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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

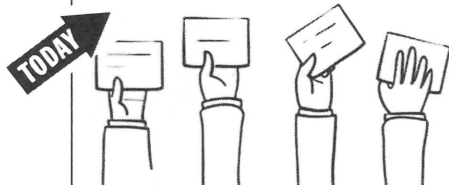
Weekly
C H I M E S
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
DECEMBER 1-7

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 TODAY FOLLOWING THE 8 AM SERVICE!



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 two consecutive Voters Meetings. Today's meeting will be held **BETWEEN SERVICES** in the Sanctuary five minutes after the conclusion of the 8 am service. See you there!

CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP

"COME LET US ADORE HIM" AT BETHANY AND HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES:

December 4th - 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**
December 11th - 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**
December 18th - 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES:

3 pm and 5 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**
7 pm at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
11 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

**CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE
WITH HOLY COMMUNION:**

9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran Church**
There will be **NO** Christmas Day Service at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Worshiping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE:

We love kids here at Bethany! **We offer nursery care during both our 8:00 and 9:30AM services.** Infants through preschool kids love connecting with friends & enjoy the playing with the toys while listening to the service playing. We have a fantastic team that are highly qualified caretakers.

Drop off starts at 7:50AM for the 8:00AM service and at 9:20AM for the 9:30AM service. Please make your way across Friendship Square (the courtyard outside) to sign your little one in.



UNDER GRACE, UNDER 8:

Children ages two (and who are potty-trained) through second grade are invited to join us for songs, crafts, stories that help them to better understand Jesus abundant love for them and the grand adventures of the Bible!

Under Grace, Under 8 normally happens during our 9:30AM worship service. Kids will be invited from Children's Message to join in the fun and parents can pick up their kids just following the service at the Parish Lounge.

If you haven't filled out a Yearlong Permission Form this year yet, please use the QR code here. Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org



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.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

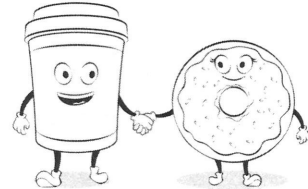
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



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

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO *get connected?*



Consider getting connected to a prayer group! 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)*

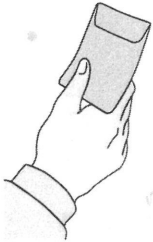
Moms in Prayer *gather* to pray for our BLS, the teachers and staff, and students. They meet each Tuesday in the Youth Room 8:30-9:30 am. *Contact: Julie Long (juleflute@gmail.com)*

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)*

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!

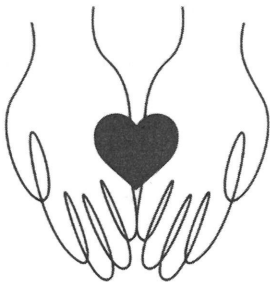
Contact Maraley Shaeffer at
mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

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

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



GIVING TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3RD!



Giving Tuesday is a Global Day of Generosity takes place **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**. This global movement seeks to inspire people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Even in times of economic uncertainty, we each have a deep reserve of generosity and the ability to make a difference with our time, kindness, skills, and voices in addition to charitable donations. We are encouraging anyone who can to consider contributing on December 3rd -whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes -every act of generosity counts. Bethany Lutheran is a generous community and this year we are participating in **Giving Tuesday** in order to raise funds to enhance our **Church Kitchen**. While we have received a generous gift of \$15K to begin this project, we will need more resources to



Here are some costs of various items for our kitchen:

- Cabinets - \$6,000
- Stainless Counters - \$4,000
- LED Lighting - \$2,000
- Stove - \$4,000
- Microwave - \$800

**No gift is too small! Each gift will
bless the transformation of our kitchen.**

***The last day to contribute
is December 15th at midnight.***

EARN WHILE HOLIDAY SHOPPING!



Earn on all your holiday shopping and gifting when you buy gift cards and shop online through Bethany's RaiseRight program! The money you're already planning to spend on things like gifts, wrapping paper, stocking stuffers, groceries, travel, and more, can help you earn toward tuition costs or for other Bethany ministries. It adds up fast! Here's how to earn:

1. Buy gift cards from RaiseRight and use them to pay for your holiday expenses. Every gift card purchase from RaiseRight earns up to 20% back!
2. Shop online through RaiseRight—log in to your RaiseRight account, click through to shop directly on a brand's website, and earn upon completing a purchase.
3. Plus, you can earn extra by combining earnings! Shop online through RaiseRight, then buy a gift card to use as payment for your online purchase. You'll earn both ways at once!

To learn more :

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



(Pro tip! Install RaiseRight's browser extension to your browser so you can get earning reminders while shopping online!)

Haven't joined our RaiseRight program yet? Scan the QR code!

Community Connections: Acts 2:44

Bethany Lutheran Church presents
**THE BRIANNA ESSWEIN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025



- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **Where:** Navy Golf Course at 5660 Orangetown Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **Check-In Begins:** 6:30AM
- **Tee Time:** 8:00AM
- **Buffet Lunch:** 1:00PM
- **Questions:** Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

YOUR 2025 GOLF COMMITTEE:
MARTY CALLOW, BOB NEWELL,
PHIL LOPEZ, CRAIG DEAN,
TED SPASEFF & MARTY PLATT



EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS @ MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025.
AFTER FEB. 24TH THE PRICE IS \$175 PER GOLFER (UNTIL SOLD OUT)



A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT: *A Special Family Christmas Event*

Where: Bethany's Gym

When: Friday, December 6th
from 6:00-8:00PM

Cost:

- Family of 4 or less is \$25*
- Family of 5 or more is \$30*

*A family of 4 or less will decorate a dozen cookies to take home. Families of 5 or more will decorate a dozen cookies plus an additional 3 cookies for each person thereafter; for example, a family of 5 would receive 15 cookies, a family of 6 would receive 18 cookies to decorate, etc.

Description:

Join us for a fun family Christmas event. Enjoy a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, listen to a fun Christmas story and take a festive photo with the family. We'll be listening to music of the season, sipping on hot chocolate and candy canes while decorating some special holiday cookies. Decorating supplies will be provided along with a plate and plastic wrap to take your creations home. Families of all sizes are invited to join us. *** This is NOT a youth & children's only event. This event is meant for parents to stay with their children and enjoy as a family. Childcare will not be provided.**

LAST DAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT MIDNIGHT.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING! DECEMBER 8-15, 2024 IN THE PARISH LOUNGE

BOOK FAIR HOURS:

- Sunday **12/8 & 12/15** - 7:45-11:00 am
- Monday-Friday **12/9-12/13** -
 - Morning: 7:45 - 9:00 am
 - Midday: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - Afternoon: 3:00-4:00 pm
- Sunday **12/15** we will be open before and after each of the Christmas Concerts too!

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT FOR THE WEEK:

- Family Night - **Wednesday, December 13th** from 4:30-6:00 pm. Bring the whole family for snacks, fun activities, and a chance to shop together!





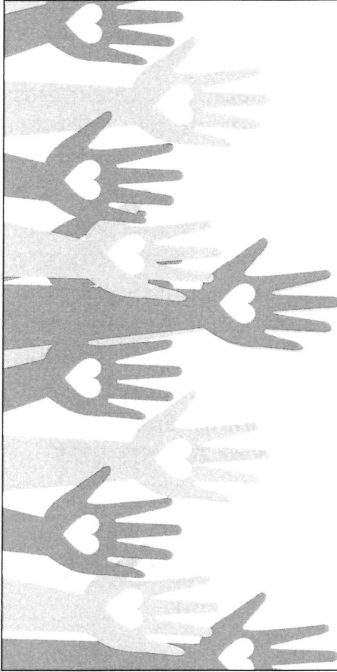
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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:
**“ESTABLISH THE
 WORK OF OUR HANDS”**
A WOMEN’S RETREAT
 with special retreat leader
DR. CAROL McDANIEL

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!



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: Now 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

“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



ROOTED

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



GIFT PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Have you ever endeavored to express your faith and desire for your family to remain in the faith, in a short, succinctly written piece that you can share as a lasting testimony even after the Lord calls you home? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to initiate this project, including sharing some examples. **Questions? Contact Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at andrea.hyde@lfnd.org or 209-613-2125**



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 & grown, build one another up & snack on breakfast treats together.

Mom Co. questions!

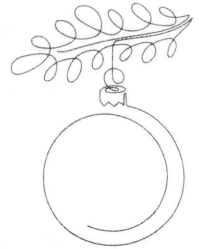
Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

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:

