

REMINDER: THE BOOK
FAIR ENDS TODAY -
DON'T MISS IT!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 - 13, 2025

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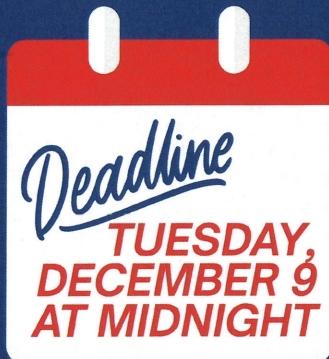
GIVING TUESDAY IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Susan Ansorge
Jacob Bazz
Sally Blevins
Nora Borg-Breen
Kevin Dart
David Gamble
Dale Green
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
Betty Rose
Joyce Rose
Joel Melendez-Sarceno
Mike Schliebe
Kat Totten
Eno Uti



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, DECEMBER 14TH AT 9:30 AM ONLY

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM ————— *Isaiah 7:7-10*

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 3 & 5 PM

————— *Christmas Eve Family Worship*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 11 PM

————— *Christmas Eve Festival Worship*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 9:30 AM

————— *Christmas Day Worship with Communion*

WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 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.



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

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!



DAZZLE DAYS HAVE ARRIVED!

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 started 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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BLS Scrip Coordinator
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562-420-7783 ext. 58



Community Connections: Acts 2:44



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:

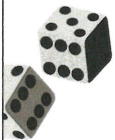
6:30 AM - check in begins
7:45 AM - in carts!
8 AM - tee time
1 PM - buffet lunch

THE GOLF COMMITEE:

Marty Callow
Bob Newell
Phil Lopez

Craig Dean
Ted Spaseff
Marty Platt

JOIN US FOR GAME DAY!



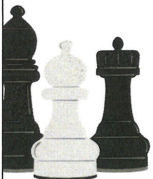
**pizza &
pie**

DAY Tuesday, December 9th

TIME 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

PLACE Parish Lounge

**snacks &
drinks**



**Christian
fellowship**



QUESTIONS? Contact Cheryl at magicalviewcp@gmail.com.

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!

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)

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
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WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

