

# THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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*Today we Celebrate the Baptism of:*



JOSHUA JAMES CHAFFEE,  
SON OF JENNIFER (NÉE  
PEARSON) AND PARKER  
CHAFFEE.

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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

*to the glory of God:*



IN CELEBRATION OF VANCE  
AND KIMBERLIE FREDERICK'S  
44<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
ON FEBRUARY 14TH.

*May God bless your  
marriage today and in all 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  
Cristina LaSalvia  
Phyllis Lee  
Gary McDaniel  
Flory Melendez  
Keren Raquel-  
Melendez  
Christy Pierce  
Mike Pierce  
Suzanne Reed  
Elias Rodas  
Joyce Rose  
Joel Melendez-  
Sarceno  
Kat Totten  
Eno Uti

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*Worshiping Faithfully* **Hebrews 10:25**

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## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

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### **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**

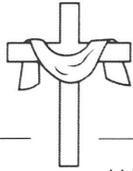
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**The Imposition of Ashes** is an ancient custom begun centuries ago when those who had fallen away from the church desired to return and be restored into relationship with the community before the celebration of Easter. To bear witness to their contrition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



## Wednesdays in Lent on our Cypress Campus 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*

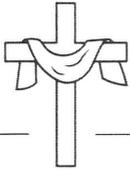
**WEDNESDAY LENT I** (2/25) "Look what I've knitted you." *Genesis 3*

**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*



*Sundays in Lent on our Long Beach Campus*  
**February 22 - March 22, 2026**

**Lenten Series from St. Paul's letter to the Romans:  
*The Long Arm of the Gospel.***

The "Long Arm of the Law" is a phrase which has its origins in the 1500's, when it was common knowledge that the "King has long arms." In other words, the influence and power of a king could be exerted over great distances. In the 1900's the phrase was altered to highlight the far reaching powers of authorities to catch criminals.

God, who has written His law on the heart of each individual; also had His law inscribed on tablets of stone. That same God is also revealed to us as One who bears the "Long Arm of the Gospel." He is a God who in divine strength and pure grace, "with a mighty arm and an outstretched hand, has won His people's freedom and delivered them from the guilt of their law-breaking.

The Long Arms of the Gospel were extended on the cross for you! Now they are thrown opened wide in hopes of a Father's embrace (Lk. 15), seek to provide you with the shelter of a Mothering Hen (Mt. 23) and through our Savior and Brother beckon us home (Jn. 14)

The Long Arm of the Gospel is our Lenten series this year (February 22 - March 22<sup>nd</sup>) based on the texts of St. Paul's letter to the Romans. For a greater reach in your Lenten devotion and preparation consider reading the texts prior to their Sunday's exploration.

*Schedule and Themes:*

**SUNDAY LENT I** (2/22) Romans 5:12-19

**SUNDAY LENT II** (3/1) Romans 4:1-8 & 13-17

**SUNDAY LENT III** (3/8) Romans 5:1-11

**SUNDAY LENT IV** (3/15) Romans 6:8-14

**SUNDAY LENT V** (3/22) Romans 8:1-11

# 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](mailto: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!**



## MONTHLY EARNING CHALLENGES WITH RAISERIGHT

Stay motivated to earn BIG all year long! Every month brings a new challenge, and a new chance to win a \$500 gift card of your choice.

How it works:

- Each month RaiseRight will announce a new earning challenge.
- Complete any month’s challenge to qualify for that month’s \$500 gift card drawing.

February’s Challenge: Between 2/9 and 2/28/26, every hotel, car rental or attraction tickets booked through RaiseRight = 1 entry to win.

Shop during the Spring Break and Travel Online Shopping Bonus Event / Feb. 20 - 27. Earn more and be entered to win! This is a great opportunity to boost your rebate and get ahead of summer travel plans before the end of the current earning period which ends March 31.



### TO LEARN MORE:

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# Community Connections: Acts 2:44



Friendship Group meets this week!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 11:30 AM • PARISH LOUNGE

We will continue celebrating Valentine's Day remembering the faithful love of God. Please bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be available. Dessert will be served and then Karl will have a devotion for us. After that, we will play our favorite game - bingo! Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

*See you there!*

## LWML + MAC AT BETHANY LUTHERAN, CYPRESS CAMPUS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church had an active LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) charter for most of its congregational ministry life. LWML is an officially recognized service organization of the LCMS. LWML gatherings focus on promoting missions and serving the Lord through the Church. Holy Cross' LWML gathering was historically called MAC (Missionary Activity Circle). As the Iconic and Historic Holy Cross sanctuary nears completion of its remodel, **MAC will return to meeting in the balcony of the Cypress campuses on Tuesday mornings from 10am - noon.** The gatherings start with a cup of coffee, devotions, fellowship and conversation. The gathering then proceeds to work on various projects such as quilts for World Relief. Historically the group has also made other crafts to be sold at a boutique and bake sale MAC hosts. Proceeds have gone to: congregational projects, International Missions, local community needs, and LWML expenses. **The last Tuesday of the month the group gathers at a local restaurant for lunch. All women are welcome to join MAC ANY TUESDAY starting in March as together MAC "Serves the Lord with Gladness."**



It's time for another Crafters' Retreat!

MARCH 6TH 10 - 10 PM • MARCH 7TH 8 - 5 PM • PARISH LOUNGE

If you are a sewer, quilter, knitter, cross stitcher, crocheter, scrap booker, jeweler, painter, woodworker or all-around crafter and you would love to have uninterrupted time to finish a project or start something new. . . this is for you!

We will gather in the Parish Lounge on Friday at 10 am and craft the day away. Stay as long as you want but the lights will be on until 10:00 pm. We will return on Saturday morning at 8 am until 5 pm. Please bring a small snack to share.

### QUESTIONS?

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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.**

THE UNIVERSITY  
*A Cappella Choir*  
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONDUCTOR: DR. KURT E. VON KAMPEN

MARCH 11  
2026

*Join us!*

7 PM



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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](http://bethanylutheran.org)



**WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?**

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

