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TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7 PM

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH LONG BEACH CAMPUS
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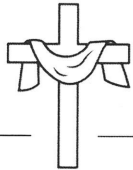


Bethany
Lutheran
Church
Long Beach, CA

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Susan Ansorge
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- 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
- Jeff Rex
- Elias Rodas
- Joyce Rose
- Joel Melendez-Sarceno
- Kat Totten

Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



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 open 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 22nd) 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:

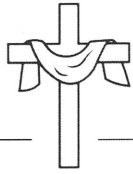
SUNDAY LENT I (2/22) Romans 5:12-19

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



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

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*



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

*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 AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10

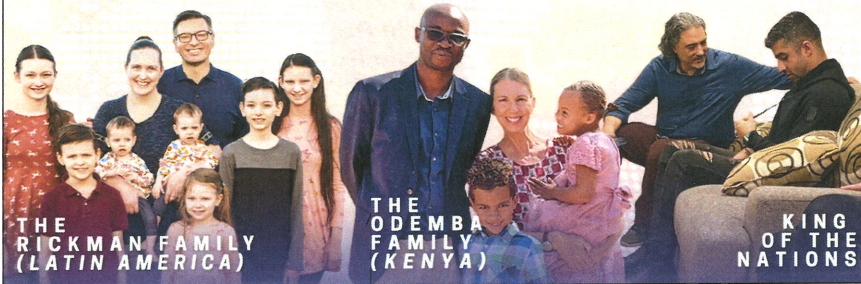
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH - LONG BEACH + CYPRESS, CA

UPDATES FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES

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MONTHLY
UPDATES
FROM OUR
MISSIONARIES



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.**

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!**



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:

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



Community Connections: Acts 2:44

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 campus 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!

WHEN Friday, March 6th 10 am - 10 pm
Saturday, March 7th 8 am - 5 pm

WHERE Parish Lounge

QUESTIONS Please contact the church office.

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.

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.*

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ATTENTION!

**LAST WEEK TO
REGISTER AT THE LOWER
PRICE! NEXT WEEK THE PRICE
GOES UP TO \$175 PER GOLFER.**

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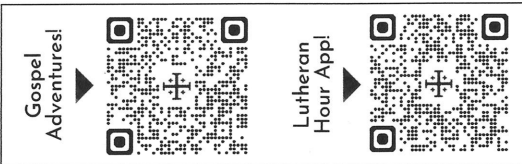
Thrivent members - Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars! If you're an eligible Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep our organization in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or go to the following website: thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also email Ben Koehlinger for more info at Benjamin.Koehlinger@Thrivent.com.

Reminder... Your 2025 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR *Updates!*

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN FAITH?

Check out the *Gospel Adventures Show!* This kid's audio program uses songs, storytelling, and activities to help kids encounter clear and compelling Gospel themes. Learn more by scanning the QR or wherever you



HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE LHM APP YET?

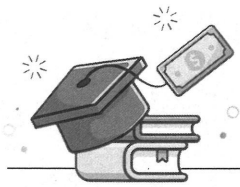
You can access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions and sermons from **The Lutheran Hour®** (TLH Sermons) on your mobile device by using the LHM app!

- Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day
- Advent and Lenten devotions
- Read the devotion/sermon text or listen to the audio, all in the app
- Project Connect booklets, Bible studies and much more



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.



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.

ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

We live in a "I can do it myself" culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, "Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?" This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you in getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. Contact Andrea Hyde, Gift Planning Specialist, at 209-613-2125.

LCMSFoundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER



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.

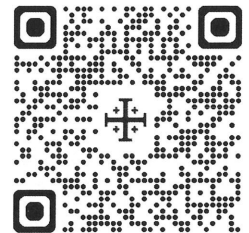
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GRANTPARENT PROGRAM?

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 | *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:

