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BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC
PRESENTS

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Night

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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



ADVENT WORSHIP

at Bethany Lutheran Church

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

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 reincarnation; 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.

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.

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

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10



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!**



RAISE DAYS & HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Did you know that purchasing physical gift cards from our Scrip program RaiseRight is safer than buying them in the store? We've all seen those big gift card walls in stores. Scammers have figured out how to tamper with these cards by physically manipulating gift cards on store display racks before they are purchased. They then wait for an unsuspecting customer to buy and activate them, at which point they can quickly drain the funds.

So, buy your gift cards here at Bethany! You can purchase them in the school office Monday - Friday from 9 - 4 and between the 8 and 9:30 church services on Sundays. Some cards are kept on-hand, but there are hundreds of cards you can choose from on RaiseRight. Order early to make sure you get your cards in plenty of time for Christmas. And don't forget to shop with gift cards as well!

Raise Days begin this week! November 13 - 14 & 20 - 21. Earn up to 23% with 175+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. You need an online account 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 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

BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES

Pie, Play & Pray



TODAY'S THE DAY!

JOIN US ON THE PLAYGROUND AFTER THE 9:30 AM
SERVICE FOR THIS FREE FAMILY EVENT!

(Activities will take place on the field.)

DCE FIELDWORKER, KALEY ROSS,
WILL BE LEADING US THROUGH OUR
DEVOTION TIME AND FAMILY
ACTIVITY.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO ALISSA
BREGE- ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG



BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES

A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

DECEMBER 5, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN
IN THE GYM



COME IN YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS JAMMIES FOR A
FESTIVE EVENING OF PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS.
CLAUS, CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING, ORNAMENT
MAKING, HOT COCOA SIPPING, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS,
AND A DEVOTION TIME TO FOCUS ON THE TRUE
MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND CLOSSES ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT MIDNIGHT.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALISSA BREGE
AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG



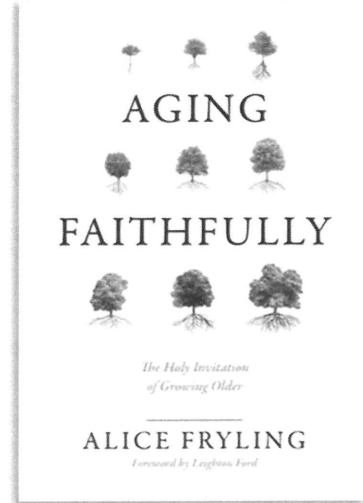
new WOMEN'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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.

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!

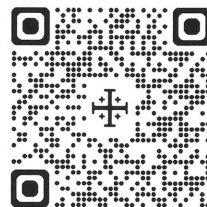
Your tax deductible charitable donations enable children to attend a Lutheran school in an urban community and receive that excellent Christian and academic education! You can sponsor a student by making a donation of ANY amount! In the 23 years of the Grantparent Mission Project, 1,125 students have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




FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETS THIS WEEK!

NOVEMBER 19 • 11:30 AM • PARISH LOUNGE

We are collecting new unwrapped toys for LSS toy donations and gift cards for the teens. (LSS suggests \$25 but whatever you can is much appreciated.) Turkey sandwiches and pumpkin pie will be served along with coffee and tea so no need to bring your lunch! Karl will have a devotion and prayer then we will play a fun round of bingo. Don't miss out as we honor our veterans and grateful hearts to God for all our blessings!

See you there!

Join us for



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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COMMUNITY STARTS HERE

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**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | 4-8PM
5310 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA, 90712

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **LFMGECQ**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



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.



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:

