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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

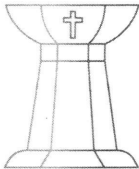
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Weekly
C H I M E S
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF
DECEMBER 8-14

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

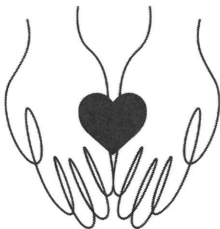


Today we Celebrate the Holy Baptism of :

Rebecca Elise Neally

daughter of Daniel and Mary (née Duzak) Neally

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO UPDATE BETHANY'S KITCHEN!



We are raising funds to update Bethany's kitchen as part of Giving Tuesday. The last day to contribute is December 15th at midnight. 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. While we have received a generous gift of \$15K to begin this project, we will need more resources to fully complete the project.

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

We have already raised \$5155 and it's not too late to make your gift. We have already doubled what was collected last year for Giving Tuesday! No contribution is too small.

Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

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**



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

the angels
PROCLAIM

Noah Freeman, director

Kevin Bowers, accompanist | Robert Bottoms, organist

DATE: December 15th, 2024

TIMES: 3 pm and 7 pm

QUESTIONS: Noah Freeman
→ nfreeman@bethanylutheran.org

For more information about Christmas at Bethany, please scan the QR code.

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.

"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.

Operation Christmas Child!



Shoebox gifts open the door for Samaritan's Purse and ministry partners to share God's love and the eternal hope of the gospel with children and their families around the world. Thank you for making it possible for more children and families to hear about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ!

Our 2024 collection totals include:

- 191 shoebox gifts packed and prayed over by our Bethany students at November's packing party
- 170 shoeboxes packed by Bethany and Holy Cross members (42 from Holy Cross.) Shoebox totals packed on-line to be determined.
- 2,967 shoeboxes collected from the community

A combined total of **3,328 Gospel opportunities.**

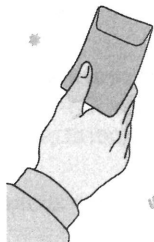
We give thanks for everyone who packed a shoebox in person or on-line, for each volunteer who helped at the packing party or during collection week, and for the generosity of all who contributed supplies or funds to cover the shipping costs and future supplies for the boxes packed by Bethany students.



Mark your calendar for our Christmas-themed Mission-Minded-Munchies sale on **Sunday, December 15**. If you are available to bake cookies for this event, please contact Aleina Aiello, Louana Dean, Deloris Mayuga, or Kahana Smith (310-387-0728).

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.

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

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



DAZZLE DAYS ARE HERE!



Dazzle Days are in full swing, now through December 13. Shop bonuses on 150+ brands. Bonuses are good on both eCards and physical cards. Take your holiday budget further and earn even more on popular brands for holiday shopping. Watch your email and Facebook for daily flash bonuses too!

Jingle all the way to extra earnings with this pro tip: Shop online through RaiseRight AND use gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your online purchase. You can earn both ways at once!

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.



Community Connections: Acts 2:44

DIRTY CAR? OUR BETHANY 8TH GRADERS CAN HELP!

What: Car Wash & Bake Sale -
Washington DC Trip Fundraiser
When: Saturday Dec 14, 8:00am-12pm
Where: Bethany Parking Lot
Cost: Just \$10/Car!



Thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 Orangewood 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 SPAEFF & MARTY PLATT



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

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT TO THE WEEKLY CHIMES?

Please submit all articles by **Wednesday at Noon** to kloya@bethanylutheran.org to be printed in the following Sunday's Chimes.

Thank you! Kasey Loya



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

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!



Come check out the Book Fair, take care of some of you Christmas shopping and find your next family read. We look forward to seeing you there!

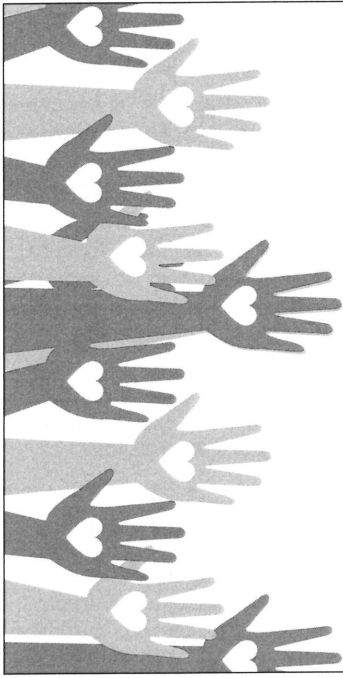
Our High School Youth are working hard to put this Book Fair on for Bethany. All proceeds raised help with our High School Youth Ministry, BUT this year in particular, this book fair will help the youth that are going to the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer. Thank you for your support!

QUESTIONS? Please feel free to reach out to Kayleigh Lopez at (309) 397-6583 or klopez@bethanylutheran.org.



DO YOU LIKE THE CHIMES? THEN YOU'LL LOVE THE BETHANY BULLET! SIGN UP TODAY!

The Bethany Bullet is a weekly capsule of worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and your community.



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



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. Around the holidays, we do not want to become morbid, discussing topics that are difficult. But if the opportunity presents itself, consider sharing with family your confidence about care for your body at life's end, or the joy in your heart about directing God's things through your estate plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you talk through what you want to share. **Questions? Contact Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at andrea.hyde@lfnf.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.

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.



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:

