week of
Sept.
13 - 19

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

First Sparklers of the school year! See page 6 to join us for the next one!



join us.

LONG BEACH CAMPUS
SUNDAYS 8 & 9:30 AM

CYPRESS CAMPUS
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
SUNDAYS 11:10 AM

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FREE PIANO

LOOKING FOR A PIANO? WE HAVE A SPINET PIANO IN GOOD CONDITION AVAILABLE FREE TO A GOOD HOME! THE PIANO MUST BE PICKED UP BY ITS NEW OWNER AND WILL LIKELY NEED TO BE TUNED AFTER MOVING.

INTERESTED? CONTACT CARRIE EVANS AT CEVANS@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG.



Under Grace...

BETHANY LUTHERAN'S SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Potty-trained 4-year-olds through 2nd graders are invited to join us for Kids Ministry *beginning TODAY during 9:30 AM worship at our Long Beach Campus!*

🌟 Here's how it works:
Kids begin worship with their families and, after the Children's Message, will head out with our Kids Ministry Team. We'll meet in the narthex/lobby area at the back of the church before heading off for some kid-sized faith, fun, and connection!

📅 Kids Ministry meets every Sunday EXCEPT the last Sunday of the month.

👧PICK-UP:
At the end of worship, parents can pick up their kids at the gym door that opens into Friendship Square (the courtyard outside the gym).

We can't wait to learn, laugh, and grow in Jesus together! ❤️

Son-Day Study

BETHANY LUTHERAN'S SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY



3rd, 4th & 5th graders are invited to dig into God's Word, connect with friends, and grow in faith at our SON-Day Bible Study!

📅 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
⛪ During 9:30 AM Worship | Long Beach Campus
🎉 *Kicking off September 20!*

SON-Day Bible Study meets during the school year, between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

🌟 Here's how it works:
Students begin worship with their families and, after the Children's Message, will meet up with our Kids Ministry Team in the narthex/lobby before heading to Room 102 for Bible study.

When worship ends, students will head to Friendship Square to reconnect with their families during fellowship!

PARENTS — ONE QUICK THING! 📱
Please complete our yearlong Children's Ministry Permission Form using the QR code. You only need to fill it out once for the entire year, and then your child is ready to participate in any of our Children's Ministry programs!

Questions? Please contact Alissa Brege, DCE - Minister to Children and Families at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

WORSHIPING FAITHFULLY
HEBREWS 10:25

SERVING PASSIONATELY

EPHESIANS 2:10

THE CALL COMMITTEE TO EXTEND A CALL FOR THE SENIOR PASTOR OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS STARTING THE PROCESS ONCE AGAIN.

We are altering the approach and rather than calling an associate pastor who would transition to become senior pastor, we are extending a call for the office of Senior Pastor. On Jan 1st, 2027 Pastor Kritzer's title will change to Senior Pastor Emeritus, acting Sr. Pastor. Upon installation of the new senior pastor, Pastor Kritzer's title will shift to Director of Development, Sr. Pastor Emeritus through 2028. Following that Pastor Kritzer's position will be based on the needs of the congregation, with direction of the new senior pastor and input from PK. We have already been in contact with the District for an updated call list with any potential new candidates now that the job description has changed. At this time members of the congregation can submit nominees for the Senior Pastor position. We will close the nomination period on October 13th and submit those names to the District. We again ask for your prayers as we continue in this process.



Gathered
Connected
Sent

MISSIONARY TEAM

To answer our Lord's Great Commission, in the desire to send that many might be connected and gathered, and with a commitment to reaching Greater Long Beach Bethany Lutheran Church will be calling a missionary team. These calls are not filling a vacancy and thus no call committee is required per our constitution. The Voter's Assembly however still makes the decision as whether or not to extend these calls. To that end a Voter's Meeting will be set this fall. These positions will primarily be funded by designated dollars along with existing budgeted dollars. The names of our candidates will be shared no later than 3 weeks prior to our Voter's Meeting. **Scan to see the full job description.**

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!

WAYS TO GIVE AT BETHANY

QR CODE
CREDIT & DEBIT CARD, ACH, APPLE PAY, GOOGLE PAY, PAYPAL, AND VENMO

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE
OFFERING BOX,TEXT, MAIL OR IN-PERSON TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Questions? Contact Bethany's financial administrator, Andria Rosas.
Phone: 562.421.4711 x21 | Email: arosas@bethanylutheran.org

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH SCRIP

My name is Ruth Lopez and I am the Scrip Coordinator for our RaiseRight program. You can earn a tuition rebate by turning your everyday expenses into earnings! Simply buy gift cards and/or shop online through Bethany's RaiseRight program, and brands automatically give up to 20% back. Use this rebate to help pay for tuition or support the ministry of your choice (SSP, tuition assistance, youth, music ministry).

Use gift cards to pay for everyday things like gas, groceries, coffee, clothing, dining out and you could earn $1000 per year or more! There is no limit. Plus, with eGift cards, reloadable gift cards and a mobile app available you can buy gift cards and shop online anytime, anywhere.

To learn more and request Bethany's enrolment code, contact Ruth Lopez!

