






THE WEEKLY
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Congratulations Fink Family!



Ryan and Jessica Fink are rejoicing at the birth of their son, Samuel Wayne Fink, along with grandparents Karl and Mary. Congratulations and God's Blessings!

"For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalm 139:13-14

BETHANY LUTHERAN IN CYPRESS,
Holy Cross Campus



The new members of Bethany, who have called Holy Cross their church home for years or even decades, will be worshipping, studying, fellowshiping and serving with us on our main campus during construction. **Welcome them!**

Delta Construction and Keltner Architecture Firm are our partners in construction. The historic pinnacle roof reaching to the heavens, the matching crosses in the chancel and exterior and the beautiful stained glass windows shall remain, the rest of the building is being updated and altered to house our entire ministry on our Cypress site (Holy Cross Campus) "under one roof." Though there will be a wonderful wrap around patio for gathering and connecting under blue skies and stars too.

Escrow is set to close in early February and construction "in full" is set to begin shortly thereafter. Some initial construction items: system designs, interior item removal and demo and the like is already underway.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Pastor Kyle Blake
- Lenore Chunko
- Pat Demetri
- Betty Greene
- Leroy Kimoto
- John Lightle
- Phyllis Lee
- Vanessa Lee
- Marge Lorenz
- Tom Mooney
- Larry Neasel
- Suzanne Reed
- Shirley Sisson
- Kat Totten



Worshiping Faithfully: Hebrews 10:25



IMPORTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Starting **today** 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:

"Lessons of the Day" will be led by a member of the ministry staff at 9:30AM in the Multi-Purpose Room (# 215) located at the top of the south side staircase in Freedom Square (school courtyard).

Women's and Men's studies will be led by congregational members at 10:45AM. Location varies.

Please contact the church office for more info.

NEW LIVESTREAM TIME:

Beginning February 2nd, we will begin livestreaming our 8:00AM service instead of our 9:30AM service. To watch live, please tune in at 8:00AM. As always, you may watch a recording of the Sunday service at any time on our YouTube channel.

MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS

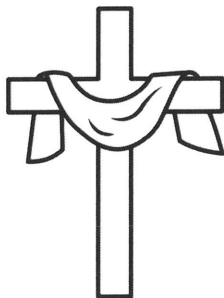
The Prophet & the palate. In both prophetic utterance and descriptive reflection The Prophet, Isaiah, employs meal metaphors when speaking of the rebellion of the Lord's people and the redemption and deliverance He has worked on their (our) behalf. So that we might again taste and see the goodness of the Lord, this Lent we will gather together, connect over a meal and conversation, and hear the Word of the Lord through the mouth of Isaiah: The Prophet & the palate.

The gym will open at 6pm on Wednesday evenings in Lent. We'll share a light meal, connect with our brothers and sister and then reflect upon a text of Isaiah, sing, pray, discuss and be heading home by 7:30pm.

If your small group or rooted group, buddies from Bible study or bunco, your service or ministry team, the group you sing or scout with, the group with which you toss darts or hit balls (golf or pickle)....you get the picture...would like to host one Lenten gathering let RevKev and our office administrator Kasey know. (RevKev: kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org / Kasey: kloya@bethanylutheran.org)

Hosting an evening includes picking up the entree, sides and drinks (we have a fund that is covering costs), setting up tables, chairs, table clothes, and food station and then participating in clean up. In good ole Bethany Lutheran fashion we'll count on those attending to help put up tables and chairs for a quick clean up.

THE LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR "THE PROPHET & THE PALATE" IS:



- 3/12** Isaiah 5:1-7
"Good Grapes Planted...bad fruit yielded"
- 3/19** Isaiah 42:10-21
"The False Fast vs Factual Fasting"
- 3/26** Isaiah 25:1-7
"THE Death Eater"
- 4/2** Isaiah 55:1-7
"The Menu: wine, milk and bread"
- 4/9** Isaiah 12:1-6
"Belly Up to the Well of Salvation"

Serving Passionately **Ephesians 2:10**

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: *Offering Counter!*



Do you have computer skills? Basic accounting knowledge? Good organizational habits? If this sounds like you, then you'd be a perfect fit! Bethany Lutheran is looking for a few volunteers to come in once a month to count the Sunday donations and input them into our database. Currently, the counting is done Tuesday mornings at 9 am but the day and time is flexible.

If you are interested in volunteering or simply learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Maraley Shaeffer at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

Giving Proportionately **Luke 21:1-4**

YOUR 2024 GIVING STATEMENTS!



2024 Giving Statements were emailed on Friday, January 31st. If we don't have an email for you on file, your statement was mailed Thursday, February 6th. Your generosity makes a significant impact on our ministry, and we are deeply grateful for your faithful support.

Please contact Maraley Shaeffer at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org with any questions or updates.

VALENTINE'S DAY + SCRIP

Whether you are making dinner reservations or crafting with the kids, you can double the impact of your Valentine's Day plans by shopping with gift cards. Plus, earnings are even sweeter with limited-time bonuses on many gifting brands, February 1-14. For added convenience, you can shop the new Valentine's Day category for a collection of great gifting and dining brands.

To learn more:

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



Community Connections: Acts 2:44

WITH GOD BY MY SIDE:

A Bethany Lutheran Stepping Stones Event



FIRST GRADERS & THEIR PARENT (OR GRANDPARENT, GODPARENT, OTHER LOVING ADULT) ARE INVITED FOR A PIZZA DINNER & CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN DESSERT WHILE DIVING INTO TOPICS OF FAITH, PRAYER, AND BLESSINGS. WE WILL ENJOY SOME FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES RELATED TO OUR TOPIC.

When: Sunday, February 23rd from 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Youth Center

RSVP: by Wednesday, February 19th

Questions: Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

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

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS!

Have a craving? Get your Girl Scout Cookies between services now to March 9. There are 9 fantastic flavors to choose from! Thank you for supporting your Bethany Lutheran Girl Scout Troops in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th grades!

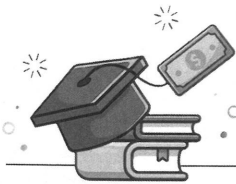


JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CONCERT EVENT!



CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY
IRVINE

On Sunday, February 16 Bethany Lutheran will welcome the concert choir from Concordia University, Irvine. The choir will be performing at 4:00 pm in our sanctuary. There will be a free-will offering taken by the choir. The concert choir is under the direction of Dr. Michael Busch. No tickets are required to attend this concert.



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.



Mark your calendars for a night of fun, food, and festivities at the **LCMS Youth Gathering Auction on Saturday, April 5, 2025!**

WHERE: POA Park (behind Long Beach Town Center)

TIME: Check-in starts at 4:00 PM | Auction runs from 5:00–8:00 PM

This year's theme is **Mardi Gras**, celebrating our youth's journey to New Orleans this July! Enjoy the smooth tunes of **The Beach Dixieland Ramblers**, indulge in fresh **made-to-order beignets** and **Southern Creole cooking**, and join us in raising funds for an unforgettable spiritual formation experience for our youth.

TICKETS:

\$20 for adults

\$10 for kids (10 and under)

Tickets go on sale March 2 and close March 23, 2025.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENING OF JOY, COMMUNITY, AND PURPOSE!



YOU MISSED THE FUN ON GAME DAY TUESDAY FEB 4

JOIN US

MARCH 4, TUESDAY, 11 TO 1:30 PM AT Bethany Lutheran



JOIN US FOR COOK'S NIGHT OUT AT WAHOO'S!

Support our 8th graders going to Washington DC and get a night off from cooking on **Wednesday, February 26th.**

Come out to Wahoo's (4201 McGowen St. #205, Long Beach, CA 90808). Wahoo's will donate 20% of your entire purchase to help support Bethany Lutheran Church & School. Please bring or show flyer at the register. Flyers are available for pickup in the school office or follow the link provided in the Bethany Bullet. (Not receiving the Bullet yet? Scan the QR code to sign up!)



Valid for dine in and take out orders from 11:00AM to 8:00PM.

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:

