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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday  
7:30 am — 12 pm

*Closed Fridays*

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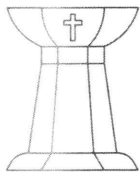
*The church offices will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1.*

*Weekly*  
**CHIMES**  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 22-28

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



*Today we Celebrate the Holy Baptism of :*

**Elliette Rose Menefee**

daughter of Dillon and Dionna (née Neally) Menefee

*God's Comfort and Peace to*



the family and friends of Geraldine Talsma who went home to her heavenly father on December 14, 2024.

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

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

Please submit all articles by **Wednesday** to [kloya@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kloya@bethanylutheran.org) to be printed the following Sunday's Chimes.

*Thank you!*  
*Kasey Loya*



# Worshipping 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**

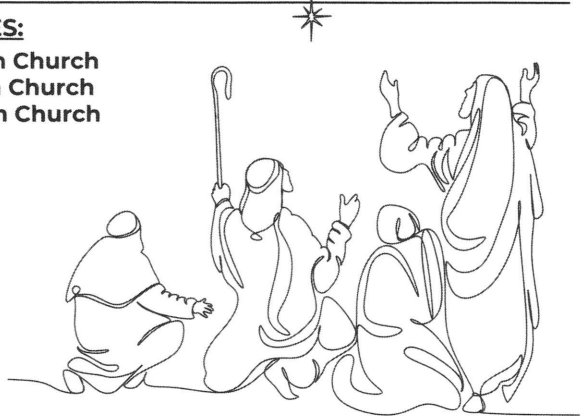
11 pm at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

### 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**



### 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](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)



# Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10

## YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*

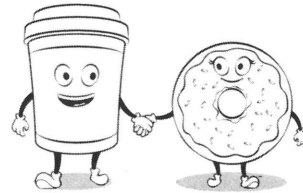
### **ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**



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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org) for details.

To volunteer: [bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts](http://bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts)

### **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](mailto:bflattley@bethanylutheran.org).

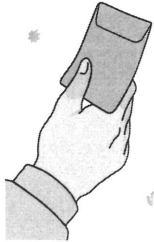
### **DO YOU LIKE THE SUNDAY CHIMES? THEN YOU'LL LOVE THE BETHANY BULLET!**



**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.

# 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...



Wrap up your holiday shopping with bonuses on eGift cards - the perfect last-minute gift! Now through December 23. On the RaiseRight app or the website you can choose the option to “send as a gift by email”.

You can send right away or schedule delivery for a future date. OR save to print and deliver it personally. We have lots of cards on hand in the school office as well.

*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.



# Register for Confirmation Retreat!

JANUARY 10-12, 2025

Where: Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center

Theme:  
 Defending  
 the Faith  
 1 Peter 3:15



Cost:  
 \$100

REGISTRATION OPEN

### Confirmation Retreat 2025:

- Registration is open NOW to December 31st by midnight. **Deadline has been extended to the end of this month!**

This retreat offers an opportunity for our middle school students to learn what it means to defend the faith in a world that constantly challenges us our beliefs. With our theme verse of 1 Peter 3:15, we will be exploring how to use apologetics to both defend our faith against others as well as encourage our apologetics to both defend our faith against others as well as encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ with any doubts that may rise. Join us as we grow in community and fellowship, standing firm on the hope we have in Christ!



## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT:



Join us for ice cream at Handel's in Long Beach on **January 15th from 12 pm—10 pm**. 20% of total purchases will be donated to Bethany Lutheran Church and School's 8th grade class trip to Washington DC.



## 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](mailto:seth@1517.org).

## HIS GOSPEL IS PEACE

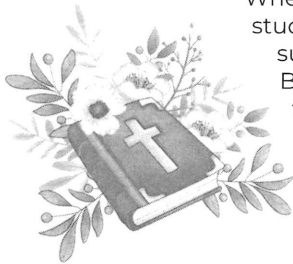


## GIFT PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Many speak of estate planning from the perspective of “What legacy are you leaving behind?” If we are honest and think about those who have passed before us, their value is not in being remembered after they are gone, but in the impact they made on each of us during their life. If you would like to discuss this with your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor and how that translates into your estate plan, contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist** at [andrea.hyde@lfn.org](mailto:andrea.hyde@lfn.org) or 209-613-2125

May you have a very blessed Christmas!

## 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](http://bethanylutheran.org)



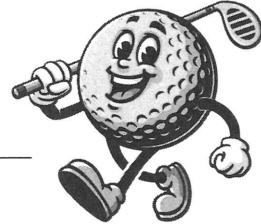
WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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



# Community Connections: Acts 2:44

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

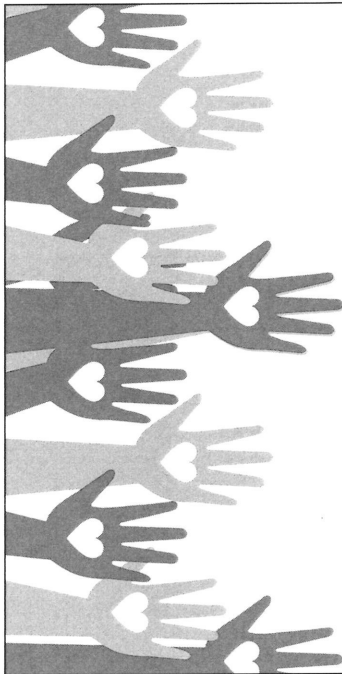


- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **Where:** Navy Golf Course at  
5660 Oranewood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **Check-In Begins:** 6:30AM
- **Tee Time:** 8:00AM
- **Buffet Lunch:** 1:00PM
- **Questions:** Karl Fink - [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org)

**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)\***



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!





# GLOW BRIGHT! LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

*A Bethany Lutheran Stepping Stones Event*



**KINDERGARTENERS & THEIR PARENT** (OR GRANDPARENT, GODPARENT, OTHER LOVING ADULT) ARE INVITED FOR PIZZA, A DEVOTION, AND GLOW IN THE DARK PLAY FUN!

**When:** Sunday, January 12th from 5:30 - 7 pm

**Where:** Youth Center

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, January 8th

**Questions:** Alissa Brege at [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)

## ROOTED REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Where can our restless hearts find the soul-restoring rest that we so desperately long for? We were made to draw our life from Jesus the way a tree draws its life from the soil and sunshine. As Augustine observed, **“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”** Come join us for 10 weeks of **ROOTED** - sinking roots deeply into the Word, building relationships with fellow believers and growing in the Lord in daily rhythms that nurture our faith.



**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Now through January 29, 2025

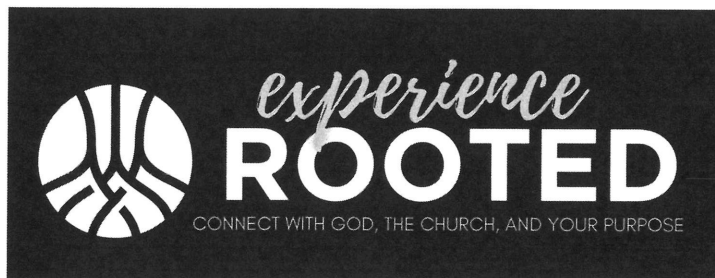
**MEETINGS:** Tuesdays, Feb 4 – April 9, 2025 from 6:30—8:30 pm  
*(men's, women's and couples' groups available)*

**GROUP SERVICE PROJECT:** TBA during weeks of March 11-25, 2025

**CLOSING CELEBRATION:** Saturday, April 12, 2025

**BOOKS AND CLOSING CELEBRATION FEE:** \$40 (assistance available)

**REPEAT PARTICIPANTS FEE (reusing prior workbook):** \$20.00



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

**Your Rooted  
Leadership Team**