

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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GI[♥]ING TUESDAY IS DECEMBER 2ND!

Help refresh our youth room! Our youth ministry has been growing in numbers, ages, and the many ways we gather! From movie nights and lunch Bible studies to Confirmation, Stepping Stones, First Bible classes, Communion Camp, and lock-ins, the Youth Room has truly become a central hub of faith and fellowship.

Over the years, our furniture has served us well, but it's beginning to show its wear. This Giving Tuesday, we're inviting you to partner with us in refreshing the space! Your donation will help us purchase new furniture that is sturdy, functional, and welcoming; a space where our youth can continue to grow in faith and community for years to come.

Every gift, big or small, makes a difference in helping us create a space that reflects the energy, joy, and love of the youth of Bethany.

Give today and help us build a space where faith & friendship thrive!



DAYS UNTIL
GI[♥]ING TUESDAY
SPREAD THE WORD!



SCAN HERE

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Susan Ansorge
Jacob Bazz
Sally Blevins
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 3RD & 10TH 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 6:30 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 2 PM & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 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



Updates FROM KING OF NATIONS MINISTRIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Bethany,

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in the ministry of King of the Nations Ministries (One King). We remain deeply grateful for the love, support. Your encouragement sustains us in the work of proclaiming Christ across cultures and borders. Prayer remains our foundation. We continue to host weekly gatherings of worship and intercession, both in person and online, and we are training indigenous pastors and leaders globally in how to lead prayer-centered disciple-making movements within their local communities. We truly believe that a praying church is a church aligned with the heart and mission of God. Local outreach is bearing fruit. Each Thursday evening, we gather with a group of Turkish Muslim friends at Christ Lutheran church in Costa Mesa to read Scripture and explore the story of God from Genesis onward. This has become a place of trust and friendship—where questions are welcomed, hearts are softening, and Christ is being gently and respectfully made known. We are also hosting ongoing hospitality and discussion gatherings at our ministry house in Buena Park, building bridges with both Arabic-speaking neighbors and friends. Training overseas continues to expand. Our second cohort of leaders in Southern India continues in our “Launching Prayer and Disciple-Making Movements” course, and this spring, we launched a new training cohort in Northern India. We are also preparing for a new potential partnership with pastors in Nepal who desire to train leaders for Gospel witness among their own communities. These leaders serve in challenging contexts, often with very limited resources—yet they display deep faith, joy, and hunger for the Word of God. We are honored to walk alongside them.

A Word from Rev. Dr. Richard Paul (One King Board Member): “What encourages me most about this ministry is that it consistently centers itself on Christ’s mission to the nations—beginning here at home and extending to places many of us may never see in person, where they have little to no access to the Gospel. King of the Nations is not simply adding programs or events. It is forming disciples who pray, who love their neighbors, and who share the Gospel across cultural lines with humility and respect. In my observation, this ministry is bearing the kind of fruit that comes only through persistent prayer and a deep dependence on the Holy Spirit. I commend this work to your prayers and support.”



Updates

FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY SERVING IN KENYA

MISSION FORMATION TEAM The LCMS has launched Mission Formation teams to give people a hands-on introduction to mission service. These short-term groups are made up of individuals who feel called to explore serving overseas and want to learn more. Their time in the field allows them to see ministry up close and gain a realistic picture of what longterm mission work entails.

This past week, I had the privilege of leading the very first Mission Formation team for Africa here in Kenya. We visited several of our partner ministries, including the Lutheran seminary, three Project 24 sites, and a rural congregation out in the village. The team also joined in home visits with families in the communities of Kiriti and Kibera.

It was a meaningful week for everyone involved. The team got to experience the work firsthand—along with the travel, the food, the culture, and the warm hospitality of the Kenyan people. Our prayer is that God will continue to guide them, and if it is His will, stir in them a desire to serve overseas and be part of His mission in the world.

OLD STOMPING GROUNDS I recently had the joy of taking our Mission Formation team to the very first ministry I served with in Kenya. My work here began in 2013 at Karama Academy, in partnership with Springs of Life Lutheran Church in Kibera. Serving in Africa's largest informal settlement came with its challenges, but I was blessed with a wonderful team of local teachers who encouraged me, taught me new ways to care for our students, and helped shape my early years in mission work. I'm still so grateful for that season and all I learned from them. While my work has since shifted to other ministries and I don't visit Karama as often, every time I return I'm reminded of how far the school has come since those early days. It's always a joy to see the growth and the impact God continues to bring through this ministry.

Thank you for your love and support over the years. We are thankful for each and every one of you. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

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 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!**



HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH RAISERIGHT

The holidays are just around the corner which means joy-filled gatherings, new memories and gift-giving warm fuzzies. But the merriest season can also bring tightened budgets, jam packed schedules and the stress of finding the perfect present for everyone on your list.

This year, bring the joy back to the holidays by earning with gift cards. With 750+ brands to choose from, you can find just-right gifts for anyone, all while taking your budget further and raising funds towards your tuition or the Bethany ministry of your choice.

Dazzle Days starts November 29 and runs through December 12 - bonuses on all types of gift cards!

Use the QR code to find out more about earning during the holidays!



TO LEARN MORE:

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Community Connections: Acts 2:44

Join Us for ROOTED.



HERE'S WHAT BETHANY PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID:



- "It helped me to focus my priorities."
- "Gracious + welcoming to a very new Christian."
- "Loved doing the study with my husband + getting to know other couples."
- "Hearing faith stories + discussion helped me grow in my own faith."

You're invited to take a 10-week adventure discovering a deeper relationship with the Lord and His people. Whether you're a life-long believer or are new to the faith, ROOTED will enliven your relationship with God and equip you to follow Jesus differently.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

DAYS: Tuesdays, Feb. 3 – April 7, 2026

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Bethany CYPRESS Campus

CLOSING CELEBRATION: Saturday, April 11

GROUPS FOR: Women, Men, and Couples

COST: \$40 (\$20 if reusing workbook)



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

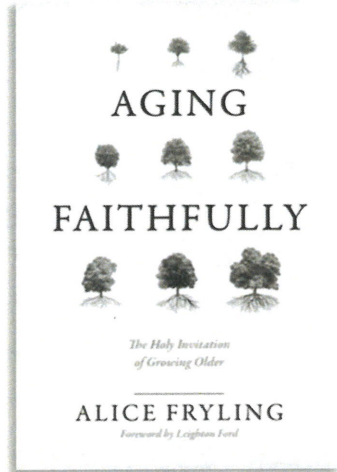
New WOMEN'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

AGING FAITHFULLY: THE HOLY INVITATION OF GROWING OLDER

BY: ALICE FRYLING

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!



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









Bethany Lutheran Church presents
**THE BRIANNA ESSWEIN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026



EARLY REGISTRATION PRICE: \$150 per golfer (before March 2)

LATE REGISTRATION PRICE: \$175 per golfer (after March 2)

WHERE: Navy Golf Course - Cypress, CA

QUESTIONS: Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

DEADLINE: March 13th (or until sold out)

Tee Sign and Tournament Sponsors Needed!

**TIME
LINE:**

6:30 AM - check in begins

7:45 AM - in carts!

8 AM - tee time

1 PM - buffet lunch

**THE GOLF
COMMITTEE:**

Marty Callow

Bob Newell

Phil Lopez

Craig Dean

Ted Spaseff

Marty Platt

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GRANTPARENT PROGRAM?

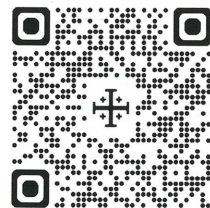
The Grantparent Program is a School Ministries mission project of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The purpose of the Grantparent Program is to provide tuition assistance to students in urban communities so that they can receive an excellent Christian and academic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

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



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. An estate transfer can be a simple financial transaction, harsh and cold. Or the transference of gifts to family or ministry can be a faith guided, prayer covered, activity including specific plans to shower others with the grace of Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this focus. Contact Andrea Hyde, Gift Planning Specialist, at 209-613-2125.

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WHEN Saturday, December 6th
10 am - 2 pm

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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



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:

