO, where some of the early German Lutherans settled in America. While, as missionaries, we still face some challenges with reliable mail and experience occasional outages with electricity, internet and water, it is nothing compared to the challenges experienced by those first missionaries in Brazil who had to ride days on horseback to reach their congregations!

*In Christ - Arthur and Eva, Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel,
Mary Anna, Addy, and Hannah*



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CHILDCARE POSITION OPENING

Do you love kids and love Jesus? We may have just the position for you!

We are seeking a childcare provider to serve the youngest of our Bethany family during our 8 & 9:30 am Sunday morning worship services.

Our nursery team serves in groups of two on Sunday mornings, welcoming our infants and preschoolers to the nursery and engages the kids in age-appropriate play & stories, sharing Jesus, while the service is livestreamed for everyone in the nursery to worship.

The hours are 7:45-10:45 am, approximately two Sunday mornings a month. Candidates must be 18 years old and satisfactorily complete the employment processes. **Please contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org for more info or to apply.**



YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We are once again interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday worship services (8 & 9:30 am)! Training is available to first-time acolytes. Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up on the google doc.

Questions? Please contact Karl Fink at
kfink@bethanylutheran.org.

To volunteer: **bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer**

SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

This is a great way to interact with church members, hang out with other youth, and earn funds in your Youth Ministry Account to be used towards any Youth Ministry event.

Questions? Please contact Aimee Coleman
at **acoleman@bethanylutheran.org**.

To volunteer: **bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts**

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!**



NEW RAISERIGHT BRANDS!

Crumbl: Honor your sweet tooth and earn 7% with new brand Crumbl. Shop eGift cards in \$5-\$500 amounts and physical gift cards in \$10 and \$25 amounts, then dive into fresh-from-the-oven cookies.

GNC: Earn 5.5% on performance, wellness, and diet solutions for every goal. Shop new GNC eGift cards, available in \$5-\$500 amounts, then shop vitamins, supplements, sports nutrition and energy products, and more.

Atlantis: Experience a lush, oceanside resort at Paradise Island in The Bahamas, plus earn 6% from Atlantis. Shop new eGift cards in \$5-\$2,000 amounts, then book the discovery of a lifetime.

Brand updates:

Roblox gift cards are now available as \$10 and \$25 physical gift cards with 6% earnings, in addition to their current offering of \$10-\$200 eGift cards.

Effective immediately, **Bath & Body Works** gift cards are no longer reloadable. Physical gift cards and eGift cards are still available for purchase and any funds added to your current gift cards will continue to work until the funds are gone.



TO LEARN MORE:

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Community Connections: Acts 2:44

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Opportunity



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 6-6:30PM 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!

Questions? Contact Scott Andersen at 562-508-6146.



Mom Co.

Date: second Tuesdays

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: LBX

A time for moms to connect with one another, have a time of devotion, learn & grown, build one another up & enjoy lunch together!

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



2026 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT

Building off the 2026 Tournament of Roses theme, *The Magic in Teamwork*, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee proudly presents its *Bringing Christ to the Nations* float. The float features a "Team Jesus" blimp flying over the world. Coming forth from the church, Jesus celebrates with 12 modern-day disciples, as it features the message ALL WELCOME. Riding on the float this year is a small representation of vocations Christ has called us for the building of His Church and furtherance of the Gospel message: a teacher, a missionary, a pastor, etc. Want to secure your spot to be a Petal Pusher? Use the QR code to volunteer today!



SATURDAY DECORATING

DAYS December 6, 13, 20

TIMES 8 am - 4 pm / 4 pm - 8 pm



DECORATION WEEK

DAYS December 26 - 31

TIMES 8 am - 4 pm / 4 pm - 11 pm



JOIN US
OCTOBER 26TH
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN

MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY: LADYHOSEN

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

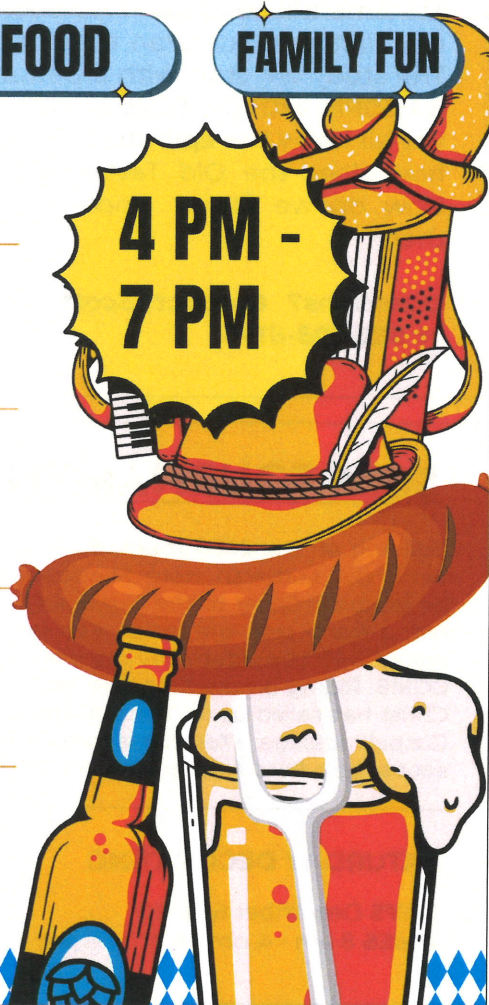
MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

**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**



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!

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GRANTPARENT PROGRAM?

The Grantparent Program is a School Ministries mission project of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The purpose of the Grantparent Program is to provide tuition assistance to students in urban communities so that they can receive an excellent Christian and academic education.

Many children living in urban communities need to hear the Good News of Jesus in a safe, nurturing environment, but they can't afford tuition to attend a Lutheran school.

That's where the Grantparent comes in!

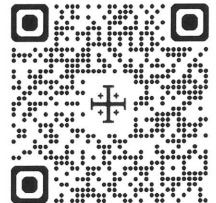
Your tax deductible charitable donations enable children to attend a Lutheran school in an urban community and receive that excellent Christian and academic education! You can sponsor a student by making a donation of ANY amount! In the 23 years of the Grantparent Mission Project, 1,125 students have been recipients of tuition assistance in urban LCMS school in the Pacific Southwest District.

Words from those who have benefited from the Grantparent Mission Project of LCMS-Pacific Southwest District

"Going to this (Lutheran) high school has given me the Christian environment along with a great education. In the last couple of months, my family has struggled to pay for school. Knowing that people care about my education is something I could never thank you enough for. You have been a true blessing of God that will stay with me forever." -High school Grantparent student

"You have shown me how God is faithful and provides for me and my daughter. Thank you for helping me obtain a Christian education for her. I honestly could not have done this without your help." -Parent of a Grantparent student

For more information please contact anna.preus@psdlcms.org





DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE BETHANY BROADCAST™ DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX?

The Chimes and Bullet now officially share one name: The Bethany Broadcast™. While you may continue to pick up a copy of the print edition as you leave worship each week, an expanded e-edition is also available! This weekly capsule includes 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 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.



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES AND TO SEE A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS!



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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:

