

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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YESTERDAY WE CELEBRATED THE BAPTISM OF:

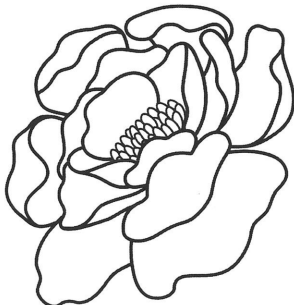


ZOEY CASTILLO,
DAUGHTER OF MITRA
(NÉE JAHRE) AND
BRAD CASTILLO.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mark Alwood
Sally Blevins
Greg Busch
David Gamble
Dale Green
Betty Greene
Myrna Koenigsdorf
Phyllis Lee
Gary McDaniel
Flory Melendez
Keren Raquel-
Melendez
Charlene Mitchell
Mike Pierce
Suzanne Reed
Elias Rodas
Joyce Rose
Joel Melendez-
Sarceno

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:



IN CELEBRATION OF
JAN COONTZ'S 84TH
BIRTHDAY AND
JEFF REX'S 50TH
BIRTHDAY.

*May God bless you today on your
birthday and in the year to come.
Happy Birthday Jan and Jeff!*

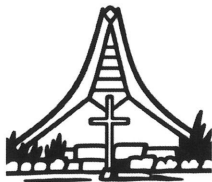
Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

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

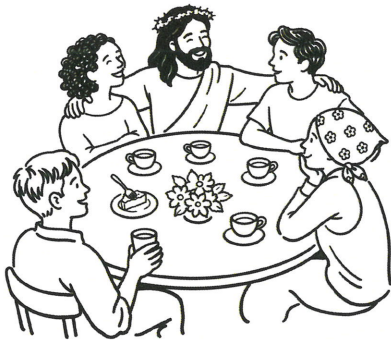
1ST SUNDAY ALL SERVICES
2ND SUNDAY 9:30 AM ONLY
3RD SUNDAY ALL SERVICES
4TH SUNDAY 9:30 AM ONLY

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
Common Table

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!



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.

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



BOB PETRILLO
Chair



JOHN HOLMQUIST
Secretary



BOB LANGE
Treasurer



JEREMY O'CONNOR
Member at Large



KELLIE PLAYTER
Member at Large



JOSETTE UTKE
Member at Large

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

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

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A 4TH GRADE TEACHER & MATH INTERVENTIONIST TO JOIN OUR TEAM!



Bethany Lutheran School will be hiring a 4th Grade teacher for 2026-2027. We are seeking a candidate who will provide an environment that is Christ-centered, engaging and academically excellent. Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills, the desire to work cooperatively with team-mates, and have a whole-parish understanding of ministry. Teaching credential a must. An LCMS-rostered teacher is preferred.

We will also be hiring a math interventionist. This is a part-time, non-benefitted position (25 hours per week.) We are seeking candidates with a love for Jesus, a love for math and the skills to communicate math concepts to students who struggle. Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills. A teaching credential and teaching experience are a plus.

**INTERESTED CANDIDATES
SHOULD SUBMIT RESUMES TO
MFINK@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG**

UPDATES FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

 GATHERED
  CONNECTED
  SENT

SCAN HERE
TO READ
MONTHLY
UPDATES
FROM OUR
MISSIONARIES



THE RICKMAN FAMILY
(LATIN AMERICA)

THE ODEMBA FAMILY
(KENYA)



FAITHFUL SERVANTS, GRATEFUL HEARTS

SAMANTHA ROOT • STEVEN LEE • MARALEY SHAEFFER • SARAH O'CONNER

We wish a fond farewell to Samantha Root, our fourth grade teacher, who has served at Bethany since 2022. Miss Root will be exploring a new chapter in her professional journey and will not be returning next year. We recognize with gratitude the care, energy, and commitment Sam has poured into our students and school community during her time at Bethany. We are thankful for the many ways she has served our Savior through her work here and for her partnership in the shared ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church and Schools.

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.

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

Summer is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to make the most of your summer spending with RaiseRight! Whether you're heading out on vacation, planning family activities, grabbing meals on the go, or shopping for summer essentials, you can keep earning rebates simply by using gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases and summer fun.

There are so many convenient eGift card options available right through the RaiseRight app, making it easier than ever to incorporate gift cards into your regular purchasing routine. Buy and use gift cards directly from your phone in just seconds for restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, coffee shops, entertainment, retail shopping, travel, hotels, and more.

Don't forget about dining out and summer travel opportunities, too! From road trips and airfare to theme parks and ice cream stops, there are countless ways to earn money back for Bethany ministries while doing the things you already planned to do this summer.

And remember — rebates aren't just for tuition assistance. You can also choose to support Student Success, music ministries, youth programs, or general ministry efforts at Bethany. Every purchase makes a difference and helps support the ministry and mission of our Bethany community all summer long!



TO LEARN MORE:

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



DONATE TO BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the year. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
- **A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND** enables Bethany to have flowers in worship and for our shut-in and hospitalized members to receive flowers from our flower ministry team, even when no one has ordered flowers for Sunday. **This General Donation is for any amount you wish .**

*If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is towards. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.



HEADING OUT OF TOWN THIS Summer?

Set up recurring giving in 30 seconds and your support will keep showing up, even when you can't!

Scan here!



Text to Give!

562-210-0463

Community Connections: Acts 2:44

SAVE THE DATE

for our

MEN'S RETREAT

Men of Bethany, please mark your calendars and save the dates for our **Bethany Men's Retreat on October 9-10, 2026!**

We're looking forward to a great time of fellowship, encouragement, worship, and growing together in faith.

This year, the retreat will take place right here on our Bethany campus, making it easy for everyone to join in. More details and registration information will be coming soon, so keep an eye out in the weeks ahead. God bless you and yours!

-Karl

OCTOBER 2026

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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).

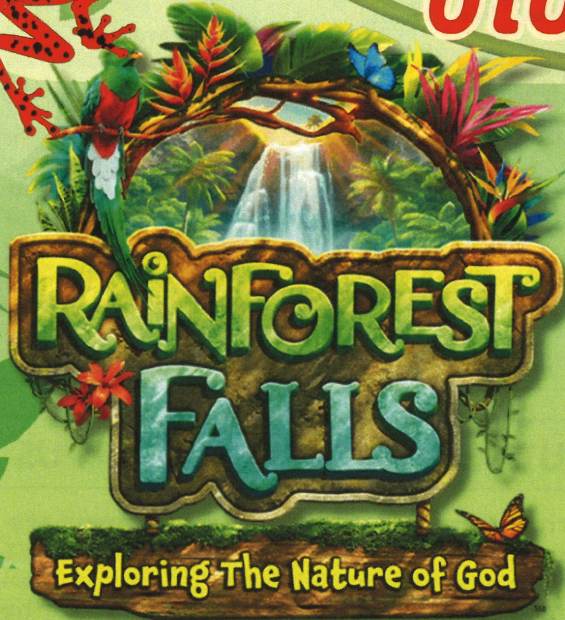
As the Iconic and Historic Holy Cross sanctuary nears completion of its remodel, **MAC will return to meeting in the balcony of the Cypress campuses on Tuesday mornings from 10am - noon.** The gatherings start with a cup of coffee, devotions, fellowship and conversation. The gathering then proceeds to 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."

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





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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