






THE WEEKLY  
**CHIMES**  
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*Well Done*  
**GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!**

This Sunday we are honoring Bethany staff members who have completed milestones in their years of service to Lutheran churches and schools.

At Bethany, our mission is to be **Gathered** by God's Word, **Connected** through His love, and **Sent** to share His grace with the world. Through their ministry and partnership, these staff members have furthered our mission and strengthened not only our church and school, but also the broader Bethany community by equipping them for lives of service:

**Leticia Perez,**

Preschool Teacher - 10 years of service

**Stefanie Hinrichs,**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher - 10 years of service

**Lori Lange,**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher - 20 years of service

**Kendell Blake,**

Kindergarten Teacher - 20 years of service

**Kevin Bowers,**

School Music & Accompanist - 25 years of service

**Brad Royuk,**

Middle School Teacher - 30 years of service

**Alicia Laguna,**

Preschool Teacher - 35 years of service



Gathered



Connected



Sent

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



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# Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

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## IMPORTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE UPDATES!

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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.

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### **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\*

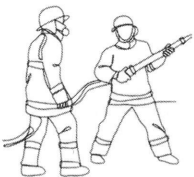
\* 9:30 am bible study will be led by ministry staff and 10:45 am will be led by congregational members

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# Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

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## **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!**



# WINTER WARMTH DRIVE

Benefitting COA Homeless Assistance  
Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach

Help those in need with new or used blankets and jackets.



**Donation Deadline:**  
Friday, January 31, 2025



**Drop Of Locations:**  
Outside School Office  
Preschool Hallway

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org) with any questions.

To volunteer: [bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer](https://bit.ly/acolyte-and-crucifer)



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12!**

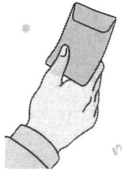
This is a great way to interact with church members, hang out with other youth, and earn funds in your Youth Ministry Account to be used towards any Youth Ministry event. Contact Aimee Coleman at [acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org) for details.

To volunteer: [bit.ly/coffee-and-donuts](https://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 Maralee Shaeffer at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto: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



## NEED A GIFT CARD WE DON'T HAVE ON HAND?



It may help you to know when I am ordering. The ordering schedule for February: February 3 (order arrives Feb. 5 / last chance to order something special for Valentine’s Day!), Feb. 18 (order arrives Feb. 20). Typically I order every other Monday. This month has a change due to the holiday. Monday orders come in on Wednesday.

**Product Updates:**

**New Brand:** Oura Ring - Shop the first-of-its-kind smart ring to unlock personalized health and wellness insights. Available in eGift cards from \$25 - \$1000 amounts with 10% earnings.

**Update:** IKEA - Now available in \$25, \$100 and \$250 physical cards with 5% earnings, in addition to the current offering of \$25 and \$100 eGift cards.



*To learn more*

Ruth Lopez  
BLS Scrip Coordinator  
[rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org)  
562-420-7783 ext. 58



# 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 GOING ON NOW!

**WHEN:** Sundays at 12:30 pm

**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

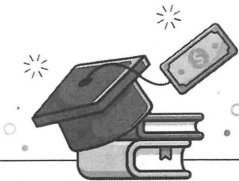


- **PRICE:** \$150 per golfer
- **WHERE:** Navy Golf Course at  
5660 Orangetwood Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
- **CHECK-IN BEGINS:** 6:30AM
- **EARLIER TIME: IN CARTS BY 7:45 AM!**
- **TEE TIME:** 8:00AM
- **BUFFET LUNCH:** 1:00PM
- **QUESTIONS:** Karl Fink - [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org)

**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.**

**TODAY**

*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**

**Place: Parish Lounge**

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







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!*

**LESS THAN  
20 SPOTS LEFT!  
SEND YOUR  
DEPOSIT SOON!**

**RETREAT COST  
IS \$180**  
**SAVE YOUR SPOT  
WITH \$20 DEPOSIT!**

Use this QR  
code to  
Save your Spot  
or  
Fully Register



**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](mailto: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



[LHM.ORG/DISCOVERLHM](http://LHM.ORG/DISCOVERLHM)

*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up), clarinet (4<sup>th</sup> and older), trumpet (4<sup>th</sup> and up), and voice (6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bethanylutheran.org)

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Mara Widmann, Academy Administrator, at [mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org](mailto: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

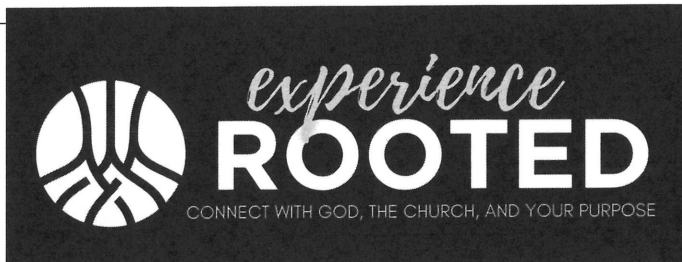
**MEETINGS:** Tuesdays, Feb 4 – April 9, 2025 from 6:30—8:30 pm  
*(men's, women's and couples' groups available)*

**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



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](http://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. Maybe you are reaching the later part of earthly life and have no children. Is family inheritance still required, or expected? Might God have another plan for His resources in your life? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin discerning the right thing to do. Contact **Andrea Hyde - Gift Planning Specialist at [andrea.hyde@lfnd.org](mailto:andrea.hyde@lfnd.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.



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



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

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

