






# THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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*Today we Celebrate the Baptisms of:*



ZELDA AND SAROS  
FRANCOS, CHILDREN OF  
JOEL (NÉE MELENDEZ)  
AND ALFONSO FRANCOS.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

## LAUDAMUS TOUR 2026

DIRECTOR:  
DR. SAMUEL  
EATHERTON

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



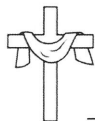
**THIS  
TUESDAY,  
MARCH 17  
AT 7 PM**

**ON OUR  
LONG BEACH  
CAMPUS**

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

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*Lent at Bethany Lutheran Church*

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**Wednesdays on our  
Cypress Campus**

*Garments of Grace*

**COMING UP:**

**MARCH 18** "Filthy Rags"  
*1 Peter 2:24*

**MARCH 25** "Garments of Grace"  
*Revelation 3*

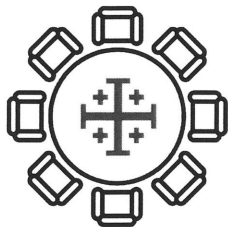
**Sundays on our  
Long Beach Campus**

*The Long Arm of the Gospel*

**COMING UP:**

**MARCH 15** Romans 6:8-14

**MARCH 22** Romans 8:1-11



**PULL UP A CHAIR:**

*You're invited to CommonTable*

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Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shared meals with unexpected people—tax collectors, sinners, skeptics, and seekers. At His table, strangers became neighbors and grace was always on the menu.

You're invited to **CommonTable**, a new Wednesday night worship service beginning April 15th where we gather around the shared truths of our faith through worship, Scripture, prayer, and conversation.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM ON OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS**

# 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*

## **HOLY WEDNESDAY:**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST**

6:30 pm *Cypress campus*

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY:**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND**

6:30 pm *Long Beach campus*

## **GOOD FRIDAY:**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD**

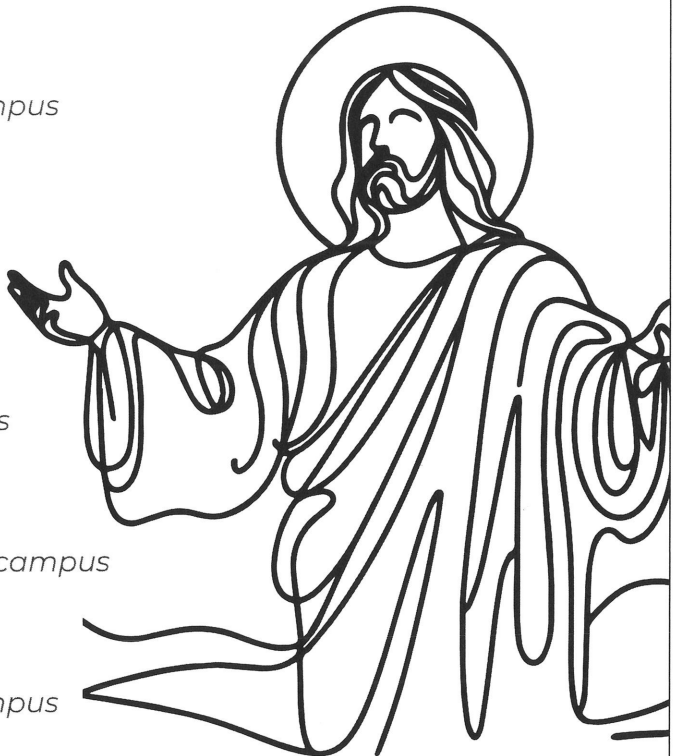
1 pm & 6:30 pm *Long Beach campus*

## **EASTER FESTIVAL:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH**

8 & 9:30 am *Long Beach campus*

11:10 am *Cypress campus*



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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.

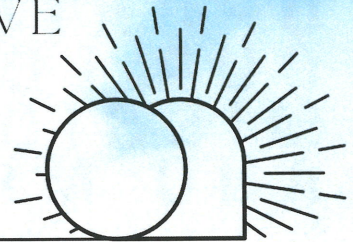
To that end Bethany, in conjunction with our District, is supporting the Church Planting Initiative of Coastal Mission Society under the leadership of Pastor Alwood. Additionally, when The Gathering Lutheran Church merged with Bethany, a vision of Great Commission work through Greater Long Beach: from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



**JOE CERULLE**  
*Chair*



**JEREMY O'CONNER**  
*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*

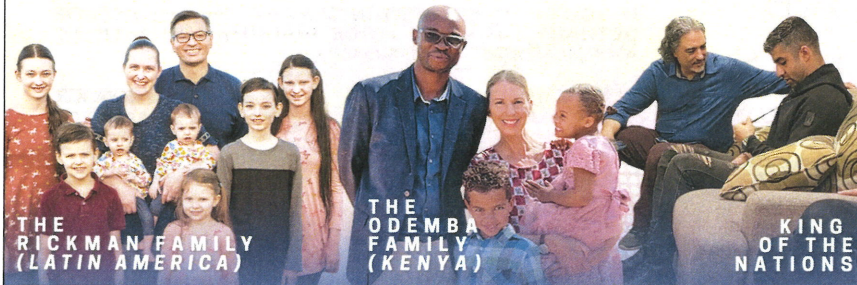


**YOUTH MINISTRY** (from Under Grace to Confirmation mentoring)  
*Kayleigh Lopez or Alissa Bregre*

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

## *Giving Proportionately* Luke 21:1-4

Thrivent Choice®  
Making generosity easy

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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](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You can also email Ben Koehlinger for more info at [Benjamin.Koehlinger@Thrivent.com](mailto:Benjamin.Koehlinger@Thrivent.com).

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

# 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 Andria Rosas at [arosas@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:arosas@bethanylutheran.org).*

## THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE TO BETHANY INCLUDING:

Online, Text, Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Box, **and now Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, and PayPal!**



## WIN GIFT CARDS WITH RAISERIGHT!

You have the chance every month to win a \$500 gift card of your choice by referring friends and family to join RaiseRight. Score extra entries for each referral who buys their first gift card in the same month they sign up. In March only, get more entries for every order you place that includes a \$25+ Instacart gift card. **March's winner will also receive a \$500 Instacart gift card!**

Check out the RaiseRight website for details on how you could win!



### TO LEARN MORE:

Ruth Lopez  
BLS Scrip Coordinator  
[rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org)  
562-420-7783 ext. 58



## BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!



Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday and you are able to make two types of donations to support this ministry: a general donation and a special request with recognition.

- A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION**  
 This type of donation comes with a special message printed in the Weekly Broadcast and Sunday Bulletin.\* **Suggested donation of \$75.**
- A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND**

\* If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please let us know two weeks in advance and specify which Sunday as well as the message you would like printed.

# Community Connections: Acts 2:44



Friendship Group meets this week!

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

If you are Irish, or even if your not, meet us at Friendship Group this Wednesday! We will still be celebrating St Patrick's Day! Wear green or you might get pinched... Please bring your lunch but we will have coffee, tea or water and dessert. Karl will have an inspiring devotion and then we play bingo.

Next month we will have soup lunch made by some of the ladies. Do plan to be here on the 18th and circle your calendar for next month! We have a great time so join us for a time of 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."**





**EASTER EGGS-TRIVAGANZA**

**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  
ABREG@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG



**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 · ABREG@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG



## DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE BETHANY BROADCAST™ DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX?

The Chimes and Bullet now officially share one name: The Bethany Broadcast™. While you may continue to pick up a copy of the print edition as you leave worship each week, an expanded e-edition is also available! This weekly capsule includes worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate, and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and community.



## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GRANTPARENT PROGRAM?

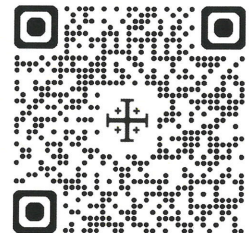
The Grantparent Program is a School Ministries mission project of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The purpose of the Grantparent Program is to provide tuition assistance to students in urban communities so that they can receive an excellent Christian and academic 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](mailto:anna.preus@psdlcms.org)



## 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](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org).

To volunteer: [bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer](https://bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer)

### SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

#### **OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!**

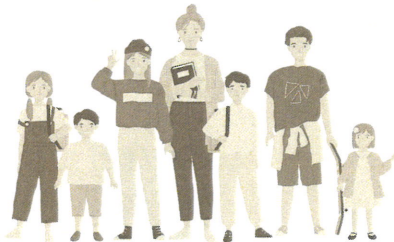
This is a great way to interact with church members, hang out with other youth, and earn funds in your Youth Ministry Account to be used towards any Youth Ministry event.

Questions? Please contact Aimee Coleman at [acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org).

To volunteer: [bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts](https://bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts)

## UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES AND TO SEE A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS!



### QUESTIONS?

#### CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES:

Alissa Brege  
562.421.4711 ext. 13  
[abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Kayleigh Lopez  
562.421.4711 ext.18  
[klopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org)

# WE'RE HIRING A 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.



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER  
REQUEST OR DESIRE  
INFORMATION ABOUT A  
MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP,  
OR ONLINE GIVING?



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HEAR TODAY'S OR A  
PREVIOUS SERMON  
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WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

