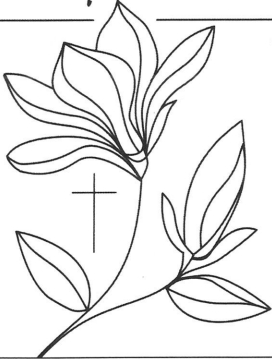


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God's Comfort and Peace to:



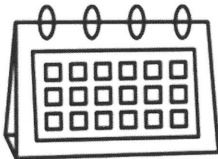
THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
BETTY ROSE WHO WENT HOME TO
HER HEAVENLY FATHER ON
DECEMBER 9TH.

*May the love of God
surround you, offering comfort
and peace in the midst of sorrow.*

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
Joyce Rose
Joel Melendez-
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Mike Schliebe
Kat Totten
Eno Uti

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:



DECEMBER 22-24 8 AM - 12 PM
DECEMBER 25 - 26 CLOSED

DECEMBER 29 - 31 8 AM - 12 PM
JANUARY 1 - 2 CLOSED

**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS RESUME JANUARY 5TH**

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8 - 12 PM
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS





ADVENT WORSHIP

at Bethany Lutheran Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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:

**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."

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*

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 mshaefter@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!**



OFFERING ENVELOPES:

completely optional but always available

“The gifts you give are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.” (Phil. 4:18)

The words Paul wrote are as true about our offerings as they were about the offerings of the recipients of his letter. For through our offerings ministry is funded and support at Bethany and beyond which leads into eternity. Remember, our offerings, with check or made electronically, do not require an assigned offering envelope number any longer. Offering envelopes are always available weekly on the offering box. There are also offering envelope sets put together for your use available in the Narthex. Box contain enough envelopes for weekly offerings; there are also packs of 12 and 24 rubber banded together, in the container adjacent to the one holding the offering envelope boxes.

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)

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



Friendship Group meets this week!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 11:30 AM • PARISH LOUNGE

YOU'RE INVITED! Please bring an **appetizer to share** and a **\$10 gift card in a Christmas card**. Coffee and tea will be provided and Karl will lead an inspiring devotion. No bingo this month — we'll play the Merry Christmas Game! Wear an **ugly Christmas sweater** if you have one.

PLEASE NOTE We will be collecting the following items to create hygiene kits to be sent to Lutheran Social Services: one washcloth, a bar of soap, hand sanitizer, a travel-sized shampoo and conditioner, a toothbrush, and toothpaste. Please bring your items in a gallon zip-top bag.

SPECIAL TREAT Bethany's 4th–6th grades will perform "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd" at 2 PM—stay if you can!

Wishing you a peaceful Advent as we celebrate the miracle birth of Jesus.



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ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. Estate documents often read and sound very legal. They are. But it is possible for you to insert language in a will or trust that reflects your Christian faith to all who will be benefactors of your estate. Your LCMS Counselor can supply examples to get you going.

Contact Andrea Hyde, Gift Planning Specialist, at 209-613-2125.

LCMS Foundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

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?



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