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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

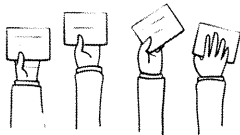
Weekly
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Week of
November 17-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Walter Greene
Leroy Kimoto
Cristina LaSalvia
Phyllis Lee
Tom Mooney
Larry Neasel
Marsha Newell
Suzanne Reed
Marilyn Riordan
Shirley Sisson
Kat Totten
Martin & Nancy
Wastell
Joyce Yocam

VOTERS MEETING

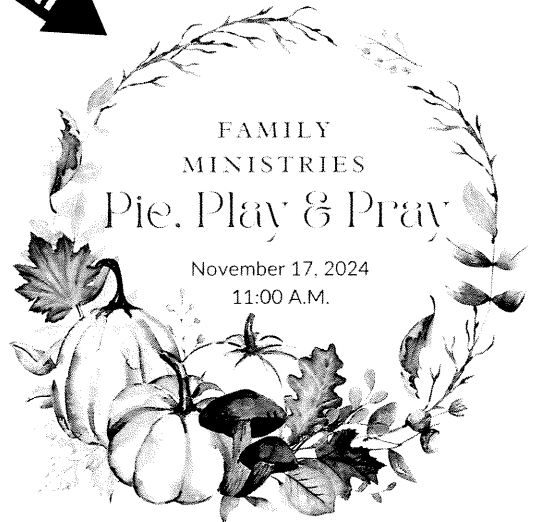


At our Voters meeting held on November 10th, the motion to approve the new proposed Constitution and Bylaws passed unanimously. We are required to approve the new documents at 2 consecutive Voters Meetings. **The next**

meeting will be held on December 1st BETWEEN SERVICES in the Sanctuary 5 minutes after the conclusion of the 8 am service. At this meeting we will vote on the following two motions:

- 1. The Interim Board of Directors moves to approve the amended proposed Constitution and Bylaws (for the second time) as approved by the District Constitution Review Committee.***
- 2. The Interim Board of Directors moves to appoint the current Interim Board of Directors as the official Board of Directors through June 30, 2025.***

We will hold elections for the Board of Directors term that begins on July 1, 2025 at the spring Voters Meeting.



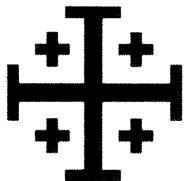
FAMILY
MINISTRIES
Pie, Play & Pray

November 17, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Join us **TODAY** on Bethany's playground and field for "Pie, Play, & Pray!" This is a **FREE FAMILY** event so we ask that children are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

See you soon!

Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

Reserve Your Free Tickets Today!

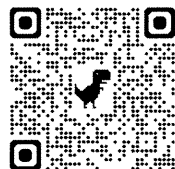
DATE: December 15th, 2024

TIMES: 3 pm and 7 pm

TICKETS: Scan the QR code

(or visit BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/Christmas)

QUESTIONS: Noah Freeman - nfreeman@bethanylutheran.org



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.



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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

THE TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU! (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)



We have been live streaming our worship services for a while now. It has been a blessing to our online community and to those who are not able to attend worship in person.

To keep this ministry going we are in need of volunteers who can help run the tech for the services. Positions Include: Camera operator, in-house sound, live stream sound, and slide operator! A training day will be scheduled.

Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact Blake Flattley at bflattley@bethanylutheran.org.



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO *get connected?*



Consider getting connected to a prayer group! Think on what 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 says: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." The following are opportunities the Holy Spirit may be guiding you to join. Contact person is provided below.

Pre-service Team meets to praise, confess, and give thanks to God and to intercede for all those who serve and attend our worship service, for all church ministries, you!, military, firemen, police, our community and nation, and to pray for the protection against all that is evil. You are invited to *gather* on Sunday mornings and *connect* with others in preparation for worship services. The team meets 8:30-9:00 each Sunday. The prayer guide for all the prayers above are prepared by a

team member. Options for praying are in the Conference Room or by a conference call from your home. The prayer guide will be sent to you the Saturday before, copies will also be available on Sunday mornings. Please bring your Bible. *Contacts: Kahana Smith (faithsmith911@gmail.com) and Randa Pearson (tedandranda@gmail.com)*

