week of
October
11 - 17

THE BETHANY BROADCAST



Confirmation + CommonTable @ Cypress



All School Photo Celebrating
80 Years of Christian Education

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

Suzanne Donnelly

Amelia Esswein

Grace Esswein

Betty Greene

Sherry Grguric

Karen Haydock

Hazim Jainoor

Cristina LaSalvia

Phyllis Lee

Charlene Mitchell

Jean Moyer

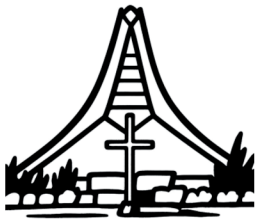
Mark Olof

Suzanne Reed

† GOD'S COMFORT AND PEACE TO:

The family and friends of Dale Greene, who went home to his Heavenly Father on September 29. His service will be held at Forest Lawn in Cypress on Friday, October 23, at 11 am.

The family and friends of Donald Plog, long time member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Don was called home to his Heavenly Father on September 26.



SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Voter's Meeting

Our next Voter's Meeting will take place on November 8, 12:30 pm, at our Cypress campus.



MEMBERSHIP

at Bethany Lutheran Church



SCAN HERE

New to Bethany or ready to take the next step? We'd love to help you become a member! Whether you're a confirmed Lutheran seeking a transfer, coming from another Christian tradition, or new to Christianity, we'll guide you toward membership at our Long Beach or Cypress campus.

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

Pastor Kevin Kritzer *kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org*

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

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!



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

SCRIP UPDATES

Did you know... every month there is an opportunity to win a $500 gift card of your choice!?

There is an ongoing "Refer A Friend Giveaway" every month through RaiseRight. On top of the $500 gift card of your choice you can also earn another $500 gift card from that month's featured brand. For the month of October it is Marriott!

How to participate: Use the "Invite Friends and Family" tool to share your invite link via text or email. (Please do not share on social media platforms) For each person who signs up through your link, you'll get one entry for that month's drawing. Score more entries when your invited person places their first order. In October you will also get an extra entry for each order you place that includes a $25+ Marriott gift card.

Bonus Fest happening every weekend in October. This weekend's (Oct. 9 - 11) featured brand is Cabela's.

TO LEARN MORE

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RaiseRight

GIVING PROPORTIONATELY

LUKE 21:1-4

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.

OKTO-FEST

4 - 7 PM

THE FUN CONTINUES ON THE FIELD AND UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST COMPLETE WITH A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OKTOBEARFEST, ONE OF THE LARGEST GATHERINGS OF THE BETHANY COMMUNITY IN WHICH OUR PRESCHOOL, DAY SCHOOL AND CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES CONNECT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

EACH YEAR THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY SPONSORS. IF YOUR BUSINESS OR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR OKTOBEARFEST, WE HAVE SPONSORSHIPS FOR BEVERAGES, THE BAND AND THE BIG TOP ITSELF. SPONSORSHIPS ARE $500 AND SPONSORS RECEIVE 2 ADULT MEALS, 4 BEERS AND A RECOGNITION SIGN AT THE EVENT.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPONSOR OKTOBEARFEST PLEASE CONTACT ANDRIA ROSAS, BETHANY'S FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR, AT AROSAS@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

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!

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!

CREATING A TECH-READY HOME *in the AI Age*

Free Workshop for Parents

PROTECT young eyes
creating safer digital spaces

This workshop will equip you to:

- Build five habits to feel prepared and confident.
- Follow five steps for a safer digital home.
- Learn practical, age-appropriate ways to discuss pornography, sextortion, and AI companions with your kids.
- Discover your digital superpowers.

Monday, October 19
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Free childcare for school-age children!

Bethany Lutheran School

SUNDAY MORNING MEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

GOING ON NOW!

MEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME!

LONG BEACH CAMPUS
location

FOLLOWING 9:30 AM SERVICE
time

HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI
topics

10.15.26

Join Us Thursday!

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume this week. We will be studying the book of Revelation from the Concordia Commentary Bible Study Series. Class starts at 10 am in the Parish Lounge but doors open at 9:30 for coffee and conversation. We look forward to another exciting year of learning about our wonderful God.

See you there!

FALL FUN WITH CARAMEL APPLES AT CYPRESS

USE QR IN BROADCAST TO RSVP



OCTOBER 14 @ 5:30 PM

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FALL TREATS FOLLOWED BY COMMONTABLE!

Taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Shoebox Season is HERE! Through Operation Christmas Child, we have the opportunity to share the hope of the Gospel with children around the world. Prayerfully pack a shoebox with practical and fun gifts, and help introduce children and their families to the Greatest Gift ever given—Jesus!

Last year, shoeboxes from our region traveled to Mongolia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vanuatu, and other hard-to-reach places where children may have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Pack a shoebox and help share His love around the world!

Bethany Students pack on:

Wednesday, November 18

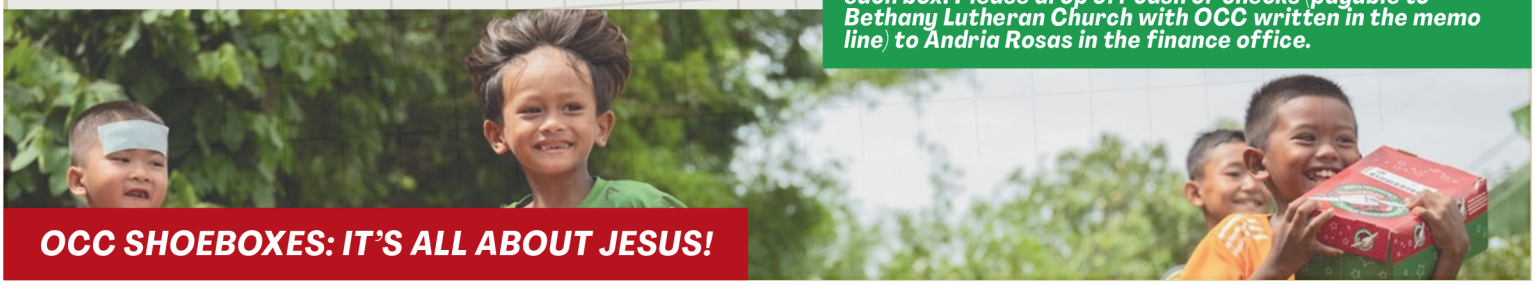
Want to donate? Items can be placed in the OCC box outside the church office.

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!