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BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS

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54TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

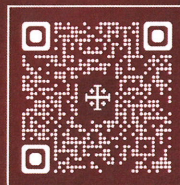
FEATURING THE CHOIRS & ENSEMBLES OF
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 3:00PM & 7:00PM

4644 CLARK AVE. LONG BEACH, CA

THIS IS A FREE TICKETED EVENT. SEATING IS
AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

TO RESERVE TICKETS AND GET MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY,
SCAN THE QR CODE.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Susan Ansorge
Jacob Bazz
Nora Borg-Breen
Kevin Dart
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Lynda Kernohan
Myrna Koenigsdorf
Phyllis Lee
Gary McDaniel
Flory Melendez
Keren Raquel-
Melendez
Larry Neasel
Christy Pierce
Mike Pierce
Suzanne Reed
Elias Rodas
Mary Rosas
Joyce Rose
Joel Melendez-
Sarceno
Mike Schliebe
Kat Totten
Eno Uti

Worshiping 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

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TIME 10:45 am - 12 pm

ROOM Parish Lounge

LED 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 have also added a new element for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders 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



WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAYS - DECEMBER 3, 10 & 17 AT 9 AM

The Watch: Midweek Morning Advent Worship

You are invited to join the students of Bethany Lutheran School this Advent season in the sanctuary at 9 am. The Watch will reveal the gifts of God's daily presence, abundant provision, and miraculous incarnation; and at the same time it calls us to embrace the Advent practices of attentiveness, carefulness, and timeliness this season.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 PM

Advent Worship - Devotions in Hymnody

Join Director of Music Ministry & Worship Arts, Noah Freeman for a night of singing popular Advent & Christmas hymns accompanied by Scriptures, personal reflections, and devotions that correspond with each one. Come be refreshed and renewed by Word and song as we wait for the King's coming.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM

Advent Worship

Enter a quiet, reflective space this Advent season. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and meditative music, we'll prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us as we wait in hope, rest in stillness, and rediscover the deep peace and promise of Christmas in this contemplative evening of worship.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 7 PM

A Cozy Christmas with Tanner Olson & Blake Flattley

Join poet Tanner Olson and songwriter Blake Flattley for A Cozy Christmas - an evening of storytelling, poetry, and music to warm your heart this holiday season. Gather with friends, sip something festive, and celebrate hope, joy, and wonder through the words and songs that capture the true spirit of Christmas.



ADVENT WORSHIP

at Bethany Lutheran Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 9 AM & 6:30 PM

————— *A Christmas Program: The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*

Come join us to watch Bethany Lutheran's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students' performance of "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd." Clever and touching songs are woven together with entertaining dialog and a plot with surprise twists...with a beautiful conclusion which really brings the heart of the Christmas story to the center.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

"IT SHALL COME TO PASS" There are 16 Prophetic Books in the Old Testament named after the prophet who authored them. There are a couple dozen other prophets spoken about throughout the Old Testament. Yet, when someone says, "the Prophet," they are undoubtedly speaking about Isaiah. The prophet Isaiah proclaims the Peace, Paradise, and the Presence of God shall come to pass in His Advent.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM —————

Isaiah 2:1-5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM —————

Isaiah 11:1-10

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 9:30 AM ONLY

We will have a single Advent service at 9:30 am, a time of reflection and anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and song, we'll rest in God's presence and embrace the hope, peace, joy, and the love of the season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 3 & 7 PM

————— *54th Annual Christmas Concert - "O Holy Night"*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM —————

Isaiah 7:7-10

Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10



Operation Christmas Child:

SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE!

We once again have the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them to children around the world through churches and other ministry partners in over 100 countries. These local believers tell boys and girls about Jesus Christ - God's Greatest Gift. Our Bethany students will be packing shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 12. We could use pencil pouches, crayons, small calculators, hair brushes, fun adhesive bandages, and quality toys like hot wheels, magna-tiles, dolls, and harmonicas. Items can be placed in the OCC box in the church office entryway. If you prefer, you can donate funds to cover the \$10 cost of shipping each box. Please drop off cash or checks (payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with OCC written on the memo line) to the church office. *Questions? Contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez, or Aleina Aiello.*

Samaritan's Purse IS HIRING!



Samaritan's Purse is currently seeking strong Christian men and women to join our team for a special, four-week project with Operation Christmas Child. We've already filled over 130 positions but are still looking for **30-40 more individuals** to assist with warehouse operations, specifically in heavy lifting roles. We're reaching out to local churches across the Southern California area to see if any members of your congregation might be interested in serving with us this season.

ABOUT THE ROLE

We're looking for candidates who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, align with the mission of Samaritan's Purse, and thrive in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. Flexibility, a strong work ethic, and a heart to serve are essential because every box processed helps share the Gospel with children around the world.

POSITION DETAILS

- Seasonal Employment: November 24 – December 20 at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Fullerton, CA
- Schedule: 40+ hours per week, Monday – Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off)
- Pay: \$20 per hour





Updates

FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY SERVING IN KENYA

Leaders From Within

At the end of August, students from the *Beyond 24* program—an extension of *Project 24*—came together for their annual conference. During this special event, they participated in group sessions that deepened their understanding of the Lutheran faith and equipped them to share it with others. Now numbering over 300 students from high school through university, *Beyond 24* continues to nurture young people as they make important life choices and learn to cling to their faith through life's challenges. We are deeply grateful for our U.S. sponsors whose generous support makes this program possible each year. From this growing community, student leaders have emerged and created a communication network to stay connected across their campuses. One such student, who has been part of *Project 24* for ten years, recently completed her diploma in Social Work and Human Development. She now serves as an intern for our Lutheran partner church in Kenya under the guidance of a deaconess, meeting with children at two Lutheran schools in Nairobi and visiting families in need. Her story is just one example of how *Project 24* continues to shape young lives—raising faithful leaders who share the love of God and serve others just as they were once supported.

Back in Time

Earlier this month, our family, along with the Africa Regional missionaries, had the opportunity to visit Wittenberg, Germany, a significant place in our Lutheran history. It was here, in 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church, sparking the Reformation and forever changing the course of the Christian church. During the visit, we toured the Castle Church, the city church and the Cranach-Höfe. These historic sites serve as a reminder of the courage and conviction that stood behind Luther's proclamation of *grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone*. The experience was both educational and deeply meaningful, offering a renewed appreciation for our Lutheran heritage and the lasting impact of the Reformation. As we continue our ministry today, we are reminded that the same Gospel truth that inspired Luther still calls us to share Christ's love and Word with the world.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving".

Colossians 2: 6-7

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

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!**



THE HOLIDAY EARNINGS CHALLENGE!

The RaiseRight Holiday Earnings Challenge is on now through December 26, 2025. Participants who complete all reward qualifications by December 26 will earn a \$10 eGift card. This will also qualify you for entry in the **Grand Prize drawing - a \$500 gift card of your choice!** Five winners will be randomly selected.

TO QUALIFY

1. Sign up to download the “Your Path to \$1000 earnings” PDF by using the QR code.
2. Earn a minimum of \$100 between October 25 and December 26, 2025. Earnings may come from:
 - Purchasing gift cards (physical, eCards, reloads)
 - Shopping online through RaiseRight and completing eligible purchases on brand websites
 - Dining locally at participating locations using a linked debit or credit card
 - Booking hotels, car rentals, or attractions through RaiseRight’s travel booking site



TO LEARN MORE:

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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 recognition.

- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION**

This type of donation comes with a special message printed in the Weekly Broadcast and Sunday Bulletin.* **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.

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 one-time 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 Maralee in the church office for assistance! Thanks for being a Tech-Supporter!



Community Connections Acts 2:44

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? Scan the QR code!



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

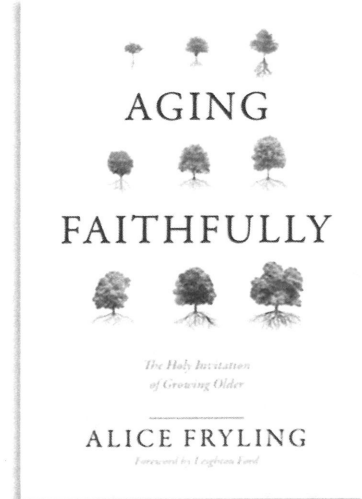
new WOMEN'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

AGING FAITHFULLY: THE HOLY INVITATION OF GROWING OLDER

BY: ALICE FRYLING

Starts Sunday, November 16th
Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in Room 215
Bible Study Led by Mary Kay Esswein
Questions? Contact office at (562) 421-4711 x12
*** Book available on Amazon.**

Would you like to grow as you age? If we listen to God in this vulnerable season, He will renew us from within. Join us to discover the secret of aging with grace and joy - no age limit!



CREATIVE CRAFTER'S *retreat!*

NOVEMBER 21-22

If you are a sewer, quilter, knitter, cross-stitcher, 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

ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. When you read a will or trust, you read carefully crafted words by attorneys who look to direct legal and financial affairs in accordance with the law of your state. But is there more to your Christian estate plan than simple direction of assets? Do you wish to provide opportunity for others, family members and those touched by ministry, to know Jesus. These things can be addressed as well in your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help Contact Andrea Hyde, Gift Planning Specialist, at 209-613-2125.



BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES Pie, Play & Pray

November 16, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Meet on the playground & activities will take place on the field at Bethany Lutheran.

This is a free event.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 12th, so that we have enough pie & supplies.

DCE Fieldworker, Kaley Ross will be leading us through our devotion time and family activity.

Questions? Please direct them to

Alicia Bregger abrege@bethanylutheran.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.

SCAN ME



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ROOTED

A 10-Week Spiritual Formation Experience


**SAVE THE DATE FOR
ROOTED 2026!**

DAY + TIME Tuesdays
from 6:30-8:30 PM


DATES February 3 - April
7, 2026 (10 weeks)

LOCATION Bethany Lu-
theran Church, Cypress
Campus


*Registration starting
soon!*




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Mendocino Farms

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
2 pm - 9 pm

Please bring a flyer for dine-in or take-out. Use code - GIVEBACK for pick-up or delivery orders. 30% of the purchase goes to support our 8th graders as they raise money for the Washington DC & NYC trip.



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**THE SCHOOLS OF
BETHANY
LUTHERAN**
CULTIVATING CHRISTIAN CHARACTERS

WHAT DO WASHINGTON DC & CHRISTMAS WREATHS HAVE IN COMMON?

The annual wreath sales to raise funds for the 8th grade DC trip is HERE! There are many opportunities to place your order and every wreath sold supports our 8th graders as they travel to Washington DC in May! Wreaths are hand-crafted from sustainably harvested evergreens...trees are not cut down, and old-growth materials are never used.

On their trip this Spring, these students will have the opportunity to see the places they have been studying all year long. With stops in Mount Vernon, Monticello, Washington DC, Gettysburg, and New York, this trip will be one to remember! Questions? Please contact Dr. Fink at mfink@bethanylutheran.org. **Last day to place your order is Sunday, November 9th by midnight.**



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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET!

WHERE 6500 Stearns St. Long Beach

WHEN Saturday, December 6th
10 am - 2 pm

*Unique Gifts • Fair Trade • Festive Food •
Clothing • Crafts • Kids' Activities*

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 9:30 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