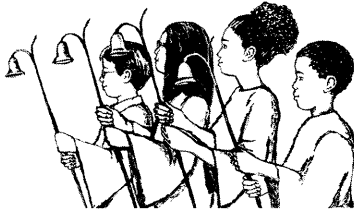
Moms in Prayer *gather* to pray for our BLS, the teachers and staff, and students. They meet each Tuesday in the Youth Room 8:30-9:30 am. *Contact: Julie Long (juleflute@gmail.com)*

Prayer Chain is an opportunity to receive e-mails with names of those in need of our prayers. Thus, giving us the privilege to pray for the needs of another and then, perhaps, be in a position to reach out to them in a meaningful way. *Connecting* . Names are submitted with just pertinent information. *Contact: Reva Kramer (rkcreates@gmail.com)*

Prayer Walkers *gather* to walk and pray for those in homes in the community near Bethany. There are opportunities to walk and pray on a selected Saturdays. *Contact: Pr. Kyle Blake (rev.kblake@gmail.com)*

YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

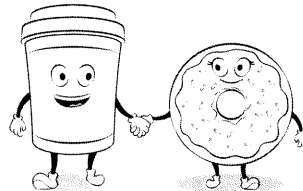
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



We are once again interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday Worship services (8 & 9:30 am)! Contact Karl Fink at kfink@bethanylutheran.org with any questions. Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up on the google doc where you will find all available openings.

To volunteer: bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



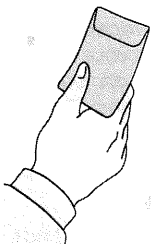
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

This is a great way to interact with church members, hang out with other youth, and earn funds in your Youth Ministry Account to be used towards any Youth Ministry event. Coffee and donuts are provided for you! Email acoleman@bethanylutheran.org for details.

To volunteer: bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts

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!



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

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



Questions!

Contact Maraley Shaeffer at
mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

TOP EARNERS FOR OCTOBER*!

*amounts reflect 60% rebate actually earned:

1. Lopez \$102.29
2. Cuizon \$83.93
3. Long \$47.10



Two opportunities to earn big bonuses with Raise Days! Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 21-22. Bonuses apply to eGift cards & reloaded cards. You will need an account to participate. Great time to get started!

To learn more:

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



BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!



Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday and you are able to make two types of donations to support this ministry: a general donation and a special request with recognition.

- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION**
This type of donation comes with a special message printed in the weekly Chimes, Sunday Bulletin, and Bethany Bullet.* **Suggested donation of \$75.**
- **A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND**

If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please let us know two weeks in advance and specify which Sunday it is for as well as the message you would like printed.



Operation Christmas Child: SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE!



The school children at Bethany will be packing shoebox gifts on Wednesday, November 13. Boxes are available in Friendship Square this morning if you would like to pack a shoebox, as well. You can also support the Operation Christmas Child ministry, a project of Samaritan's Purse, with prayer, donations, collecting filled boxes from the community (Nov 18-25), inspecting boxes at the

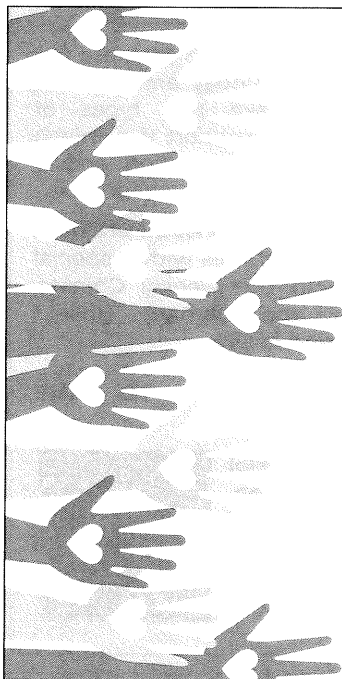
Processing Center in Fullerton, or baking cookies for our fundraiser "Mission-Minded Munchies" on Dec 15. For more information on these opportunities, stop by the OCC table between services.

OCC Shoeboxes: Good News. Great Joy!

Questions and Volunteer Info

Contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez, or Aleina Aiello.

Community Connections Acts 2:44



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

“ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS”

A WOMEN'S RETREAT

with special retreat leader
DR. CAROL McDANIEL

Friday, June 6 - Saturday, June 7
at Concordia University in Irvine

*Event begins with dinner on Friday
and ends after dinner on Saturday!*

**RETREAT COST
IS \$180**

**SAVE YOUR SPOT
WITH \$20 DEPOSIT!**

Use this QR code to
Save your Spot
or
Fully Register

or
you may see our
Women's Retreat Table
on Sunday morning!



CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF PROJECT CONNECT BOOKLETS!

Lutheran Hour Ministries' booklet ministry, **Project Connect**, is designed to provide down-to-earth insight about things people deal with every day—grief, stress, prayer, relationships—and more. You can share **Project Connect** booklets with friends and neighbors, and use them for your own encouragement and enlightenment. Bethany maintains a **Project Connect** booklet carousel in the narthex. Please visit the carousel, browse the booklets available, and take any that are of interest to you.



GIFT PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Many have charitable intent, but often this intent is nothing more than a wish, not being clearly articulated in the estate plan. Executors and trustees usually do not have latitude to create charitable gifts from your estate. Giving inheritance to family hoping they will follow through with your intent to allocate assets to ministry probably won't work for the same reason you are not achieving that goal in your life. It needs to be spelled out. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in clarifying your desires, making sure they are represented in your legal documents.

Questions!

Contact Andrea Hyde
Gift Planning Specialist
andrea.hyde@lfnd.org | 209-613-2125

THRIVENT JOB OPPORTUNITY!



Benjamin Koehlinger, CFP®, CKA®, BFA™, ChFC®, FIC Wealth Advisor with Thrivent is looking to hire an office assistant in Lakewood. This position will start at 20-25 hours per week and has the potential to move to full-time.

Thrivent is a faith-based membership organization helping members be wise with money and inspiring them to live generous lives. Join the team and make an impact with the work you'll do every day. To learn more about Thrivent and to inquire about this job opportunity please scan the QR code.



ROOTED IS COMING BACK TO BETHANY!

You're invited to take a 10-week adventure discovering a deeper relationship with the Lord and His people. Whether you're a life-long believer or are new to the faith, ROOTED will enliven your relationship with God and equip you to follow Jesus differently.



ONLINE REGISTRATION: November 10, 2024 through January 29, 2025
ALL GROUPS MEETING ON: Tuesdays, Feb 4 – April 9, 2025
(men's, women's and couples' groups available)
GROUP SERVICE PROJECT: TBA during weeks of March 11-25, 2025
BOOKS AND CLOSING CELEBRATION FEE: \$40 (assistance available)
REPEAT PARTICIPANTS FEE (reusing prior workbook): \$20.00



Read what previous Bethany participants have to say...

- "Gracious and welcoming to a very new Christian."*
- "Homework was do-able for busy life and excellent material."*
- "Special bonding in small group sharing, praying and serving together."*
- "God's Word came alive in discussions and experiences together."*
- "Faith stories helped me grow in my own faith."*

"I pray that you, being ROOTED and grounded in LOVE, may have power, together with all God's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the LOVE of Christ." Eph. 3:16-17

Mary Kay Esswein, Scott Andersen,
Nola Seaman, Phil Lopez, Emily Chartier
Rooted Leadership Team



1517 ADVENT MATERIAL & DEVOTIONAL IS HERE!

The new Advent material from 1517 including a devotional has been released!

Questions? Contact Pr. Seth Moorman at seth@1517.org.

HIS GOSPEL IS PEACE



IT'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP TIME!

**Friendship Group meets
Wednesday, November 20th at
11:30 am in the Parish Lounge.**



No need to bring your lunch as we be serving turkey sandwiches and pumpkin pie in honor of Thanksgiving. Coffee and tea will be available. Karl will have a wonderful devotion as always and then we will play bingo...a favorite of all. With grateful hearts, please join us for fun and fellowship! See you there.



HOUSE FOR RENT

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

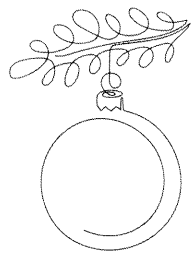
For more information:

-  thomasangle442@gmail.com
-  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.

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



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

