






THE WEEKLY
CHIMES
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Today We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of



LOGAN MICHAEL BRICK

Son of Michael and Taira (née Jordan) Brick
Sponsors: Robert Jordan and Bruna Jordan

IT'S GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!

You may have been greeted by a Girl Scout as you entered church this morning! Girl Scout Sunday is a nationally recognized event where Girl Scouts can say thank you to their congregation by serving in worship. Today some of our Bethany Lutheran students will also be receiving their faith pin:



Bethany 1st grade Daisy Troop
Bethany 3rd grade Brownie Troop
Bethany 8th grade Cadette Troop

Thank you for supporting our Bethany Girl Scout troops in grades 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11!

*Please Join Us for Shirley Gisson's
Memorial Service!*



A celebration of life and faith is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd at 12 pm with a repast to follow. Both the service and repast will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Kevin Dart
- Pat Demetri
- David Gamble
- Betty Greene
- John Lightle
- Phyllis Lee
- Marge Lorenz
- Tom Mooney
- Larry Neasel
- Christy Pierce
- Mike Pierce
- Suzanne Reed
- Kat Totten



Worshipping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25

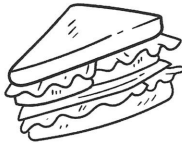
LENTEN DINNER MENU

THE PROPHET AND THE PALATE: **WEEK 1!**

THIS
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 12!

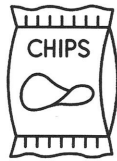
ISAIAH 5:1-7
"GOOD GRAPES PLANTED...
BAD FRUIT YIELDED"

STARTING AT
6 PM IN
THE GYM



ENTREE

PULLED PORK
SANDWICHES
FROM HAMBONES



SIDES

POTATO
CHIPS

POTATO
SALAD



DESSERTS

PIE



DRINKS

SODA
POP

JOIN US AS WE SHARE A LIGHT MEAL AND CONNECT WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. WE'LL REFLECT UPON A TEXT OF ISAIAH, SING, PRAY, DISCUSS AND THEN HEAD HOME BY 7:30PM.

COMING UP:

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"

BETHANY LUTHERAN IN CYPRESS,

Holy Cross Campus update!



Escrow has closed on the Holy Cross school campus sale!!! Funds have been allocated for Cypress facility redesign, site mission and ministry work on Bethany's Holy Cross campus, future staffing support, school scholarships, general fund assistance and mission tithes.

The initial stages of construction have begun. If you drive by our Holy Cross campus you'll see Delta construction crews hard at work, behind the construction fencing. About 2 dozen members of Bethany helped on our final clean up moving and storage day. (A big thank you). We even helped the buyer, Sycamore school, with some heavy lifting...they are very appreciative and look forward to our relationship as neighbors.

To date, Over 80% of the traditional, weekly worshippers at the Holy Cross campus have attended worship on Bethany's main campus. Whether you're a historic worshipper on the Long Beach or Cypress campus make sure you do all you can to get connected to one another during this time that our Multi-Site congregation is reduced to a single site. Midweek Lenten Gatherings will be a great opportunity to do so as we'll not be spread out over three services.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

at Bethany Lutheran Church

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, April 13th at 8 and 9:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

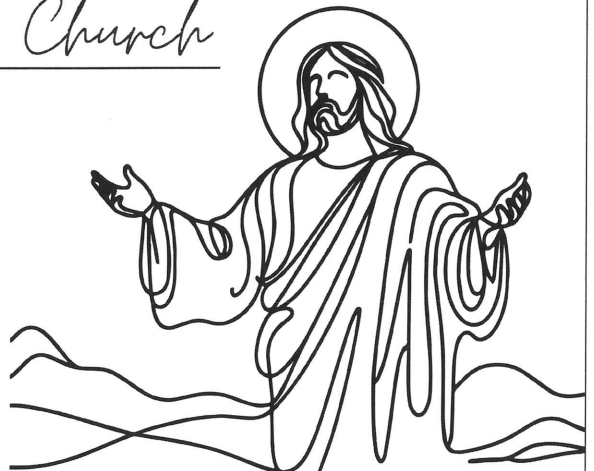
Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

Friday, April 18 at 1 pm OR 6:30 pm

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, April 20th at 8, 9:30, and 11 am



Serving Passionately: Ephesians 2:10

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM!



During this Lenten season, consider joining the Sunday prayer team that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am, in the conference room (in person or by conference-call) to pray for our pastors, staff, ministry teams, members and visitors, as well as for our community and nation. We pray from a pre-printed guide to stay on track and to ease fears of praying aloud in a group. Bring your bible and give our informal setting a try.

For more information, contact Dan/Mary Kay Esswein, Randa Pearson, Deloris Mayuga, Pat Gagan, or Jim/Kahana Smith. (Choir members meet 30 minutes prior to Sunday call time.)



PRAISING GOD FOR A RECORD-BREAKING COLLECTION OF SHOEBOX GIFTS!

The numbers are in! Incredible efforts in 2024 yielded over 11.9 million shoebox gifts to children world-wide, including 10.5 million in the U.S., an all-time high. This milestone would not have been possible without the collective sacrifice of people like you. On behalf of the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, THANK YOU! 2024 Shoeboxes from the West Coast warehouse in Fullerton were shipped to Mongolia, Thailand, Philippines, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Cook Island, and Benin.

If you would like to contribute supplies for Bethany's school packing party in November 2025, please drop items off in the large metal OCC box outside the church office. Suggested supplies: **school items** (pens, pencils, calculators, colored pencils, markers, pencil holders), **hygiene items** (washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, nail clippers), **toys** (yo-yos, small lego kits, slinkies, dolls, balls, stuffies, hot wheels), **other** (flashlights, sunglasses, t-shirts, socks). Donations are collected year-round! Contact an OCC committee member for more information (Aleina Smith, Deloris Mayuga, Louanna Dean, Ruth Lopez, and Kahana Smith).

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Giving Proportionately: Luke 21:1-4

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 as well as the message you would like printed.

MAXIMIZE YOUR REBATE!

1. **Tap the heart next to any brand to save it to "My Favorites"**. Bonus emails are personalized to show your purchased or favorited brands first. And, if you opt into push notifications, you'll receive updates if your brands run limited-time flash bonuses!
2. **Download the RaiseRight Earnings Extension**. Don't miss an earning opportunity! Add the RR Earnings Extension to your web browser or iPhone and get real-time reminders to earn, whether from buying gift cards, shopping online, or both!

To learn more:

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

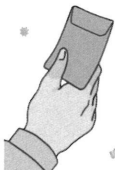


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WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN

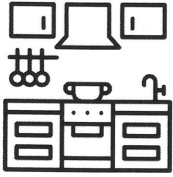
At Bethany we know that "our stuff is not our stuff!" All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from Him. We also know that giving is a spirit-given compulsion. For Jesus Christ, in whose likeness we are being transformed daily, is the ultimate giver. Your gifts fund ministry that give people Jesus. 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





BETHANY'S KITCHEN REMODEL

Updates!

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN THE KITCHEN?

To get ready for the remodel, we need to clear out everything currently in the kitchen. If you or your group have any items stored there, please make arrangements to claim them by Friday, March 14th. To do so, contact Phil Lopez.

Thank you for your help!

Community Connections **Acts 2:44**

Superkids The Musical!

**Presented by Bethany Lutheran's
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade**

Thursday, March 13, 9:00 am

Friday, March 14, 6:30 pm

Bethany Lutheran's Gym





Join us for Christian Fellowship at Game Day!

Day: Tuesday, April 4th
Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Place: Bethany Lutheran's Parish Lounge

friends & family fun

snacks & drinks

cards & board games

Questions? Contact Cheryl at magicalviewcp@gmail.com.

JOIN US AT JUICE IT UP!

Join us for an exciting fundraising event to support Bethany Lutheran School's 8th Grade DC trip! *

When: Wednesday, March 12th
10 am - 6 pm

Where: Juice It Up
6508 East Spring St.
Long Beach 90815

JUICE IT UP!
SMOOTHIES • BOWLS • JUICES

*Grab a flyer from the school office or show one on your phone! Check out this week's Bethany Bullet for a copy of the flyer.

Easter EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

JOIN US FOR AN EGG HUNT, CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND A DEVOTION!

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

TIME: 11 AM

PLACE: BETHANY LUTHERAN GYM

COST: FREE!

HOW TO GET IN ON THE FUN: SCAN THE QR CODE AND **REGISTER BY APRIL 8TH** SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF PEOPLE!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ALISSA AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG





YOUTH GATHERING

*Live and Silent
Auction*

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!

Bethany Lutheran Church presents

THE BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025



PRICE: \$175 per golfer

WHERE: Navy Golf Course at
5660 Oranewood Ave, Cypress 90630

QUESTIONS: Karl Fink - kfink@bethanylutheran.org

DEADLINE: March 12th (or until sold out)

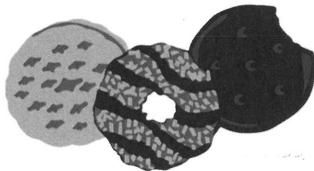
TIME LINE:
6:30 AM - check in begins
7:45 AM - in carts!
8 AM - tee time
1 PM - buffet lunch

THE GOLF COMMITTEE: Marty Callow Craig Dean
Bob Newell Ted Spaseff
Phil Lopez Marty Platt

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

**GET YOUR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES
BETWEEN SERVICES NOW
THROUGH 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!



Mom Co.

Date: second Tuesdays

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.

Questions? Contact Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.





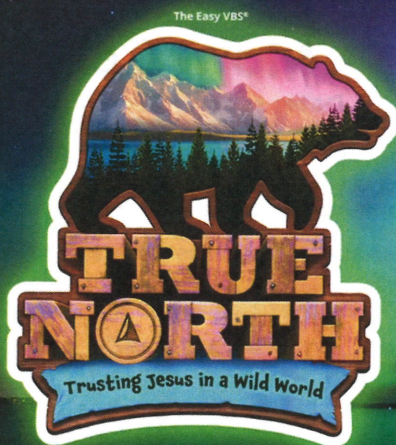
GRANT APPLICATIONS *Available Now!*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC GRANT:

The Music Ministry of Bethany Lutheran is offering grants to qualified applicants who plan on taking some type of music lessons or are majoring/minoring in music at the college level. Music Ministry Grant Applications can be picked up in the church office. **All applications must be received by May 15th**; grant awards will be announced on May 18th. Questions? Please call the church office and speak with Mara Widmann at 562-421-4711 ext. 55.

BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

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 March 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Swick at (562) 714-3196.



JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEK!

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JUNE 23-27, 2025, 8:30 A.M. - NOON

THIS **FREE** VBS IS FOR AGES
3 YEARS OLD AND POTTY-TRAINED
THROUGH ENTERING 6TH GRADE.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
APRIL 13TH THRU JUNE 20TH

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

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

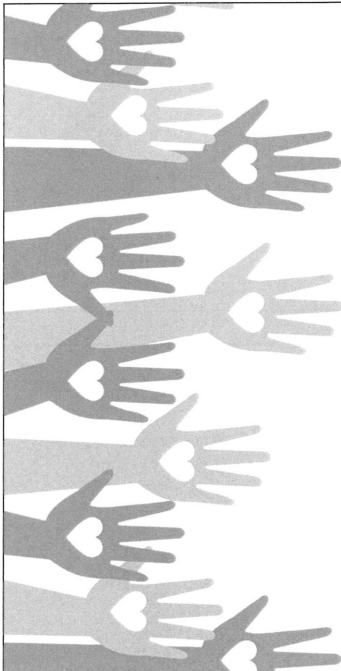
*Event begins with dinner on Friday
and ends after dinner on Saturday!*

RETREAT COST IS \$180.

**CONSIDER JOINING THE
40 WOMEN WHO HAVE
ALREADY REGISTERED!**

**SAVE YOUR SPOT
WITH \$20 DEPOSIT!**

Use this QR
code to
Save your Spot
or
Fully Register



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES

Scan the QR code to learn more about our youth ministries and to see a full list of upcoming events!



QUESTIONS?

Children & Family Ministries:

Alissa Brege
562.421.4771 ext. 13
abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Youth & Young Adult Ministries:

Kayleigh Lopez
562.421.4771 ext. 18
klopez@bethanylutheran.org



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 community.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CHIMES?

Please submit all articles by **Wednesday** to kloya@bethanylutheran.org to be printed the following Sunday's Chimes. *Please note: Articles may be edited and reformatted in order to fit within the space available and all submissions will be sent to a pastor for final approval. Thank you for your understanding.*

*Blessings,
Kasey Loya*



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 8 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

