week of
Sept. 26-
Oct. 3

# THE BETHANY BROADCAST

***First gym chapel with The Collective!***





## join us.

**LONG BEACH CAMPUS**
**SUNDAYS** 8 & 9:30 AM

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

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# PLEASE PRAY FOR

Eleanor Blevins

Pr. Bob Bunnett

Greg Busch

Stan Curtis

Amelia Esswein

Grace Esswein

Betty Greene

Dale Greene

Sherry Grguric

Karen Haydock

Hazim Jainoor

Cristina LaSalvia

Phyllis Lee

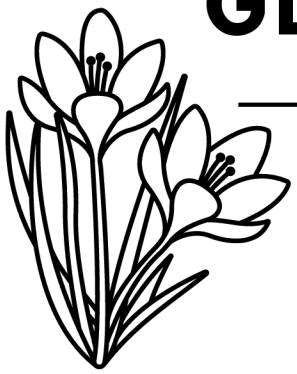
Charlene Mitchell

Jean Moyer

Mark Olof

Suzanne Reed

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



in loving memory of Florentina Lim Ly from her family.

# ALTAR FLOWERS AT BETHANY LUTHERAN

*Altar flowers are a beautiful way to enrich our worship and mark meaningful moments in the lives of our Bethany family. You may sponsor flowers for a specific Sunday in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an anniversary, baptismal birthday, birthday, or other special occasion. Special recognitions are printed in the Sunday bulletin, with a suggested donation of $75. Please submit your request at least two weeks in advance. You may also make a general donation of any amount to the Altar Flower Fund. These gifts help provide flowers for worship throughout the year and support our flower ministry to hospitalized and homebound members.*

*Scan the QR code below to sponsor flowers or make a donation.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**BAPTISMS @ BETHANY**

**FLOWER DONATIONS**

# 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 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

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

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# MEMBERSHIP

## at Bethany Lutheran Church





Whether you're new to Bethany or have been gathering and connecting with us for quite some time but simply haven't become a member, we'd love to help you take that next step.

If you're already a confirmed Lutheran, we can help arrange a transfer of membership. If you were confirmed in another Christian tradition or are new to Christianity altogether, we'll help you find the right pathway toward becoming a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at our Long Beach or Cypress campus.

Wherever you're starting from, we'd be happy to walk alongside you!

If you're interested in membership at Bethany please let Pr. Kevin know, so that we may facilitate this for you.

Pr. Kevin Kritzer -
kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org

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. Pastoral nomination forms are available at the Long Beach campus or using the QR code. All forms must be filled out, signed, and turned in to the office by October 13th.

*Thank you, Bethany Pastoral Call Committee*

**LINK TO THE FORM!**

# Taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

That is what Samaritan's Purse wants to do. It is why shoebox gifts are packed and why they are sent to far off places: to bring the hope of the Gospel to children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child wants to introduce children and families to the Greatest Gift ever given - the story of Jesus. **Shoebox Season is HERE**, giving us the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of practical and fun gifts, together with the story of the Gospel. Last year, shoebox gifts from our region were shipped to Mongolia, Thailand, the Philippines and to the Pacific Island of Vanuatu. Boxes packed online were shipped to some of the hardest-to-reach places - whether deep jungles, city slums or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands where some have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

## Bethany Students pack on:

**Wednesday, November 18**

Want to donate? Items can be placed in the OCC box outside the church office.

***Empty shoeboxes will be available Sunday, October 18.***

**We could use:**

- hair brushes
- nail clippers
- color markers
- small calculators
- fun adhesive bandages
- quality toys like Hot Wheels & Magnatiles

***Or you can donate funds to cover the $10 shipping cost of each box. Please drop off cash or checks (payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with OCC written in the memo line) to Andria Rosas in the finance office.***



***OCC SHOEBOXES: IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!***

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
ACTS 2:44

Bethany Lutheran Church & Schools
Okto~bear~fest
Food ◆ Music ◆ Games ◆ Family Fun

JOIN US
# OCTOBER 25TH
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN'S LONG BEACH CAMPUS
WITH A MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY: LADYHOSEN

BEER | MUSIC | FOOD | FAMILY FUN

## ORDER OF EVENTS

4 PM - 7 PM

### TRUNK OR TREAT
**4 - 5 PM**

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! ADMISSION IS 1 BAG OF CANDY + 1 CANNED FOOD ITEM.

### FOOD IS SERVED
**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

### OKTO-FEST
**4 - 7 PM**

THE FUN CONTINUES UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST: LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND PLENTY OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**SCAN TO REGISTER AND ORDER FOOD + DRINKS BY OCT. 21**



# HONORING OUR VETERANS

Bethany Lutheran School students are creating thank-you cards for veterans to be mailed in time for Veterans Day!

Know a veteran? Submit their name and mailing address by Friday, October 23.

**Please note:** Veterans must be submitted each year. Even if you submitted someone previously, please submit them again for our 2026 list. Please submit the form once for each veteran.

**Last year, we mailed cards to more than 90 veterans across the U.S.! Help us do it again!**

# INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

NEW!

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

# BETHANY LUTHERAN MEN'S RETREAT

## HOLD FIRM: SOUND MEN IN AN UNSOUND WORLD

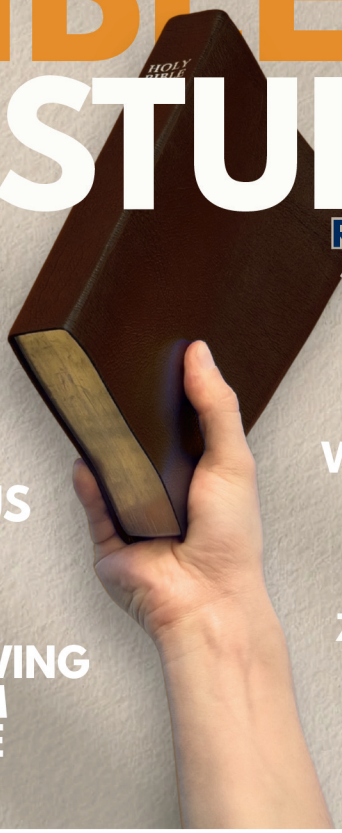
October 9-10 at our Long Beach Campus

$50/person includes 3 meals & beverages

Retreat Guest Speaker: Pr. John Alwood

# SUNDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

RETURNS SEPT 27



LONG BEACH CAMPUS
*location*

MEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME!

FOLLOWING 9:30 AM SERVICE
*time*

HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI
*topics*

# 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.*

GOING ON NOW
SUNDAYS @ 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**

Put on your favorite fascinator and join us for a delightful afternoon of Christian fellowship, delicious food, and great conversation. Enjoy tea, sandwiches, desserts, door prizes, raffles, and the chance to connect with old friends and make new ones. Proceeds from the event will support LWML projects. Seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early!

# MOVIE SCREENING

## "The Dyslexic Advantage"

A documentary film that explores the experiences, challenges, and remarkable strengths of individuals with dyslexia

**Sunday**
**October 11**

6:30pm
BLS Gymnasium

Bethany Lutheran School
5100 Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA 90808

PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

Register for this FREE event here!

# *Secrets of* EGYPT & THE NILE

EXPLORE CAIRO & ANCIENT WONDERS ON THE NILE
NOVEMBER 18–29, 2028

What is better than traveling somewhere exotic and wondrous, and growing in your faith and understanding of God's work in this world at the same time. Bethany on the Go is headed to Egypt for a Nile Cruise. Join fellow members of Bethany and our sister congregation Trinity Paso Robles and a member of the Bethany pastoral staff, who will lead us in a daily study of Exodus, as we travel through the places where Moses, Aaron and Miriam's accounts took place.

BOOK NOW | CTA TRAVEL 562-865-9516