

THE WEEKLY
CHIMES
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God's Comfort and Peace to



the family and friends of Tom Mooney who went home to his heavenly father on June 20th. His memorial service will be held Thursday, July 3rd 11 am at Bethany Lutheran.

May the love of God surround you, offering comfort and peace in the midst of sorrow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Julie Cole
Roger Crabb
Kevin Dart
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Lynda Kernohan
Phyllis Lee
Larry Neasel
Christy Pierce
Mike Pierce
Suzanne Reed
Kat Totten
Eno Uti



PASTORAL CALL *announcement!*



Nominations for the position of Associate Pastor of Connect Ministry transitioning to Senior Pastor are officially open. Please use the QR code or the URL below to submit your nomination (or a paper form can be found in the church office).

<https://bit.ly/pastoralnomform>

Please submit your form online or in-person by July 31st.





INTRODUCING: THE BETHANY BROADCAST

Whether you pick up a copy of Chimes upon leaving worship or read the Bullet when it arrives in your inbox during the week, you are reading one of the primary means of information delivery at Bethany. While they differ in some ways and are not identical across the board, if you've read both you know that they have the same core congregational announcements and information.

Starting in July therefore, our two primary congregational means of communication, while retaining their uniqueness, will share a name:

The Bethany Broadcast: *print edition*

The Bethany Broadcast: *electronic edition*

Worshiping Faithfully Hebrews 10:25



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

8 am • 9:30 am • 11 am

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 taking a break for the summer. Look for it returning sometime in the Fall.

Women's and Men's studies will be led by congregational members at 10:45AM. Location varies. Please contact the church office for more information.

BETHANY CYPRESS CAMPUS (HOLY CROSS)

Exciting new updates: The chancel has been poured, altar, font, lectern are in the works. Patio cover is scheduled for installation this week and AV begins the end of June.



Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

Introducing:

SERVANT LEADER TEAM: SPIRITUAL LIFE

WHAT IS SLT: SL?

Bethany's restructured constitution revises elder responsibilities into a new model - the Servant Leader Team: Spiritual Life. This team supports ministry staff and congregational worship through spiritual service, training, and theological study.

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YEARS OF
COMMITMENT



VOLUNTEER
BASED / NOT
ELECTED

CHAIR:

APPOINTED
AFTER SPRING
VOTER'S
MEETING

**CO-
CHAIR:**

APPOINTED
(1 PER TEAM)



Gathered



Connected



Sent

team one:

ACC: ACOLYTE,
CRUCIFER,
COMMUNION

RESPONSIBILITIES

- assist in distribution of Communion (set up altar/table)
- assist in Baptism liturgy (prepare for the baptism)
- support and train acolytes and crucifers
- support worship staff with planning and logistics
- other duties assigned by worship leaders

4

MEETINGS
PER YEAR

75-90

MINUTES OF
TRAINING

ARRIVE
30

MINUTES BEFORE
ASSIGNED SERVICES



UNLIMITED
OPEN SLOTS

team two:

SOC: STUDY OF
CONFESSIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES

- read and discuss the Lutheran Confessions with pastoral staff
- support doctrinal clarity and theological growth
- be familiar with all Bible study opportunities of the congregation

6

MEETINGS
PER YEAR

75-90

MINUTES
(EACH MEETING)

20

MEMBERS
MAX



1-ON-1 WITH
PASTOR REQUIRED

team three:

PSM: PRAYER &
SUPPORT OF
MINISTRY
STAFF

RESPONSIBILITIES

- form 2-3 person groups to support a staff member
- commit to prayer, encouragement, and personal connection with assigned staff member
- team grows as staff grows

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YEARLY TEAM
MEETINGS

2-4

YEARLY MEETINGS
WITH ASSIGNED
STAFF MEMBER

20-30

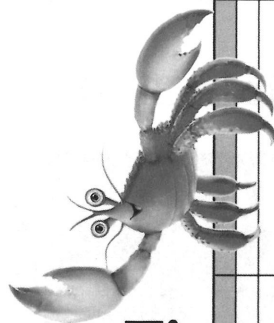
MEMBERS
NEEDED



APPOINTED BY
SENIOR PASTOR

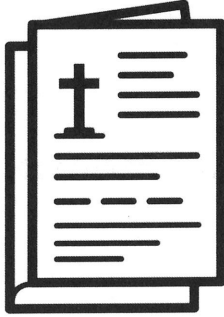
Thank you

TO OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS!



VBS Administrator:	Admin. Asst.	Elementary Coordinator:
Kayleigh Lopez	Aimee Coleman	Karl Fink (M & Tu)
		Timothy O'Connor (Wed-10am)
Polar Pal Teams:	Red Team	Primary Imagination Station
Preschool & Kindergarten	Polar Pals Sticky Scripture	Tundra Treats
Director: Allissa Brege	Leader: Alicia Arzaga	Lead: Jeanne Ruiz
Closing Circle Leader: Allissa Brege	Asst: Nathan Haro/Liy/Marentez	Helpers:
Closing Circle Music: Mr. Frank	Guitar/Music: Mr. Frank	Jean Moyer
Tech Asst: Paul Brege		Susanne Kane
Assists: Jameson Steele/ Emilee Torres		Samuel Salazar
	Polar Pals Craft and Play	Noah Wegman
	Leader: Jennifer DeJongh	Liam Riordan
	Asst: Karen Haydock Asst:	
	Declan Deveny	
VBS Kinder (3 yr olds)		Polar Pals Snack Assistants
Polar Bear Team		Debbie Nelson
Team Leader: Grace DeJongh /		Pam Bessolo
Lisa Porte (M, Tu)	Polar Pals Exploration Station	Olivia Alvarado
Polar Bear Crew #1: Elizabeth Newell	Leader: Ruth Lopez	Vivian Walls
Polar Bear Crew #2: Jenna Wallemann	Asst: Jamie Long	
Polar Bear Crew #3: Ben Evans	Asst: Carolyn Barbian	Sing & Play Peak
Polar Bear Crew #4: Jacob Murdock		Leader: Kayleigh Lopez
Helpers - Ezra Anema / Daniel Evans	Polar Pals Bible Stories	Skitt Grace DeLongh
	Leader: Kevin Kritzer (Wed-Carrie Evans)	
	Asst: Reenie Long / Luke Gorne	VBS Office:
		Lead: Charlene Mitchell
		Stacy DeVeny
		Rose Crawford
		Carol Torres
VBS Preschool (4 yr olds)	Polar Pals Glacier Games	
Grizzly Bear Team	Leader: Anna Erdmann	Primary Crews-Wild Bible Adventures
Team Leader: Martha Richards	Asst: Christian Haro	Leader: Shannon Morgensen
Grizzly Bear Crew #1: Hailey Avila	Asst: Jameson Steele	Asst: Trevor Torres
Grizzly Bear Crew #2: Mia Gorne	Asst: Elias Gagne	
Grizzly Bear Crew #3: Anika Morgensen	Asst: Max Mehr	Asst: Adam Marentez
Grizzly Bear Crew #4: Fiona Khorram		
Helpers - Shelby Manzo	Bethany Preschool - Polar Pals	Media:
	Lead: Tammy Simpson	Opening/Closing Tech: Seth Moorman
		Tech: Noah Freeman
		Tech: Tristan Duerr
		Spotlight Tech: Paul Brege
VBS Preschool (3 yr olds)	2/3 yr olds - Iditarods Team	
Brown Bear Team	Crew Leaders: Bethany Preschool Staff	Special Thanks:
Team Leader: Sarah Belle	Miss Erica D., Miss Kristy, Miss Erika R.	Kassy Loya, Sofia Erdmann
Brown Bear Crew #1: Emilee Torres	Miss Tabitha, Miss Alicia	-Everyone who cut, glued & painted
Brown Bear Crew #2: Katie Darjany	Miss Lauren, Miss Leticia	things ahead of VBS week.
Helpers - Madison Lott	4/5 yr. olds - Huskies Team	-All who donated materials, money
	Crew Leaders: Bethany Preschool Staff	-Everyone lifting us in prayer
	Miss Vannessa, Miss Jenn,	THANK YOU!!!
	Miss Elizabeth	
		as of 6/24/25 - *Subject to changes.

EXCITING NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



Looking for something fun to do on a Friday morning? We are seeking helping hands and happy hearts to join our Friday bulletin folding crew.

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Place: Conference room in the church office

Point of Contact: Mara Widmann -
mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org

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.*

THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE TO BETHANY INCLUDING:

Online, Text to Give,
Online Bill-Pay, US Mail,
Offering Box, **and now**
Apple Pay, Google Pay,
Venmo, and PayPal!



SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING...

...are you continuing to earn a rebate for tuition or ministry? It is a great time to use gift cards for all of your summer activities - outdoors, sporting goods, movies, travel, eating out, Disney, reading books, streaming & gaming... and don't forget the gas and groceries you will need all summer long! Stop by the Scrip table on a Sunday morning between services or the school office (summer hours / M-F / 9am - 3pm). However, the easiest way to make an impact is to download the RaiseRight app and earn right from your phone with eGift cards and reloadable cards. Scan the QR code at the Scrip table and get started today!



TO LEARN MORE:

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Community Connections **Acts 2:44**

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS *Hiring!*

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



Bethany Lutheran Church and School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of Finance and Operations. This position will oversee the financial and human resources responsibilities of our organization for both the church and the school, along with overseeing some of our operational functions. This is a full-time benefitted position with an anticipated start date in late Spring 2025.

A full job description is available here:

<https://bit.ly/BethanyDPO>. If you are interested in this position please submit your name, email address, and a brief summary of your qualifications to **jobs@bethanylutheran.org**.

SAVE THE DATE!

BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRY
KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

meet-ups!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

TWO GATHERING TIMES:

12:30 - 1:30 pm

5:30 - 6:30 pm

We will meet for lunch and/or dinner breaks and then split off in groups of people who want to go on similar rides.

More info on tickets and meet-up locations to come. Questions? Contact Alissa at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

CREATIVE CRAFTER'S *retreat!*

JULY 18 - 19

If you are a sewer, quilter, knitter, cross-stitcher, crocheter, scrapbooker, jeweler, painter, woodworker, or all-around crafter and you would love to have some uninterrupted time to finish a project or start something new...this is for you!

We will gather in the Parish Lounge of Friday and craft the day away starting at 10 am. Stay as long as you want but the lights will be on until 10 pm. We will return on Saturday morning from 8 am - 6 pm.

RSVP : Cindy Morlok

562-972-2747

cindylula@twc.com

Anita Armbrust

310-259-4766

dogbigredbear@yahoo.com



Are you an outdoor enthusiast looking for a group of friendly Lutherans to go camping with? Perfect! We are interested in putting together a Bethany camping group and if you would like to hear more and join in on the fun, please contact Phil Lopez or the church office. The first scheduled camping trip would be Bonelli RV Park in San Dimas - August 1-3, 2025.

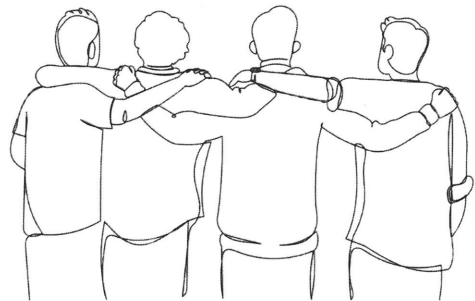
Congratulations TO OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS!

The Music Ministry of Bethany Lutheran announces Trinity Alwood & Anika Morgensen as this year's Music Ministry Grant Award recipients. Trinity will be a starting her K-12 Vocal and Choral Music Education student teaching this fall. Bethany has been blessed by her musical gifts in worship services on piano and vocals. She is also one of Bethany Music Academy's much-loved piano instructors. Anika will be entering her sophomore year at Millikan High School. She is a member of the Millikan Chamber Orchestra (violin), sings soprano in our Bethany Choir, and plays violin in Bethany's VBS band. God has filled Trinity and Anika with His good gifts of music; we are blessed to watch Him at work in each of them.

BETHANY LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW *open!*

A men's retreat is being planned for the weekend of October 3 - 5 at Luther Glen Retreat Center in Oak Glen. This is a wonderful facility that we have used before. The cost for this is \$275 which includes 2 nights and 5 meals. Bedding and towels are provided for our stay. Retreat starts with dinner on Friday and concludes with Worship on Sunday morning. Theme and program being planned. Should you only be able to join us for the day Saturday, cost is \$150 for the full day and 3 meals.

Last day to register is Sunday, September 21st at midnight.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Karl Fink -
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562.421.4711, ext 19.

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*



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?

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YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Kayleigh Lopez
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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:

