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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am — 12 pm

Closed Fridays

Please note:

The church offices will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1.

Weekly
C H I M E S
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**WEEK OF
DECEMBER 15-21**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michelle Bialorke
Patt Demetri
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'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN *to the glory of God:*

IN CELEBRATION OF LORRAINE KIMOTO'S
90TH BIRTHDAY TODAY!

May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you happiness on this birthday and in the years to come!



ENDS TODAY



WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO UPDATE OUR 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. 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 \$5545 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**

TONIGHT

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 bfattley@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.**

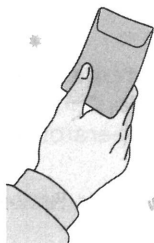
We give thanks for everyone who packed a shoebox in person or on-line, for each volunteer who helped at the packing party or during collection week, and for the generosity of all who contributed supplies or funds to cover the shipping costs and future supplies for the boxes packed by Bethany students.



Christmas-themed Mission-Minded Munchies are on sale **TODAY**, Sunday, December 15, in Friendship Square!

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



TIS THE SEASON...



... for giving and earning! Remember to buy gift cards and shop online through Bethany's RaiseRight program. Every purchase helps earn money for the Bethany ministry of your choice - Tuition, Student Success, Music, Youth or General Ministry.

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

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

BOOK FAIR HOURS:

- **Sunday 12/15 (TODAY!) - 7:45-11:00 am**
- **Sunday 12/15 (TODAY!) - We will be open before and after each of the Christmas Concerts too!**



Come check out the Book Fair, take care of some of your 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? Contact Kayleigh Lopez at (309) 397-6583 or klopez@bethanylutheran.org.

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

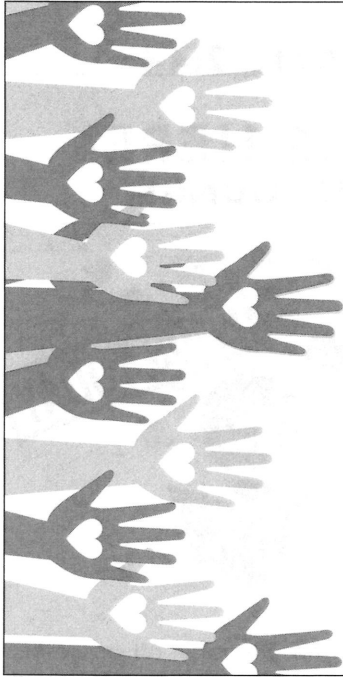


- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **Where:** Navy Golf Course at 5660 Orangethorpe Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **Check-In Begins:** 6:30AM
- **Tee Time:** 8:00AM
- **Buffet Lunch:** 1:00PM
- **Questions:** Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

**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)***



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





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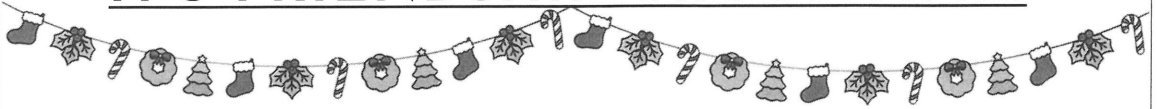


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IT'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP TIME!



**Friendship Group meets
Wednesday, December 18th
at 11:30 am in the Parish Lounge.**

Please bring an appetizer to share and also a \$10 gift card in a Christmas card. Coffee, tea and apple cider will be available as well as dessert. Karl will have special devotion for us and then we will play the Merry Christmas game with only one winner and one loser. It's a fast and fun game that's only played in December! Please join us for fun and fellowship as we wait the birth of the newborn King Jesus!



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT



4201 McGowen St, Suite 200
Long Beach, CA 90808

JAN 15
12PM - 10PM

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WWW.HANDELSICECREAM.COM



**UP TO 20% OF TOTAL PURCHASE WILL BE DONATED TO
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
8TH GRADE CLASS FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC**

Excludes sales tax, online orders and gift cards. No solicitation on site.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE CHIMES?

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

*Thank you!
Kasey Loya*



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



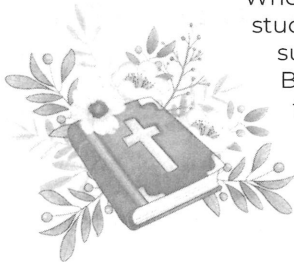
GIFT PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Someday, when the Lord calls you home, your estate will turn over the financial assets to family, ministry or other charities. Have you ever considered preparing a letter to each of the beneficiaries of your estate, sharing with them why the Lord directed you to share with them? Maybe this could translate into face-to-face conversations now. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask you questions, assisting you to become specific about how your faith translates into your gifting plan. **Questions?** Contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist** at andrea.hyde@lfnf.org or 209-613-2125

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS!

When we resume we will study the parables of Jesus. Plan to bring your Bibles, and invite your friends to attend this exciting new study. We meet in the Parish Lounge from 9:30-11 am.

Questions? Call Meg Velez at (562) 426-4262.



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:

