

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God:



IN CELEBRATION OF
MARY, RYAN, AND JACOB
FINK'S BIRTHDAYS.
LOVE, KARL (AND DAD)

*May God bless you on your
birthdays and in the year to come.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



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

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.

Worshipping Faithfully **Hebrews 10:25**

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Long Beach and Cypress

While our Cypress campus is still a work in progress, it is able to welcome worshippers again! Our midweek Wednesday Lenten services are being held on the Cypress campus and starting on Palm Sunday, March 29th, we will once again hold Sunday morning worship services on the Cypress campus.

Starting Palm Sunday, Bethany Lutheran's Sunday morning schedule will be:

On the Long Beach campus: 8 & 9:30 am

On the Cypress campus: 11:10 am

PALM SUNDAY:

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8 & 9:30 am *Long Beach campus*

11:10 am *Cypress campus*

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

6:30 pm *Long Beach campus*

GOOD FRIDAY:

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

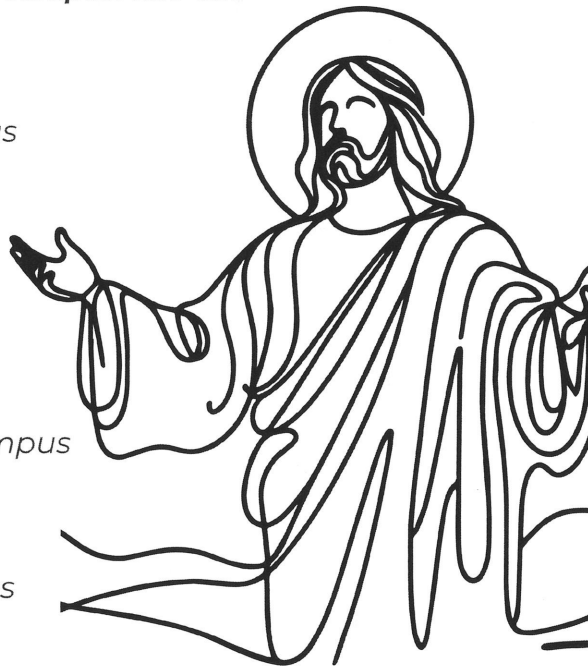
1 pm & 6:30 pm *Long Beach campus*

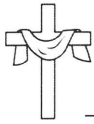
EASTER FESTIVAL:

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

8 & 9:30 am *Long Beach campus*

11:10 am *Cypress campus*





Lent at Bethany Lutheran Church

Wednesdays on our Cypress Campus

Garments of Grace

- MARCH 4** "You Look Marvellous"
Genesis 37
- MARCH 11** "Swaddled"
Luke 2
- MARCH 18** "Filthy Rags"
1 Peter 2:24
- MARCH 25** "Garments of Grace"
Revelation 3

Sundays on our Long Beach Campus

The Long Arm of the Gospel

- MARCH 1** Romans 4:1-8 & 13-17
- MARCH 8** Romans 5:1-11
- MARCH 15** Romans 6:8-14
- MARCH 22** Romans 8:1-11

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.

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 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.

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10



“PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELD.”

For generations Christians in North America seeking to fulfill the Lord's "Great Commission" and "make disciples of all nations" sent missionaries to foreign fields. Today, Christians around the world recognize that North America is one of the largest mission fields; and so they are beginning to send missionaries here.

The reality of the decline of the church in the West can be seen right in our own backyard. In the past two decades our own circuit of the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS has seen the closure of 10 schools and 8 congregations (with 2 others merging into another congregation); currently there are another 3 congregations in our circuit exploring a partnership in hopes of maintaining sustainability. Certainly Jesus proclamation that the "harvest is plentiful" is as true today as it was when He first said those words.

To that end Bethany, in conjunction with our District, is supporting the Church Planting Initiative of Coastal Mission Society under the leadership of Pastor Alwood. Additionally, when The Gathering Lutheran Church merged with Bethany, a vision of Great Commission work through Greater Long Beach: from Downtown to the waterfront, from Signal Hill to the East side and beyond was embraced and funds were dedicated for such mission work.

What does this mean? Bethany, a congregation that has throughout its history supported missionaries in foreign fields, and continues to do so to this day, is in a position to call a missionary or missionary team to our staff for mission work to "Greater Long Beach." Job descriptions for such workers have been crafted. Experienced missionaries, our pastoral team and District leadership have assisted in the development of such; taking into consideration Bethany's particular congregational DNA, needs and structures.

In the next several weeks we will be sharing those job descriptions, explaining the process for extending such a call(s) and the next steps needed. For now we are asking you to pray that, "the Lord of the harvest send laborers into the harvest field."

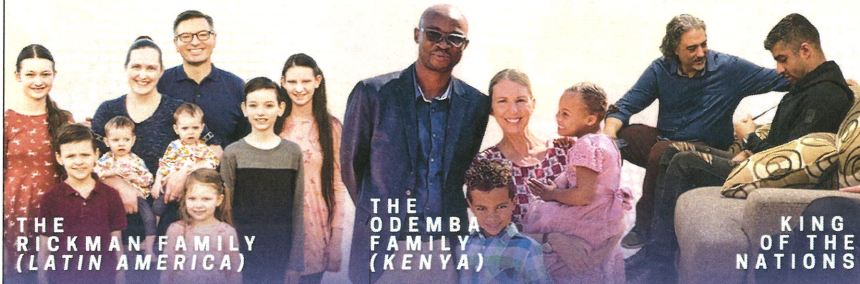
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH - LONG BEACH + CYPRESS, CA

UPDATES FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES

GATHERED CONNECTED SENT



SCAN HERE TO READ THE MONTHLY UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



THE RICKMAN FAMILY (LATIN AMERICA)

THE ODEMBA FAMILY (KENYA)

KING OF THE NATIONS



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 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!**



RAISE DAYS ARE APPROACHING!

We are a month out from the end of the rebate period, March 31. The minimum rebate that will be applied is \$25. This amount is calculated based on the 60/40% rebate split. What you see on the RaiseRight app / website is 100% of the rebate. You need to take 60% of that number. This is the number that must be at least \$25 in order for your rebate to be applied to your tuition. You have a whole month to boost your rebate earnings! If you need help checking the status of your rebate, let me know!

A great opportunity to boost your rebate is just around the corner - **Raise Days! March 6 - 9** with a sneak preview on Thursday, March 5. Raise Days bonuses are on eGift cards and reloads which means you need an online account to participate.



TO LEARN MORE:

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

Community Connections Acts 2:44

Living Water!

A Bethany Lutheran Club 35 Onsite Retreat



WHO: 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

WHEN: March 21-22, 2026

WHERE: Bethany Lutheran's Long Beach Campus

COST: \$35

REG. DATES: now through March 11th

Questions? Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

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



\$175 PER GOLFER
UNTIL MARCH 13TH
OR SOLD OUT



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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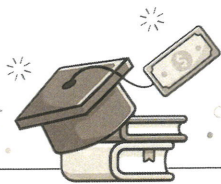


DON'T HAVE A
FOURSOME?
NO PROBLEM!
SINGLES AND
TWSOMES WILL
BE PAIRED



BETHANY LUTHERAN'S
GAME DAY
TUESDAY
MARCH 3
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
PARISH LOUNGE

Questions? Contact Cheryl at magicalviewcp@gmail.com



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 ANGELS GAME

SAN DIEGO PADRES V.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
1:07 P.M. GAME TIME
AT ANGEL STADIUM

COST: \$20 PER TICKET



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BETHANY LUTHERAN
LONG BEACH CAMPUS

EGG HUNT, CRAFTS,
SNACKS & DEVOTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
11:00 A.M.

WE ARE MEETING IN THE GYM.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.
PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, 3/24
SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR
THE CORRECT AMOUNT
OF PEOPLE.



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO ALISSA AT
ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

LAUDAMUS TOUR 2026

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EATHERTON

The premier choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7 PM

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH LONG BEACH CAMPUS
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at



Bethany
Lutheran
Church
Long Beach, CA

THE UNIVERSITY

A Cappella Choir

AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONDUCTOR: DR. KURT E. VON KAMPEN

MARCH 11 | *Join us!* | 7 PM

2026


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 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:

