






# THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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## *Congratulations to the Fink Family!*



JACOB AND MALLORY FINK ARE REJOICING AT THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, WREN CHRISTINE FINK, ALONG WITH GRANDPARENTS KARL AND MARY. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!

*"For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalm 139:13-14*

## **IT'S GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!**

You may have been greeted by a Girl Scout as you entered church this morning! Girl Scout Sunday is a nationally recognized event where Girl Scouts can say thank you to their congregation by serving in worship. Today some of our Bethany Lutheran students will also be receiving their faith pin:



**Bethany 1st grade Daisy Troop**  
**Bethany 2nd grade Brownie Troop**  
**Bethany 4th grade Juniors Troop**  
**Bethany 6th grade Cadette Troop**

Thank you for supporting our Bethany Girl Scout troops in grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 and 12!

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Susan Ansonge  
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

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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**

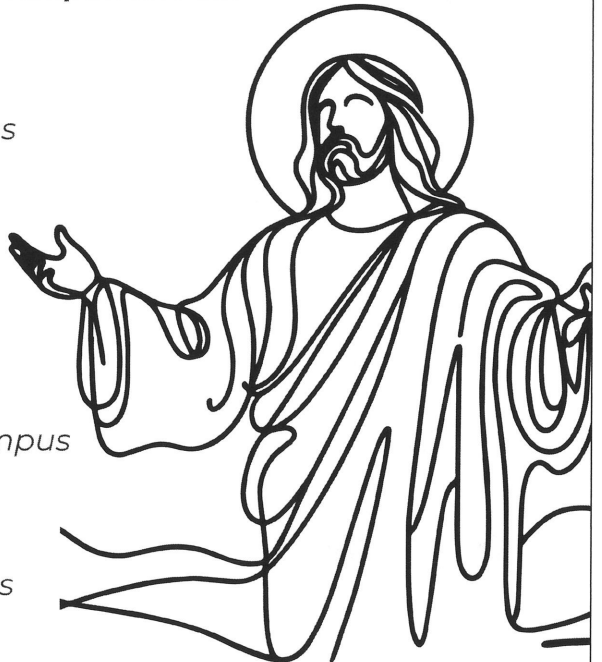
1 pm & 6:30 pm *Long Beach campus*

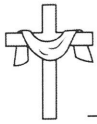
## **EASTER FESTIVAL:**

**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 11** "Swaddled"  
Luke 2
- MARCH 18** "Filthy Rags"  
1 Peter 2:24
- MARCH 25** "Garments of Grace"  
Revelation 3

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.

## Sundays on our Long Beach Campus

*The Long Arm of the Gospel*

- MARCH 8** Romans 5:1-11
- MARCH 15** Romans 6:8-14
- MARCH 22** Romans 8:1-11

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.

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# *Serving Passionately* Ephesians 2:10

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

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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.

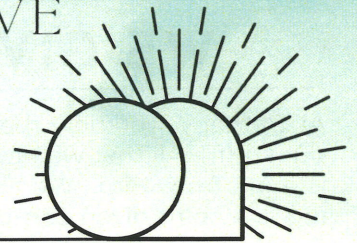
To that end Bethany, in conjunction with our District, is supporting the Church Planting Initiative of Coastal Mission Society under the leadership of Pastor Alwood. Additionally, when The Gathering Lutheran Church merged with Bethany, a vision of Great Commission work through Greater Long Beach: from 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.”

THE EPISTLE FOR THE EASTER SEASON IS ST. PETER'S FIRST LETTER. WRITTEN TO THE CHURCH IN A WORLD THAT WAS HOSTILE TO THE GOSPEL, THE APOSTLE URGES HIS READERS TO:

"USE THE GIFTS THEY HAVE EACH RECEIVED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE." 1 PT. 4:10



AND THERE ARE VARIED WAYS TO SERVE THE LORD HERE AT BETHANY!

# 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the fiscal year ends, we will be electing several new members to serve on the Board of Directors. Board members serve three-year terms and help guide the ministry and operations of the church and schools. The Board oversees key areas such as financial stewardship, property management, staffing, and important business decisions on behalf of the Voters' Assembly.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOD OF BETHANY OR WANT MORE INFORMATION TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD.



**JOEY CERULLE**  
*Chair*



**JEREMY O'CONNOR**  
*Member at Large*



**BOB PETRILLO**  
*Chair*



**KELLIE PLAYTER**  
*Member at Large*



**JOHN HOLMQUIST**  
*Corporate Secretary*



**JOSETTE UTKE**  
*Member at Large*



**BOB LANGE**  
*Treasurer*

# 2 SERVANT LEADER TEAMS

Our Servant Leader Teams (as their name declares) are formed of members who support staff and are active in ministry rather than attend meetings, and who understand the goal of service is making disciples more than making decisions.

FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SERVANT LEADER TEAMS PLEASE REACH OUT TO:



**SCHOOLS**  
*Dr. Fink*



**FINANCES**  
*Bob Lange, Andria Rosas, or Pastor Kevin*



**FACILITIES**  
*Philip Lopez or Wayne Choate*



**WORSHIP & OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS**  
*Pastor Kevin*

# 3 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

and who to contact to find out more!



