




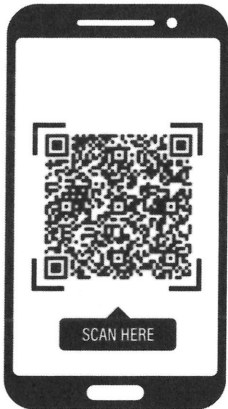


THE WEEKLY
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE BETHANY BULLET YET?



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.

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

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

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

*Thank you!
Kasey Loya*



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



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.

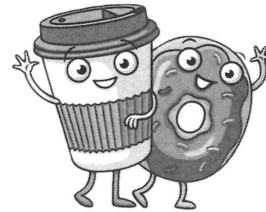
YOUTH VOLUNTEER *Opportunities!*



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!

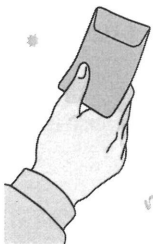
OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!

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

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.



ARE YOU USING SCRIP YET?

- Help Bethany ministries by using our Scrip program, RaiseRight.
- All you have to do is buy and use gift cards to make your everyday purchases. The brand gives back. The money earned can be used to support Bethany ministries: Music, Youth, SSP, Tuition and General Ministry (focus on Bethany kitchen facelift). Get started today!

To learn more:

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



DONATE TO BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
- **A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND** enables Bethany to have flowers in worship and for our shut-in and hospitalized members to receive flowers from our flower ministry team, even when no one has ordered flowers for specific purposes on Sunday. **This General Donation is for any amount you wish .**

*If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is towards. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.



Community Connections Acts 2:44

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

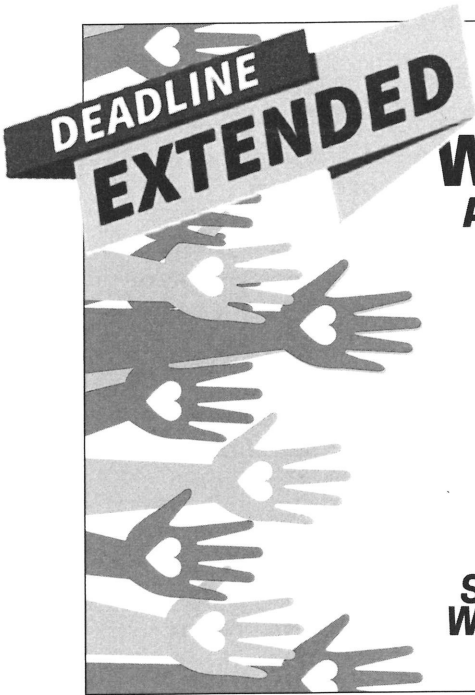


- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **Where:** Navy Golf Course at
5660 Orangetwood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **Check-In Begins:** 6:30AM
- **Tee Time:** 8:00AM
- **Buffet Lunch:** 1:00PM
- **Questions:** Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

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)



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

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

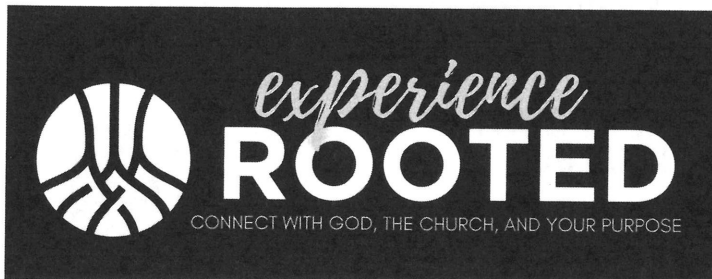
MEETINGS: Tuesdays, Feb 4 – April 9, 2025 from 6:30—8:30 pm
(men's, women's and couples' groups available)

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**

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT!



Bethany's Annual Family Campout Retreat is February 14 - 17 at Mobiland RV Park in Ocotillo Wells. Bring your special dish for Saturday's pot luck supper, and Sunday evening hors d'oeuvres along with some firewood for the campfire. We will have a few optional outings throughout the weekend. A worship service will be held Sunday. For details or reservations, please call or text Philip Lopez at (562) 416-5960.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT



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JAN 15
12PM - 10PM

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**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.



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

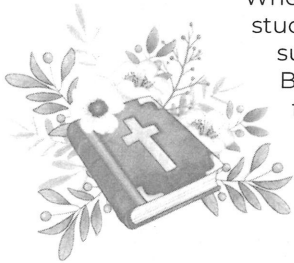
Mom Co. questions!

Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. As you consider gifts to family (inheritance), is their need immediate, or is it in the future for something like college education for children? Would you like to begin figuring out God's design for His gifts? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at andrea.hyde@lfnd.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:

