

# THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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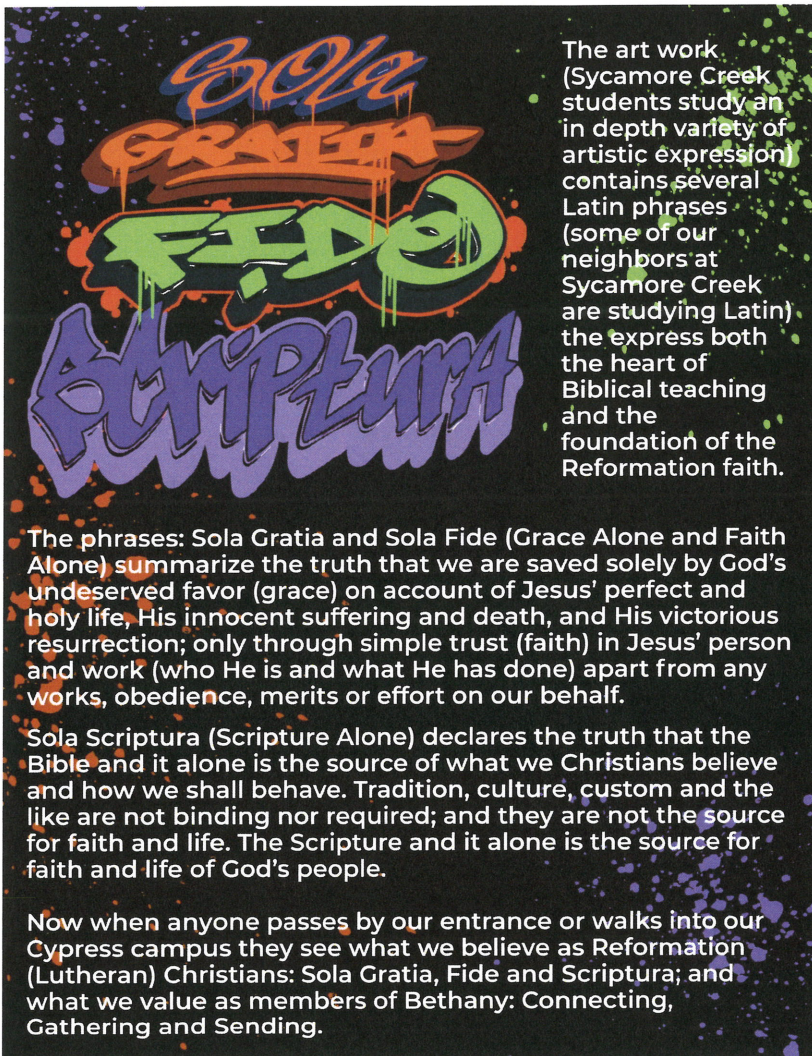
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The art work (Sycamore Creek students study an in depth variety of artistic expression) contains several Latin phrases (some of our neighbors at Sycamore Creek are studying Latin) the express both the heart of Biblical teaching and the foundation of the Reformation faith.

The phrases: Sola Gratia and Sola Fide (Grace Alone and Faith Alone) summarize the truth that we are saved solely by God's undeserved favor (grace) on account of Jesus' perfect and holy life, His innocent suffering and death, and His victorious resurrection; only through simple trust (faith) in Jesus' person and work (who He is and what He has done) apart from any works, obedience, merits or effort on our behalf.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) declares the truth that the Bible and it alone is the source of what we Christians believe and how we shall behave. Tradition, culture, custom and the like are not binding nor required; and they are not the source for faith and life. The Scripture and it alone is the source for faith and life of God's people.

Now when anyone passes by our entrance or walks into our Cypress campus they see what we believe as Reformation (Lutheran) Christians: Sola Gratia, Fide and Scriptura; and what we value as members of Bethany: Connecting, Gathering and Sending.

# OUR NEW SUNDAY **WORSHIP** SCHEDULE



**LONG  
BEACH  
CAMPUS**

**8 AM & 9:30 AM\***



**CYPRESS  
CAMPUS**

**11:10 AM**



*\*OUR 9:30 AM SERVICE IS  
LIVESTREAMED ON OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL.*

## **COMMUNION**

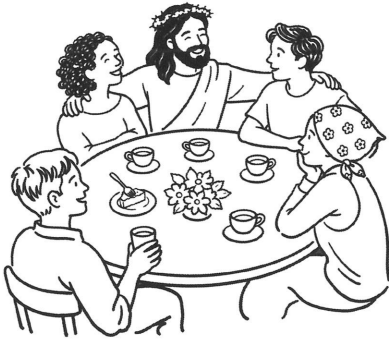
**1ST SUNDAY** ALL SERVICES  
**2ND SUNDAY** 9:30 AM ONLY  
**3RD SUNDAY** ALL SERVICES  
**4TH SUNDAY** 9:30 AM ONLY

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12 PM  
📍 215 (MPR) & LIBRARY  
(LONG BEACH CAMPUS)  
👤 MARY KAY ESSWEIN (215) & SHERI  
ESSWEIN (LIBRARY)

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

🕒 10:45 AM - 12 PM  
📍 PARISH LOUNGE  
(LONG BEACH CAMPUS)  
👤 BOB LANGE & DAVID AKINS



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
*CommonTable*

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CYPRESS CAMPUS

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 where we gather around the shared truths of our faith through worship, Scripture, teaching, prayer, and conversation.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • GOING ON NOW!



# DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

LIKE MANY CONGREGATIONS, BETHANY HAS MANY TRADITIONS.

ONE OF OUR MORE CHERISHED TRADITIONS IS READING THE PENTECOST ACCOUNT FROM ACTS IN THE VARIOUS LANGUAGES REPRESENTED IN OUR BETHANY FAMILY. WE'VE HAD AS MANY AS A DOZEN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES READING ON PENTECOST SUNDAYS.

IF YOU SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO READ AN ASSIGNED PORTION OF THE ACTS ACCOUNT IN WORSHIP THIS PENTECOST, **PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR KEVIN AT ([KKRITZER@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:KKRITZER@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG))**.

LET PASTOR KEVIN KNOW **THE LANGUAGE** WHICH YOU'LL BE READING IN, AND **WHICH CAMPUS** (LONG BEACH CAMPUS AT 8:00 & 9:30AM; CYPRESS CAMPUS AT 11:10AM) YOU WORSHIP, THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO READ AT ON **PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**.

# Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10



**“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 new members to the Board of Directors. Board members serve three-year terms and help guide the ministry and operations of the church and schools, including finances, property, staffing, and key decisions on behalf of the Voters’ Assembly. If you’re interested in serving or would like more information, please speak with any current Board member.



**JOEY CERULLE**  
Chair



**JEREMY O’CONNER**  
Member at Large



**BOB PETRILLO**  
Chair



**KELLIE PLAYER**  
Member at Large



**JOHN HOLMQUIST**  
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



**QUESTIONS ABOUT A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY & HOW TO GET STARTED?**  
 Contact the church office at  
[longbeachoffice@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:longbeachoffice@bethanylutheran.org)

## 3 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

and who to contact to find out more!



**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TEAM**  
Kahana Smith



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



**ASSEMBLING WORSHIP BULLETINS**  
Mara Widmann



**OFFERING COUNTER**  
Andria Rosas



**FLOWER MINISTRY**  
Karl Fink



**LECTORING**  
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**  
Kayleigh Lopez or Alissa Brege

# please join us in welcoming LUANN BARROWS & STEPHANIE PERSICO!

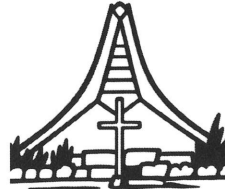


We're excited to welcome Stephanie Persico as our new Church Receptionist at the Long Beach campus.

A Bethany alumna and current parent, Stephanie's children, Giada "GiGi" (3rd) and Alexandria "Ale" (1st), attend our school.

Office hours will be Monday–Thursday, 8 am–12 pm, as we return to a model with both an Office Administrator and Receptionist. Stephanie will be the first to greet visitors, assist with phones and the gate, and help with office tasks. This allows Kasey, Office Administrator, to focus on database management, communications, graphic design, and social media.

Please join us in giving Stephanie a warm Bethany welcome!



We are pleased to share that Luann Barrows joined our Cypress campus in March as our new Office Coordinator.

Luann is a longtime member of Bethany, faithfully participates in worship, as she serves in both the choir and handbells. Her welcoming presence, dedication, and familiarity with our congregation make her a wonderful addition to the Cypress campus staff.