**USHERING DURING WORSHIP**  
*John Utke or Jeff Orr*



**ASSEMBLING WORSHIP BULLETINS**  
*Mara Widmann*



**OFFERING COUNTER**  
*Andria Rosas*



**FLOWER MINISTRY**  
*Karl Fink*



**LECTORING** (Reading scripture during worship)  
*Pastor Kevin*



**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
*Kasey Loya*



**WORSHIP TECH ASSISTANCE**  
*Blake Flattley or Noah Freeman*



**YARD CREW**  
*Philip Lopez*



**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
*Noah Freeman or Blake Flattley*



**YOUTH MINISTRY** (from Under Grace to Confirmation mentoring)  
*Kayleigh Lopez or Alissa Bregre*

# *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!**



## RAISE DAYS ARE APPROACHING!

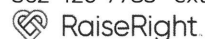
We are a month out from the end of the rebate period, March 31. The minimum rebate that will be applied is \$25. This amount is calculated based on the 60/40% rebate split. What you see on the RaiseRight app / website is 100% of the rebate. You need to take 60% of that number. This is the number that 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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BLS Scrip Coordinator  
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562-420-7783 ext. 58



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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](mailto: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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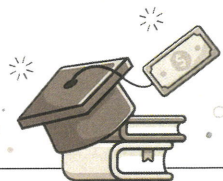


**DON'T HAVE A  
FOURSOME?  
NO PROBLEM!  
SINGLES AND  
TWSOMES WILL  
BE PAIRED**

# WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST FOR OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FRIENDLY, ORGANIZED, AND GOOD-HUMORED RECEPTIONIST TO BE THE SMILING FACE OF OUR CHURCH OFFICE. IN THIS ROLE, YOU'LL GREET VISITORS, ANSWER PHONES, AND ANSWER LIFE'S GREAT CHURCH QUESTIONS LIKE "IS THE PASTOR IN?" "WHERE'S THE MEETING TODAY?" AND "IS THERE MORE COFFEE?" IF YOU ENJOY HELPING PEOPLE, CAN JUGGLE A FEW THINGS AT ONCE, AND BRING A WELCOMING SPIRIT AND SENSE OF HUMOR TO THE DAY, YOU'LL FIT RIGHT IN KEEPING OUR OFFICE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND OUR VISITORS FEELING AT HOME.

TO LEARN MORE & APPLY, SCAN HERE.

## 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**



CONTACT ALISSA BREGE WITH QUESTIONS • [ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG)

## EASTER EGGS TRAVAGANZA

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](mailto:ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG)

# LAUDAMUS TOUR 2026

**DIRECTOR:**  
DR. SAMUEL  
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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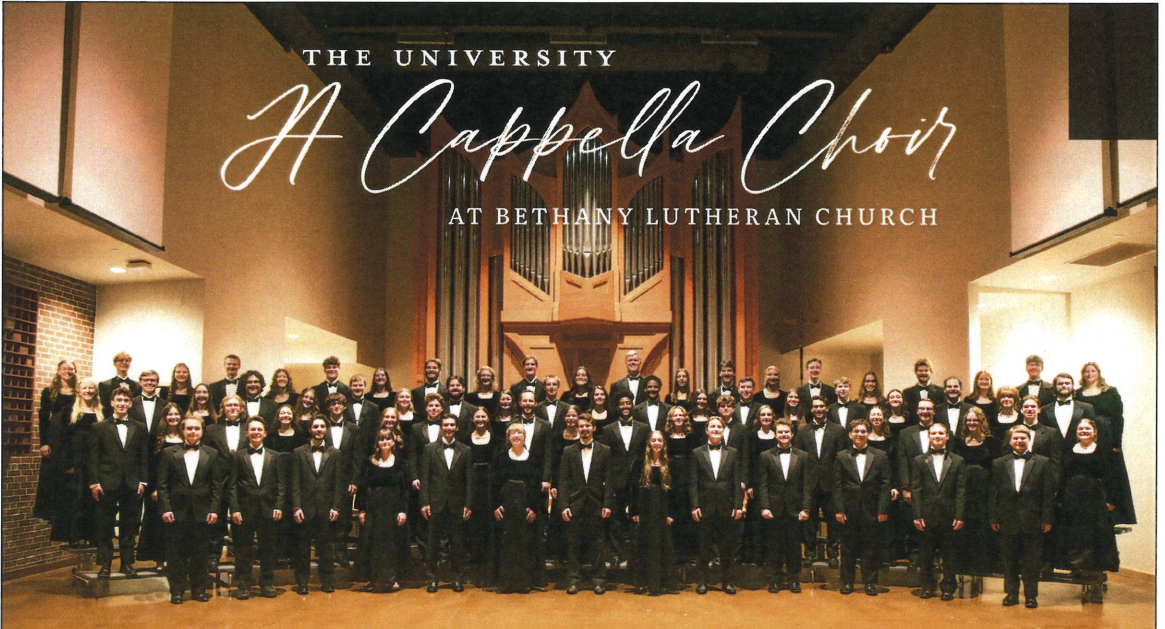
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THE UNIVERSITY  
*A Cappella Choir*  
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONDUCTOR: DR. KURT E. VON KAMPEN

MARCH 11  
2026

*Join us!*

7 PM



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Bethany  
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Long Beach, CA

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REQUEST OR DESIRE  
INFORMATION ABOUT A  
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**WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?**

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

