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**Church Office Hours:**  
  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**7:30 am — 12 pm**  
  
**Closed Fridays**

*Weekly*  
**CHIMES**  
 BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
  
 WEEK OF  
**OCTOBER 20-26**

- PLEASE PRAY FOR:**
- Michelle Bialorke
  - David Gamble
  - Betty Greene
  - Walter Greene
  - Cristina LaSalvia
  - Phyllis Lee
  - Tom Mooney
  - Larry Neasel
  - Marsha Newell
  - Suzanne Reed
  - Marilyn Riordan
  - Shirley Sisson
  - Martin & Nancy Wastell
  - Joyce Yocam

*God's Comfort and Peace to*  
  
 the family and friends of Ron Miner who went home to his heavenly father on October 11, 2024. His memorial service will be held Saturday, January 18th.



*May the love of God surround you, offering comfort and peace in the midst of sorrow.*



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR BULLETIN FOR A SPECIAL INSERT REGARDING THE UPCOMING VOTERS' MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH!**


**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** *to the glory of God:*


IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDISON ENWIA - AMAZING FATHER, HUSBAND, AND BABA SAWA.  
  
 BY THE ALBERS AND ENWIA FAMILIES

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives, and believes in Me will never die."  
 - John 11: 25-26*

IN CELEBRATION OF AJAY SUNNY'S BIRTHDAY TODAY, OCTOBER 20TH.  
  
 BY MOM, DAD, AND THE SUNNY FAMILY

*May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you happiness on this birthday and for all the years to come.*





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*Worshiping Faithfully* Hebrews 10:25

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## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

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Bethany Lutheran Music Ministry invites you to the 53rd annual Christmas Concerts, "The Angels Proclaim," featuring the choirs & ensembles of Bethany Lutheran Church & School. The public is invited to attend one of two concerts at 3:00pm or 7:00pm on December 15 at Bethany Lutheran Church. This concert is a **FREE TICKETED EVENT**, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Bethany Lutheran Music Ministry and the Music Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available beginning Tuesday, November 12! To get tickets and more information about Christmas at Bethany, scan the QR code or visit [BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/Christmas](https://BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/Christmas). Questions? Contact Noah Freeman, Director of Music Ministries & Worship Arts at [nfreeman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:nfreeman@bethanylutheran.org).



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*The angels*  
**PROCLAIM**

Noah Freeman, director

Kevin Bowers, accompanist | Robert Bottoms, organist



*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the newborn King!"*

# Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10

## A SYNODWIDE RESPONSE TO HURRICANES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN U.S.



Dear friends in Christ,

It has been two weeks since Hurricane Helene first came ashore as a Category 4 storm near Perry, Fla. Today, the estimated death toll from Helene stands at almost 250 people across seven states, with many people still unaccounted for, particularly in North Carolina. Within days of Helene's landfall, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, took a multi-day trip to the affected areas. He estimates the total Synod response to Helene will be around \$1 million.

Now, as Hurricane Milton has made landfall in Florida, spawning multiple tornadoes and leaving millions without power, those already weary from the effects of one monstrous storm are facing another.

After flooding from Helene ravaged the shared campus of Mountainside Lutheran Church and Recognized Service Organization Camp Linn Haven in Newland, N.C., the Rev. Bryan Chestnutt, Mountainside's pastor, said he immediately felt the church's support. "We didn't even know what we needed. We couldn't even think straight. The counsel we got and the help that we are getting from our district president and from the Synod has been wonderful. At a time like this, you really feel what the word 'synod' means."

We don't yet know the full impact of either Helene or Milton. We do know that much will be required — in time, volunteers, money and resources — before the recovery is complete. Even more important, we know that our Lord is faithful. He never abandons His children. And He works all things for good "for those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

In the weeks and months ahead, please continue to pray for all who have been impacted by these terrible storms. Help spread the word by sharing updates on the response. And prayerfully consider how you might take part in the recovery effort, which will take many months, by volunteering your time or offering your financial support. Learn more at [lcms.org/hurricane-response](https://lcms.org/hurricane-response).

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



register at [coastalmiission.org](https://coastalmiission.org)

# OUTPOST

november 9 training



# CHRISTIAN OUTREACH *in Action!*

Christian Outreach in Action (COA) has seen a staggering 40% increase in people seeking our help for hot meals, nutritious groceries, clothing, diapers, and furniture. The need in our community is overwhelming as we now serve up to 1,000 individuals daily, stretching out resources thin.

Your donations have an incredible impact:

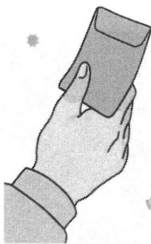


- \$25 provides four bags of groceries with produce and food for a family of four
- \$50 provides two packs of diapers to a low-income mother for her infant
- \$100 clothes a homeless or low-income individual, along with hygiene essentials
- \$250 provides household furniture/goods for a low-income person receiving housing
- \$500 provides 167 prepared meals for homeless or individuals facing food insecurities
- \$1000 or more provides prepared meals for 334 homeless or low-income individuals

Christian Outreach in Action is a nondenominational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of homeless and impoverished individuals in Long Beach and Greater Los Angeles, so they may reach and sustain self-sufficiency and independence.

## *Giving Proportionately* **Luke 21:1-4**

### **WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN**



### **TITHE AND OFFERINGS**

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 Maraley Shaeffer at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org).

**There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:**

Giving Online, Text to Give, Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Box



# BONUS FEST - LAST WEEKEND OF BONUSES!

**Dates: Oct. 25 - 27**  
**Featured brand: Total Wine and More**

**New Brands:**

**Pinkberry** - Treat yourself to top quality frozen yogurt and 5% earnings. Whether you're craving the original tart frozen yogurt or classic vanilla bean, or trying something new, there's something to satisfy your sweet tooth. Available as eGift cards in \$5 - \$100 amounts.

**Skechers** - Get style and comfort combined with 6% earnings. Shop new eGift cards in \$15 - \$500 amounts, then find classic and comfy sneakers, boots and sandals and more for the whole family. Plus, shop Skechers online through RaiseRight to earn even more.

**World Market** - Discover unique, globally inspired furniture, home decor, food and beverages, and more. Available in eGift cards in \$5 - \$500 amounts with 6% earnings.



*To learn more or request the enrollment code:*  
 Ruth Lopez  
 BLS Scrip Coordinator  
 rlopez@bethanylutheran.org  
 562-420-7783 ext. 58



## Community Connections: Acts 2:44

### ROOTED IS COMING BACK TO BETHANY!

**Date:** Tuesdays, February 4 – April 9, 2025  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm  
 Men's and Women's groups

Have you wondered about the purpose and plan for your life? In the past two years, Rooted has provided over 100 people at Bethany the opportunity to learn to follow Jesus differently and gain a deeper understanding of the plan He has for our lives. We'd love to have you experience Rooted with us during Lent of 2025! Watch for registration information. Rooted is for anyone & everyone!



# JOIN US AT OUR OKTO-BEAR-FEST CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!

Activities include our **Trunk or Treat (admission to Trunk or Treat = 1 bag of candy per family + 1 can of food)**, a traditional German feast with all the trimmings (order food and drink using the QR code below), and we will also be collecting canned food to support the hungry in our community. A day of live entertainment, good food, and plenty of fun and fellowship with the entire Bethany family.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **3:30-4 pm:** Preschool Open House
- **4-5 pm:** "Trunk or Treat" in the Bethany parking lot
- **4:30 - 6:30 pm:** Food is served
- **4-7 pm:** Okto-bear-fest (under the tent)



### Sales are now OPEN!

Purchase your food, beer, t-shirt or make a donation to help offset costs by scanning the QR code.

\*Beer purchases are PRESALE ONLY and limited to (2) per adult.

**\*LAST DAY TO MAKE PURCHASES - MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.**

## BETHANY'S OKTO-BEAR-FEST SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

This year, sponsorships are available for the band (Ladyhosen), the biergarten, or the big top!

Sponsorships come with 2 adult meals, 4 beers, an Okto-bear-fest t-shirt (sizes are limited on first come, first serve basis), and a poster on the biergarten, near the stage or on the big top with sponsor's name. **Sponsorships are \$500.**

If your company or organization would like to sponsor Okto-bear-fest, please contact Pastor Kritzer and [kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org).



## TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Trunk or treat starts at 4 pm in the Bethany parking lot! Admission is one bag of candy and one canned good per family. Canned goods collected will be used to support the hungry in our community. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available including greeters, candy runners, and, of course, we need lots of fun, decorated cars! Scan the QR code to find out more and to sign up!



# WHAT DO WASHINGTON DC AND CHRISTMAS WREATHS HAVE IN COMMON?

*Our Bethany Lutheran 8th Graders!*

The annual wreath sales to raise funds for the 8th grade DC trip is HERE! There are many opportunities to place your order and every wreath sold supports our 8th graders as they travel to Washington DC in May! Wreaths are hand-crafted from sustainably harvested superior quality Noble Fir Boughs & accented with Blue Juniper, Cedar, faux red berries and Ponderosa pine cones.



On their trip this Spring, these students will have the opportunity to see the places they have been studying all year long. With stops in Williamsburg, Jamestown, Monticello, Washington DC, & Gettysburg, this trip will be one to remember!

*Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

*Questions!* Contact Dr. Fink at [mfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mfink@bethanylutheran.org).




## Mom Co.

**Date:** second Tuesdays of the month  
**Time:** 8:30 - 9:30 am  
**Location:** Youth Center



*A time for moms to connect with one another, have a time of devotion, learn & grow, build one another up & snack on breakfast treats together.*

*Mom Co. questions!* Contact Alissa Brege at [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org). 



# HOUSE FOR RENT

Three bedroom house with a yard close to church for rent. More details available upon request.

For more information:

 [thomasangle442@gmail.com](mailto:thomasangle442@gmail.com)

 562-445-7010 (text or call)

## CHRIST LUTHERAN'S 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

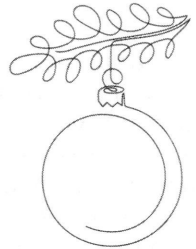
**Date:** Saturday, December 7th

**Time:** 10 am - 2 pm

**Location:** 6500 Stearns St. Long Beach

Come stroll through booths of crafts, food, fair trade items, and more. There will be a children's area of games and crafts plus family photos will be taken. A fun day for all!

**Questions?** Call or text Sheri Esswein at 657-456-3225.



## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to thanking veterans for their service and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of student-created thank you cards to arrive just before Veterans Day.



**\*Important Note\*** In order to keep the list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names/addresses yearly. If you submitted a veteran in previous years, please submit them again. We will only be mailing to those on the 2024 list.

**We ask that you please:**



- Complete this form no later than **Friday, October 25th, 2024.**
- Complete this form for **one veteran at a time.**

Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Evans at [cevans@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cevans@bethanylutheran.org) with any questions.

Last year, over 80 envelopes full of thank you notes were mailed around the U.S.A. We hope to do that again! Thank you for your help!

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR DESIRE INFORMATION ABOUT A MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP, OR ONLINE GIVING?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S OR A PREVIOUS SERMON AGAIN?

You can hear them as podcasts at [bethanylutheran.org](http://bethanylutheran.org)



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

Today's 9:30 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