TO LEARN MORE

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RaiseRight™

GIVING PROPORTIONATELY

LUKE 21:1-4

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
ACTS 2:44

Sparklers

a Bethany Lutheran Family Ministry Event

FIRST TUESDAYS 3:10-4:30 pm
AGES Kindergarten-2nd grade
YOUTH CENTER Long Beach

It's an afternoon of devotions, games, snacks, crafts, and fun—and all K-2 students are invited! Bethany students will head over directly after school. If your child doesn't attend Bethany, just meet us in the Youth Room!

Haven't filled out the Yearlong Permission Form yet? Scan the QR code to complete it before attending.

Bethany Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Schools

CLUB 35

- THIRD TUESDAYS 3:10-4:30 PM
- GRADES 3-5
- YOUTH CENTER LONG BEACH CAMPUS

This is a special time set apart for devotions, games, crafts, snacks, and—most importantly—growing in our relationships with God and with one another. Whether you attend Bethany Lutheran or not - you're invited! We'd love have you join us!

Be sure to complete our Yearlong Permission Form before attending.

The CHOSEN

A New! SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 - 9:30 AM

CYPRESS CAMPUS



New!

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY







ages 0 - 200!

Cypress Campus

Sundays from 10:15 - 11 am (before worship)

We'll gather around tables in the back of the sanctuary to grow in the Gospel and deepen our relationships with God and one another through a study that invites meaningful conversation, interactive activities,+ games along the way.

Questions? Ask Alissa at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

For the past 11 years, Bethany has hosted an international Bible Study, called Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). It starts in September every year and goes to May. This year we are studying Romans.

Romans speaks to our deepest struggles and leads us straight to God's grace. Written for ordinary people, the book of Romans offers real hope for real life. For believers, it reminds us that the God who saves also transforms day by day, from the inside out ... ***from guilt to grace.***

For more info please contact the church office at longbeachoffice@bethanylutheran.org.

Mondays 6:55 - 8:30PM starting September 14

Long Beach Campus

Choir Room

Learn more at www.bsfinternational.org



10.15.26

Mark Your Calendars.

Join us as the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study returns beginning October 15. We will be diving into the book of Revelation using a brand-new Concordia Bible study written from the Lutheran tradition.

The Parish Lounge opens at 9:15 AM for coffee, conversation, and fellowship, followed by Bible study from 10:00–11:00 AM. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow in God's Word while building friendships with our sisters in Christ!

Study books are available for a special discounted price of $12.50, including tax and shipping, when ordered by September 8. For questions or to order a book, contact Meg Velez at (562) 426-4262. *(This is a landline, so please leave a message and your call will be returned.)*



New Bible Study!



Join us for Ephesians: Experience God's Power, a 9-session study by Sarah K. Howley. Together, we'll explore how God's power is at work today—transforming our lives, our relationships, and the world around us.

This new women's bible study begins Sunday, September 13, from 10:45 AM–12:00 PM in the School Library and will be co-led by Sheri Esswein, Celena McDermott, and Elsie Rivera.

Study books are available on Amazon in paperback or large print for $12.99. Friends are warmly invited to join us!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETS THIS MONTH!

Wednesday, September 16 • 11:30 am • Parish Lounge

We're celebrating the long-awaited return of Friendship Group with a Mexican Fiesta! We'll enjoy Southwest Chicken Salad with Green Chile Cornbread, a refreshing dessert, plus coffee and tea. Karl will share an inspiring devotion, and of course, we'll wrap up the afternoon with everyone's favorite—BINGO! Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, faith, and fellowship. And if you have a sombrero... well, this might just be its moment! 😉 We can't wait to see you on the 16th! ❤️



October 9-10 at our Long Beach Campus

$50/person includes 3 meals & beverages

Retreat Guest Speaker: Pr. John Alwood

BETHANY LUTHERAN MEN'S RETREAT

HOLD FIRM: SOUND MEN IN AN UNSOUND WORLD

SCAN

Bethany Lutheran's Family Ministry's

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Wednesday, September 23

5 PM
Join us on the patio for food, fellowship, and family fun.

6:30 PM
Stay for CommonTable worship in the sanctuary.

Please RSVP by 9/20

Questions? Ask Alissa at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Griefshare

your journey from mourning _____ to joy

JOIN US FOR A SUPPORTIVE SMALL GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, WHETHER RECENT OR LONG AGO. EACH GATHERING INCLUDES PRAYER, A SHORT VIDEO, AND TIME FOR DISCUSSION AND ENCOURAGEMENT. A MINIMAL FEE FOR THE WORKBOOK WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST MEETING. *NO RSVP NEEDED—WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOU.*

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 12:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM *LONG BEACH CAMPUS*

AFTERNOON TEA *at Cypress*



OCTOBER 10TH @ 1 PM

CYPRESS CAMPUS

$20 FOR ADULTS
$10 FOR KIDS 10 & UNDER

JOIN US FOR TEA, SANDWICHES, DESSERTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT!

SCAN ME
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DID YOU KNOW?
THERE'S A QR FOR THAT!

CONTACT & INFO REQUEST

NEW MEMBER REQUEST

WEDDING REQUEST

YEAR-LONG PERMISSION

E-BROADCAST SIGN-UP

OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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