Church office hours will be 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. In her role, as Office Coordinator, Luann will be the first face to greet and assist visitors and manage daily administrative operations of the church office.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Luann to this role we are grateful for the many ways she serves and supports our church!



## JOB DESCRIPTION MISSIONARY PASTOR

**Position:** Missionary Pastor to Greater Long Beach (*south 605-710 corridor*)



**Description:**

The Missionary Pastor will serve as a called worker of Bethany Lutheran Church, focusing on Gospel-centered outreach to the Greater Long Beach community. Rooted in the Lutheran Confessions and faithful to Scripture, the Missionary Pastor will proclaim Christ through Word and Sacrament, build relationships in the community, and work in partnership with the staff and congregation to draw new individuals and families into the life of Christ and the Church.



# FAITHFUL SERVANTS, GRATEFUL HEARTS

STEVEN LEE ◦ MARALEY SHAEFFER ◦ SARAH O'CONNER

We give thanks for the faithful service of Steven Lee, who has served Bethany as Custodian since 2016, providing ten years of steady, dedicated care to our church and school. Through his consistency, quiet faithfulness, and diligent work, the Lord has used Steven to help create a welcoming, well-cared-for place of worship and learning. We are deeply grateful for his service and praise God for the many ways He has worked through Steven for the blessing of our church and school community.

With heartfelt appreciation, we recognize Maraley Shaeffer who has faithfully served Bethany as Financial Administrator since 2016, offering nearly a decade of dedicated service. Through her diligence, careful stewardship, and quiet commitment behind the scenes, the Lord has blessed Bethany with order, integrity, and faithfulness in the work of the church. We are deeply grateful for her service and give thanks for the steady ways God has worked through her to support and strengthen our ministry.

With grateful hearts, we recognize the dedicated service of Sarah O'Conner, who has served Bethany as both a homeroom/middle school math teacher and K-8 math interventionist since 2000, demonstrating care, expertise, and commitment to our students and school community. Through her passion for learning, thoughtful instruction, and steadfast encouragement, the Lord has used Sarah to strengthen mathematical understanding and confidence in countless students. We are deeply grateful for her years of service and praise God for the many ways He has worked through Sarah for the blessing of our church and school.

A box will be placed in the Church Narthex where cards and notes of appreciation and prayers may be left.

# 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 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!**



## SCRIP EARNINGS OPPORTUNITIES

Lots of upcoming opportunities to earn big with bonuses!

- Grocery bonuses / May 16 - 22
- Summer travel bonuses / May 23 - 29
- Memorial Day Online Shopping Bonus Event / May 22 - 25
- Father's Day gift card bonuses / May 30 - June 12

Don't forget - every purchase of a gift card on bonus (or reloaded gift card on bonus) = 1 entry to win the May Monthly Earning Challenge and a chance to win a \$500 gift card of your choice!



**LEARN MORE ABOUT RAISERIGHT BY SCANNING HERE!**



### TO LEARN MORE:

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





# WELCOME VICAR JOHN TRINKLEIN!

 Gathered  Connected  Sent

Bethany, in partnership with Coastal Mission Society, will welcome a new vicar, John Trinklein, from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, beginning July 15. John comes to us through a new church planting vicarage developed by Pacific Southwest District President Mike Gibson and me. Bethany, the PSD, Concordia Seminary, and Coastal Mission Society are working together to form pastors for reaching the unchurched and de-churched throughout Coastal Southern California. This continues Bethany's legacy as a sending church, raising up leaders for Christ's mission beyond our walls. We are grateful to the Seminary for partnering in this new endeavor.

*To read to the full letter from Pastor John Alwood, please scan the QR code.*

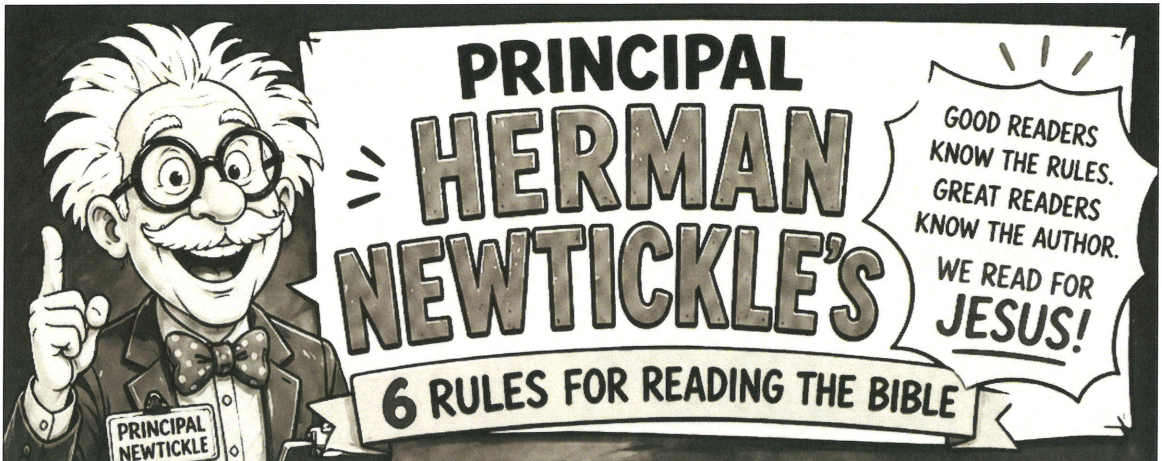
## UPDATES FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

 GATHERED  CONNECTED  SENT

SCAN HERE TO READ MONTHLY UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES



# Community Connections: Acts 2:44



## PRINCIPLE HERMAN NEWTICKLE: A SCRIPTURE LEARNING TOOL

In this final trimester, our Confirmation students are learning the *hermeneutical principles*, tools that help us read, understand, and interpret Scripture faithfully. Some of these include letting Scripture interpret Scripture, distinguishing between Law and Gospel, and seeing how all of God's Word points us to Jesus.

***These principles aren't just for the classroom; they are a gift for the whole Church.*** They can guide your personal Bible reading, family devotions, and group studies, helping you see more clearly God's message of grace in Christ. As our students grow in understanding God's Word, we encourage you to join them. Open Scripture together, ask good questions, and look for Christ in every page.

We are offering this **FREE** learning tool to our congregation

***We plan to have these available for pick up on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th.***

We would like to have enough of this Bible Insert Learning Tool on hand for the demand and to also be good stewards of our resources. So, we are asking if you could please take a moment and let us know the quantity that you would want for yourself or to give to a family member or friend; at Bethany we are a Gathered, Connected and Sent people.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# VACATION

*bible school*



scan me to register!



scan me to volunteer!



scan me for the Amazon wishlist!



**JUNE 22 - 26**  
**8:30 AM - 12 PM**

AT OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS  
Questions? Please contact  
Kayleigh Lopez at  
[klopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org)



## HELP MAKE VBS WILDLY AMAZING!

To make this adventure truly unforgettable, we need your help gathering supplies! From snacks and craft materials to decorations that bring our rainforest to life, every donation helps create a meaningful experience for our kids.

**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS BY JUNE 8 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE OUR AMAZON WISHLIST!**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING RAINFOREST FALLS TO LIFE!

The VBS program runs June 22–26 from 8:30 AM–Noon. Volunteers should arrive by 8:00 AM daily. Coffee and treats will be available each morning.



### VBS WORKDAYS & SET-UP:

Help transform Bethany into Rainforest Falls VBS!

Join us for one or all of our decorating days:

**Tuesday, June 16 | 11:00 AM–3:00 PM**

**Thursday, June 18 | 3:00 PM–7:00 PM**

**Saturday, June 20 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM**

### VBS VOLUNTEER STAFF COMMISSIONING:

Sunday, June 21 at all morning services on Bethany's Long Beach campus. Volunteers will be invited forward at the beginning of the service they attend.

### VBS STAFF TRAINING:

Wednesday, May 27 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Bethany Gym

Join us for dinner, live music, interactive training, and time with your crew and station leaders. If you cannot attend, please contact Kayleigh.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE THIS WEEK UN-FERN-GETTABLE!**



# DID YOU KNOW? *THERE'S A QR FOR THAT!*

**CONTACT &  
INFO REQUEST**



**NEW MEMBER  
REQUEST**



**BAPTISM  
REQUEST**



**WEDDING  
REQUEST**



**ONLINE GIVING  
FORM**



**ALTAR FLOWER  
DONATIONS**



**YEAR-LONG  
PERMISSION**



**E-BROADCAST  
SIGN-UP**



**OUR YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL!**



Gathered



Connected



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