

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God:



In celebration of Jim and Jan Coontz 60th wedding anniversary on February 5th! Fun fact: They were married right here at Bethany Lutheran Church.

*May the light of the Lord shine upon you
and grant you happiness on this
anniversary and in the years to come!*



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Susan Ansoorge
- Michelle Baker
- Jacob Bazz
- Sally Blevins
- Nora Borg-Breen
- Greg Busch
- Kevin Dart
- David Gamble
- Jennifer Garcia
- Dale Green
- Betty Greene
- Lynda Kernohan
- Myrna Koenigsdorf
- Phyllis Lee
- Gary McDaniel
- Flory Melendez
- Keren Raquel-Melendez
- Christy Pierce
- Mike Pierce
- Suzanne Reed
- Elias Rodas
- Mary Rosas
- Joyce Rose
- Joel Melendez-Sarceno
- Kat Totten
- Eno Uti

Yesterday we Celebrated the Baptism of:

DANIELLA MARTINS,
DAUGHTER OF UBI AND
RAPHI (NÉE AGUIRRE)
MARTINS.



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: the old
has gone, the new is here.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

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



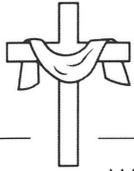
Ash Wednesday Worship Services **February 18, 2026**

The Imposition of Ashes is an ancient custom begun centuries ago when those who had fallen away from the church desired to return and be restored into relationship with the community before the celebration of Easter. To bear witness to their contrition and faith they bore an ashen mark during the Lenten Season.

That custom is the basis of the tradition we observe to this day. We receive the sign of an ashen cross as a physical expression of our penitence, trust and desire to be one with Christ and His bride the church.

† As a church we gather for Ash Wednesday worship on the **Long Beach Campus at 9:00AM** and on the **Cypress Campus at 6:30PM**.

† You can also come to the **Long Beach Campus Sanctuary between 7:30-8:30AM** or the **Cypress Campus Sanctuary between 12:00-1:00PM** for Reflection, Meditation and Individual Imposition of Ashes.



Wednesday Lenten Gatherings

February 18 - March 25, 2026

We've all heard the adage, "Clothes make the man." Some say you can trace the notion clear back to Homer. The concept is fleshed out more fully in a line in Shakespeare's Hamlet; and given complete familiarity by Mark Twain. At the core of the concept is the idea that appearance can influence both perception and behavior.

Long before either Shakespeare or Twain had crafted their works, St. Paul wrote that, "Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross."

The eternal Son of God, took on human nature and put on the form of a servant. This action, His incarnation, certainly directed His behavior and as Isaiah states (chapter 53) is influenced perception of THE suffering servant.

By His grace, through faith, Jesus has covered us in His righteousness, dressed us in His likeness and calls us to be "His masks" in this world. These *Garments of Grace* influence our perception of one another and our behavior as His disciples.

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent (2/18 thru 3/25) ON OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS, 4321 Cerritos Ave. Cypress CA at 6:30PM as we gather to rejoice in the promise that our Lord has clothed us in His *Garments of Grace*.

Schedule and Themes:

ASH WEDNESDAY (2/18) "Try this on instead." *Isaiah 61*

WEDNESDAY LENT I (2/25) "Look what I've knitted you." *Genesis 3*

WEDNESDAY LENT II (3/4) "You Look Marvelous" *Genesis 37*

WEDNESDAY LENT III (3/11) "Swaddled" *Luke 2*

WEDNESDAY LENT IV (3/18) "Filthy Rags" *1 Peter 2:24*

WEDNESDAY LENT V (3/25) "Garments of Grace" *Revelation 3*

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!**



VALENTINE'S DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Plan ahead for Valentine's Day and make your purchases count! Use Scrip for Hallmark, 1-800-Flowers, See's candies, Bath and Body Works, Total Wine & More, Spa Finder and so much more! Whether you are getting gifts for your spouse, other family members or friends or going out to celebrate, use Scrip for your Valentine's Day spending. Need decorations or Valentine cards - consider Michaels, Target or Walmart gift cards to get your supplies!



TO LEARN MORE:

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BLS Scrip Coordinator
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org
562-420-7783 ext. 58



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 Maraley in the church office for assistance! Thanks for being a Tech-Supporter!



GIVING STATEMENTS WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY!

Giving statements will be emailed by Tuesday, February 3, 2026. If we do not have your email address on file, your giving statement will be mailed by Friday, February 6. Questions? Please contact Maraley Shaeffer at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for the many ways you support the ministry and mission of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Community Connections: Acts 2:44



BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS HAVE ARRIVED!

Beutel Scholarship Grant Applications are now being accepted for academic year 2026-27 and are available in the Church Office. These applications are for students attending a college or university of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in preparation for a full-time career as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, youth director, social worker, lay missionary worker, medical missionary, or parish worker. The purpose of the grant is to encourage our young people to pursue a career in church work and to give them assistance in reaching this goal. All scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. If a student needs scholarship help for the school term beginning in the fall of 2026, they must apply between January 15 and March 15 of this year. Application's are available in the Church Office for completion in a folder marked **BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIPS**.

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE, THEY MUST RETURN APPLICATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (SLT: SPIRITUAL LIFE BOX) ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JIM SWICK AT (562) 714-3196.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY
MARCH 27



6:30 AM CHECK IN
7:45 AM IN CARTS!
8 AM TEE TIME
1 PM BUFFET LUNCH



NAVY GOLF COURSE
CYPRESS, CA



\$150 PER GOLFER
UNTIL MARCH 2ND



PROCEEDS HELP
SUPPORT THE VARIOUS
MINISTRIES HERE AT
BETHANY, INCLUDING:
*MISSION WORK, THE 2028
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING,
STUDENT SUCCESS, AND
THE STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.*

SCAN HERE



**DON'T HAVE A FULL
FOURSOME?
NO PROBLEM!
INDIVIDUAL GOLFERS
AND TWOSOMES WILL
BE PAIRED.**

HELD FAST



**HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026**

PINE SUMMIT SALVATION ARMY CAMP, BIG BEAR

In a world that feels uncertain, loud, and overwhelming, our safety does not depend on how tightly we hold onto God, but on how tightly He holds onto us.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. His grip is sure. His promises do not fail.

TOTAL COST: \$150
\$75 DUE AT REGISTRATION (OPENS JANUARY 10, 2026)
\$75 FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY FEBRUARY 10, 2026

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT!



When: February 13 - 16

Where: Mobiland RV Park, Ocotillo Wells

Bring your special dish for Saturday's pot luck supper, and Sunday evening hors d'oeuvres along with some firewood for the campfire. We will have a few optional outings throughout the weekend. A worship service will be held Sunday. For details or reservations, please call/text Philip Lopez at (562) 416-5960.

YOU'RE INVITED!



One of our former Music Academy instructors, Theodore Thai, is having his Senior Recital and you're invited!

When: Sunday, February 8

Where: CSULB's Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall

Admission: Free!

Parking: on Atherton or Lot G12

3RD-5TH GRADERS - SAVE THE DATE!



We are planning our first ever Club 35 retreat and all 3rd -5th graders are invited. Save the date for "Living Waters!"

Dates: Saturday, March 21 - Sunday, March 22

Time: 10:30 am - 10:30 am

Where: Bethany Lutheran's Long Beach Campus

Questions: Ask Alissa Brege

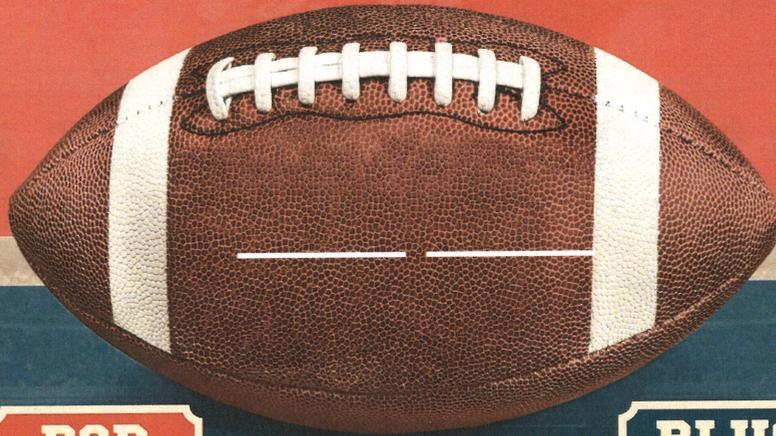
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SUPERBOWL SUNDAY



LUNCH TO-GO



**RED
Team**

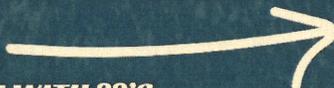
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**BLUE
Team**

Skip cooking and support our high school youth! Order a grab-and-go sub lunch with optional game-day add-ons. Pickup is Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 8, with subs prepared fresh on Feb. 7.

**PICKUP FEB 8 | ORDERS CLOSE
FEB 4 AT MIDNIGHT**

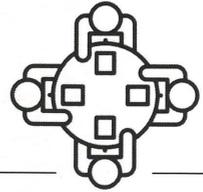
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CONTACT KAYLEIGH LOPEZ WITH ??'S

AN UPDATE FROM THE

Call Committee



The Call Committee for the Associate Pastor of Connect Ministry (Sr. Pastor in transition) has been receiving responses from several interested pastoral candidates. At this time, the committee is narrowing down the list of candidates, and will soon be scheduling interviews. We are so thankful during this call process for your continued prayers, asking for the Holy Spirit's leading, for our committee and each pastoral candidate.

LHM SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8TH!

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) Sunday is on February 8. Daily devotions, video bible studies, and many other resources are free because of friends like you. Visit lhm.org/discoverlhm to find a helpful free resource today!

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel—**The Truth Unchanging**—with people around the world. We partner with churches and individuals like you to carry the Good News of Jesus into more than 60 countries, including places where foreign missionaries cannot enter. Here at home, you can find our flagship broadcast, **The Lutheran Hour**®, on radio stations nationwide, SiriusXM's Family Talk channel, and your favorite streaming provider. But LHM offers much more to proclaim The Truth Unchanging to those who need to hear.

JOIN US FOR GAME DAY!

DAY Tuesday, February 3rd

TIME 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

PLACE Parish Lounge



QUESTIONS? Contact Cheryl at magicalviewcpc@gmail.com.



NEW SERIES STARTING SOON - FEBRUARY 22ND!

DATES Starting February 22nd
TIME 12:30 - 2:30 PM
WHERE Conference Room off of the church parking lot
LED BY Karl Fink
 (562) 421-4711 x19
 kfink@bethanylutheran.org

If you are experiencing grief in any way, shape, or form, or if your grief has been buried for quite some time, please make an effort to attend this series. If you have come to this before and want to attend again, that is perfectly fine! There's a nominal fee for the materials, which will be discussed at the first meeting. Griefshare is a 13 week video based series where we watch and discuss as people feel comfortable. God's comfort and peace.

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.

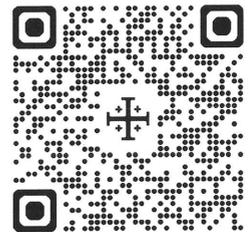
Many children living in urban communities need to hear the Good News of Jesus in a safe, nurturing environment, but they can't afford tuition to attend a Lutheran school.

That's where the Grantparent comes in!

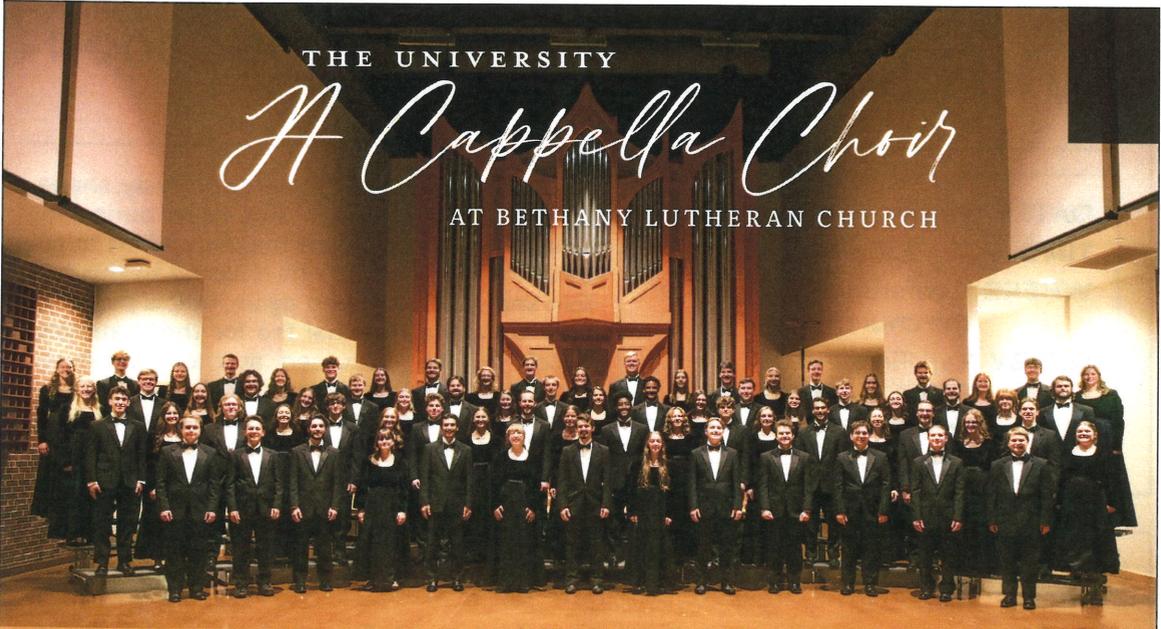
Your tax deductible charitable donations enable children to attend a Lutheran school in an urban community and receive that excellent Christian and

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



THE UNIVERSITY
A Cappella Choir
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONDUCTOR: DR. KURT E. VON KAMPEN

MARCH 11
2026

Join us!

7 PM



CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY
NEBRASKA

at



Bethany
Lutheran
Church
Long Beach, CA

**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:

