

THE WEEKLY
CHIMES
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Join Us for Ronald Miner's Memorial Service!



A celebration of life is scheduled for Friday, January 24th at 1 pm at Bethany Lutheran.



Memorial gifts can be made by check or online:

Please make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church and include "Ronald Miner Memorial" in the memo line.

Online gifts can be made using the QR code. Under "Funds," please choose "Memorial" and include "Ronald Miner" in the notes.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR 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.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHIMES?

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

*Thank you!
Kasey Loya*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



IMPORTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Starting Sunday, February 2nd, our multi-site congregation will temporarily be a singular site for our Sunday schedule. While Bethany's Holy Cross campus is undergoing transformation for future mission and ministry, our Sunday morning schedule will be completely on the main campus of Bethany.

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

8 am
9:30 am
11 am - **NEW!**

COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

1st Sunday: all services
2nd Sunday: 9:30 am only
3rd Sunday: all services
4th Sunday: 9:30 am only

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:

9:30 am - Lessons of the Day* in the Multi-purpose Room (#215 at the top of the south side staircase off of the school courtyard / Freedom Square)

10:45 am - Women's and Men's studies*

* 9:30 am bible study will be led by ministry staff and 10:45 am will be led by congregational members

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

LET'S THANK OUR FIREFIGHTERS!



Bethany Lutheran School students will be making thank you cards for firefighters, both on scene and in support roles. If you know a firefighter, please consider sharing his/her name and address using the QR code so we can send them a card. We're collecting addresses this week!



WILDFIRE DISASTER RESPONSE: *How Can We Help?*

DONATE TO RELIEF FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS

As the devastation from the Southern California fires continues to be revealed, the best help that can be offered now are donations to help victims with their immediate needs. This will help provide gift cards and other funds that the PSD will provide to those affected. Your Pacific Southwest District has a standing emergency relief fund in place to assist our churches and schools, their people and community.



If you would like to donate to this fund, please use the QR code!



SPIRITUAL FIRST AID: WHAT IT IS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!

We all know that the firestorms throughout LA have devastated communities. Families who've lost everything, along with material help, desperately need spiritual support and emotional care. They need the hope found only in Jesus! We are His hands, voice, feet, and heart to those around us.



Lutheran Church Charities, a Registered Service Organization (RSO) with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is seeking to equip members of our PSD community to become effective spiritual first responders by learning Spiritual First Aid, a simple, biblically-based framework for crisis care.

This incredibly effective material will help each of us:

- Understand better what to say and how to help hurting people in our community.
- Learn research-backed skills and field-tested tools for practical support.
- Feel more confident in the care each of us gives our neighbors.

LCC's Spiritual First aid rapid training program teaches people how to be spiritual first responders and mental health champions in times of crisis or trauma. Trained volunteers will be needed to serve the churches, schools, and communities with a loving heart and listening ear.

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICE: MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH FROM 7-9 PM, AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST FROM 10 AM - 12 PM. LUNCH PROVIDED FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN-PERSON. PLEASE REGISTER USING THE QR CODE.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO RUN A RIDING MOWER ?



**THE MOW
C R E W**
OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

We have a spot for you! We are looking for a few people to help out on the mow crew. The crew is responsible for mowing the back field and a couple hours a week is all it takes!

Contact Philip Lopez at (562) 416-5960 to find out more and join the team!

THE TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU!

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! No experience necessary and 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)! Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up on the google doc where you will find all available openings. Contact Karl Fink at kfink@bethanylutheran.org with any questions.

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. Contact Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org for details.

To volunteer: bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts

Giving Proportionately: Luke 21:1-4

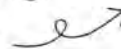
WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN

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



HELP BETHANY WIN FREE SHIPPING!



In partnership with their featured brands, RaiseRight is giving away free organization shipping to 5 organizations for the rest of 2025. Plus, one lucky participant from each of the winning organizations will receive a \$100 eGift card! Help us win free shipping for the rest of the year! It costs \$17.25 every time I place an order (at least 2x/month) x 10 months = a savings of at least \$345!

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 Bulletin.* **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 as well as the message you would like printed.

Community Connections: Acts 2:44

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT!



WHEN: February 14-17

WHERE: Mobiland RV Park, 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 week-end. A worship service will be held Sunday. For details or reservations, please call or text Philip Lopez at (562) 416-5960.

NEW GRIEFSHARE SERIES STARTING!

STARTING: Sunday, January 19th

WHERE: Conference Room (off of the church parking lot)

LEADER: Karl Fink
(562) 421-4711 ext. 19
kfink@bethanylutheran.org



If you are experiencing grief in any way, shape, or form, or if your grief has been buried for quite some time, please make an effort to attend this

series. There's a nominal fee for the materials, which will be discussed at the first meeting. Griefshare is a 13 week video based series where we watch and discuss as people feel comfortable.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BETHANY LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JUNE 23-27, 2025

BETHANY'S CAMPUS

FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

THEME: TRUE NORTH!

This year, we're taking kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. In a world where it's easy to lose sight of what's true, True North VBS will guide your kids to the one thing that never changes — Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Get ready for a week of faith, fun, and unforgettable experiences! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.



Blessings,
Kayleigh Lopez
Youth Minister /
VBS Director
309-397-6583

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



- **PRICE:** \$150 per golfer
- **WHERE:** Navy Golf Course at
5660 Oranewood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **CHECK-IN BEGINS:** 6:30AM
- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **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)***



BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS HAVE ARRIVED!

Beutel Scholarship Grant Applications are now being accepted for academic year 2025-2026 and are available in the Church Office. These applications are for students attending a college or university of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in preparation for a full-time career as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, youth director, social worker, lay missionary worker, medical missionary, or parish worker. The purpose of the grant is to encourage our young people to pursue a career in church work and to give them assistance in reaching this goal. All scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. If a student needs scholarship help for the school term beginning in the fall of 2025, they must apply between January 15 and March 15 of this year. Application's are available in the Church Office for completion in a folder marked **BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIPS**.

IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE, THEY MUST RETURN APPLICATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (SPIRITUAL LIFE BOX) ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JIM SWICK AT (562) 714-3196.

Bethany Lutheran
JUMP WITH JESUS (& FRIENDS)

Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Cerritos

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

We will be doing a Freestyle Jump together
(and with others in our community).

Cost: \$35, per child jumping, at the door.

If you have a pass, you can use it!

If the cost is a deterrent, please reach out by 1/22.

Meet in the lobby for a little devotion time at 2:00.

Parents, please plan to accompany or child or
have another adult with your child for this event.

**Join us for Game Day at
Bethany Lutheran!**

Play some old favorites,
learn a new game, or
bring one to share!
All are welcome!

**Day: First Tuesday of the month
beginning February 4th**

Time: 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Please contact the church office
(562-421-4711 ext. 12) with any questions.**



**DEADLINE
EXTENDED**



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!



SAVE THE DATE!

**TAKE ME OUT TO
THE ANGELS GAME!**
WITH BETHANY LUTHERAN

**SUNDAY, MAY 4TH
1:07 PM GAME TIME
AT ANGEL STADIUM**

**COST: \$20 PER TICKET
TICKETS ARE LIMITED**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALISSA BREGE AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

Look for an informational table in Friendship Square on Sunday, February 2nd to learn more about Lutheran Hour Ministries.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY 2025

CONNECTED *in Christ*



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Connect with us!



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world. We partner with churches and individuals like you to carry the Good News of Jesus into more than 60 countries, including places where foreign ministries cannot enter. Here at home, you can find our flagship broadcast, The Lutheran Hour, on radio stations nationwide, SiriusXM's Family Talk channel, or your favorite streaming provider.

We invite you to connect with us today and become part of something bigger...

Together. One family. Connected in Christ.



BETHANY MUSIC ACADEMY

Spring Semester Enrollment Open!

Twelve weekly private lessons will be offered beginning the week of January 27. Students may select from the following instruments: piano (2nd grade and up), clarinet (4th and older), trumpet (4th and up), and voice (6th and older).

WHERE: Bethany Lutheran School campus

WHEN: Between the hours of 3:15 and 6 pm

TUITION: \$350.

TO ENROLL: Information sheets and enrollment forms can be picked up in the school or church offices or go online to download Music Academy items at www.bethanylutheran.org

QUESTIONS: Contact Mara Widmann, Academy Administrator, at mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org or (562) 421-477 ext. 55

ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT.

ROOTED REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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



experience
ROOTED

CONNECT WITH GOD, THE CHURCH, AND YOUR PURPOSE

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

**Your Rooted
Leadership Team**

PRESS-TELEGRAM
BEST
 GRUNION GAZETTE
 2025
 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Go online to LBVotes.com
 and vote for your favorites.

Vote from December 27 through January 26, 2025.

SCAN QR CODE
 TO VOTE!



**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. In your family, is there someone who has special needs such as long-term care or support through a disability? Inheritance doesn't have to be "fair". It does show God's grace and mercy. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin figuring this out. Contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at andrea.hyde@lfn.org or 209-613-2125.**

**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.



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.

**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:

