

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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PRAYER CHAIN NEWS!

For several decades the Kramers, Reva and Rona, have faithfully facilitated Bethany's prayer chain. We join Jesus in saying, "well done good and faithful servants" as they "retire" from this service at the end of this month.



**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, PRAYER
REQUESTS SHOULD BE SENT TO BOTH
OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:**

**KFINK@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG AND
KKRITZER@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG**

If you, desiring to offer up petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings, are a recipient of Bethany's prayer request emails you'll now be receiving them from kloya@bethanylutheran.org. And if you are not currently a recipient but would like to sign up please send your request to Kasey Loya at the same email.

BETHANY LUTHERAN STEPPING STONES

3RD GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS:

First Bible Event

Join us to receive your new bible at Sunday, September 7th at the 9:30 am worship service. The next step is on Sunday, right after church from 11 am to 1 pm. Third graders, with a parent(s), grandparent, or loving adult, will be coming to the Parish Lounge to share in a pizza lunch, grow together in knowledge of the word, and receive a few fun tools to use in their study of the scripture! This event is free, yet priceless. We look forward to seeing you there? Kindly RSVP to Alissa Brege, DCE of Children & Family Ministries by Wednesday, September 3rd to abrege@bethanylutheran.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Nora Borg-Breen
Julie Cole
Kevin Dart
David Gamble
Betty Greene
Lynda Kernohan
Myrna Koenigsdorf
Phyllis Lee
Larry Neasel
Christy Pierce
Mike Pierce
Suzanne Reed
Mike Schliebe
Kat Totten
Eno Uti



Worshipping 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.



SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY CARE:

We love kids here at Bethany! **We offer nursery care during both our 8:00 and 9:30AM services.** Infants through pre-school kids love connecting with friends & enjoy playing with the toys while listening to the service playing. We have a fantastic team that are highly qualified caretakers.

Drop off starts at 7:50AM for the 8:00AM service and at 9:20AM for the 9:30AM service. Please make your way across Friendship Square (the courtyard outside) to sign your little one in.

UNDER GRACE, UNDER 8:

Children ages two (and who are potty-trained) through second grade are invited to join us for songs, crafts, stories that help them to better understand Jesus abundant love for them and the grand adventures of the Bible!

Under Grace, Under 8 normally happens during our 9:30AM worship service. Kids will be invited from Children's Message to join in the fun and parents can pick up their kids just following the service at the Parish Lounge.

Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org

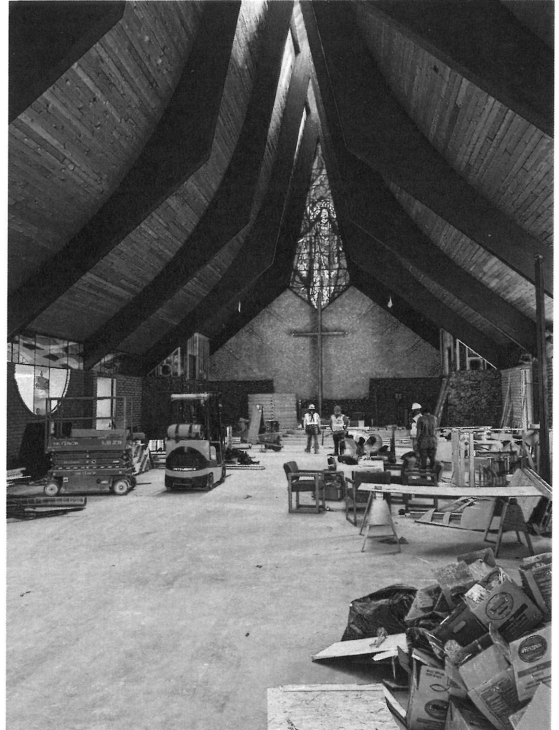
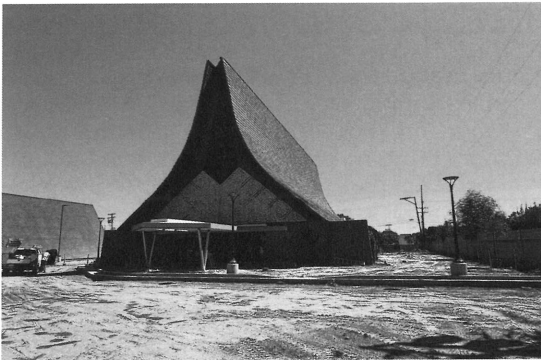
BETHANY CYPRESS CAMPUS NEWS (HOLY CROSS)

In his journey through the Old Testament entitled Hitchhiking with the Prophets author Chad Bird reminds us that, "God wears no wristwatch and consults no calendar." That in fact, "God is almost always late - often laughably and frustratingly, late."

Yet, this God can be trusted to "make His promises come to pass, just not when we think they should...but according to His timetable."

A commendable and enjoyable read, these few sentences are priceless for our understanding of God's nature and our current situation during construction of our Cypress campus.

Construction has not been as speedy as many of us had hoped. Implementation of returning ministry and introduction of new ministries won't begin immediately after the paint dries either. Yet, of this we can be certain, God will use our Cypress sanctuary, (In the same work Bird describes all sanctuaries as little Edens) to be a place where His promises are heralded, heard and harkened too; and a ministry that leads to a place where calendars and clocks hold no sway will be underway, at last, in His good time.



Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10



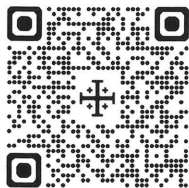
Updates FROM OUR LCMS MISSIONARIES

NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY SERVING IN KENYA

All You Need is God's Word The road is hot and dusty, yet our team presses forward—water bottles in hand to keep us going under the sun, and Bibles ready to share God's Word with those who will listen. The long hours of walking can be challenging, but they also remind us of the disciples, the Apostle Paul, and so many others who traveled great distances to proclaim the Gospel and encourage believers with the hope we have in Jesus Christ. These visits are not only a blessing to those we meet, but also to us as a team. Just as Paul wrote that he was strengthened by the faith and love of the churches he visited, we too are encouraged by the love of Christ reflected in the people we serve. It is a powerful reminder that we are one in Christ, and gives us a foretaste of the joy we will know in heaven—when every nation is gathered before the throne of our Lord.

First Partner's Consultation The LCMS has long encouraged mission partners to gather and work together toward the local church's strategic plan, finding ways to strengthen ministry through theological education, church planting, and mercy work. This vision recently took shape in South Africa with the first partner consultation, bringing together those involved in the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, Pretoria. Each partner shared its contributions, and together we explored how to build on one another's efforts to further the seminary's mission. We are grateful to have been part of this collaborative meeting and look forward to seeing our partnership continue to grow.

Project 24 Earlier this month, our Project 24 elementary and junior secondary students gathered for the Catechetical Club competition, beginning with a worship service and the Lord's Supper for the older children. The day was filled with joy as students shared cultural songs, hymns, Bible tongue twisters, and dramas—an uplifting time of fellowship that strengthened their faith and encouraged them to continue growing in Christ together.



I want to thank you all for your support and prayers. My hope is for you to remember that "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light". (1 Peter 2:9)

In His Grip - Britt, Micah, Rael, and Silas

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 INCLUDING:

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



RAISE DAYS ARE COMING SOON!

September 12 - 15! Get ready for four days of big bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Stock up for fall, get a jumpstart on holiday shopping, or make the most of your household budget.

Things to know:

- Limited time bonuses, September 12 - 15 only
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- An online account is necessary to participate

Plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus - only in the RR mobile app on September 11.

(Tip! Add RaiseRight's browser extension so you can get earning reminders while shopping online!)

Haven't joined our RaiseRight program? yet? Scan the QR code! 



TO LEARN MORE:

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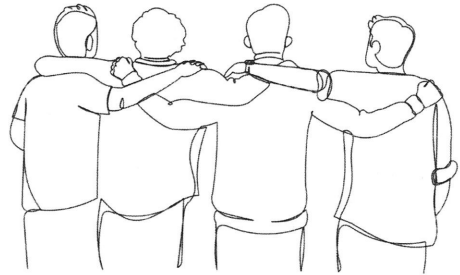


Community Connections Acts 2:44

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. ***This year's theme is: If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat.*** 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 -
kfink@bethanylutheran.org
562.421.4711. ext 19.

NEW GRIEF SHARE SERIES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

DATES Sundays, starting September 14th

TIME 12:30 - 2:30 pm

PLACE Conference Room

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. If you have questions or concerns, contact Karl Fink at the phone number or email listed above.

2026 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT

Building off the 2026 Tournament of Roses theme, *The Magic in Teamwork*, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee proudly presents its *Bringing Christ to the Nations* float. The float features a "Team Jesus" blimp flying over the world. Coming forth from the church, Jesus celebrates with 12 modern-day disciples, as it features the message ALL WELCOME. Riding on the float this year is a small representation of vocations Christ has called us for the building of His Church and furtherance of the Gospel message: a teacher, a missionary, a pastor, etc. Want to secure your spot to be a Petal Pusher? **Use the QR code to Volunteer today!**



new WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR THE FALL!

THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM WORKBOOK: HOW THE PARABLES OF JESUS REVOLUTIONIZE LIFE WITH GOD

BY: JAN JOHNSON

Starts September 7, 2025
Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in Room 215
Bible Study Led by Mary Kay Esswein
Continuing with Chapter 10 (of 18)
Questions? Contact office at (562) 421-4711 x12
*** WORKBOOK available online.**



THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM WORKBOOK

BASED ON THE BOOK BY
DALLAS WILLARD
WRITTEN BY JAN JOHNSON

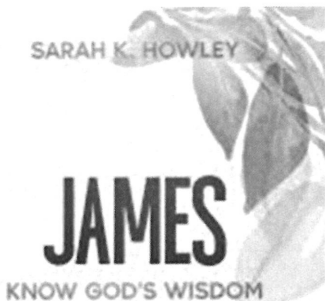


A runaway son. A frantic search for a coin. A farmer paying hired help. Jesus used ordinary situations like these to teach extraordinary truths about following Him. Come explore Jesus' parables with us.



JAMES: KNOW GOD'S WISDOM

BY: SARAH K. HOWLEY



A 9-Session Bible Study



Seeing the Old
Testament in
the Epistles

Starts September 14, 2025
Meets Sundays 10:45 - Noon in the library
Bible Study Led by Sheri Esswein
Questions? Contact Sheri at (657) 456-3225
Book available for purchase on Amazon.

Do you want to have more than just good intentions? Do you long for a faith that's anchored in truth—and lived with integrity? Through this study, you'll discover how God's wisdom:

- Aligns your faith and actions with grace and purpose
- Transforms how you speak and relate to others
- Equips you to make sound, Spirit-led decisions
- Frees you to walk confidently everyday
- Invites you to break free from false attachments like wealth or status

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

Starts Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Meets 6 - 8 pm at Scott Andersen's home
Bible Study Led by John Alwood
Questions? Contact Scott at (562) 508-6146

You are invited to an 8 week study on the Old Testament lead by John Alwood, Bethany's first ever Lutheran Church planter. The study will start with a potluck from 6-6:30 pm with the bible study to follow. We all know the epic story of Jesus, but how does the Old Testament tie in? How do we fit in? Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**GAME DAY
 RESUMES TUESDAY,
 SEPT. 2ND AT 11 AM IN
 THE PARISH LOUNGE!
 JOIN US FOR A BRAND
 NEW GAME, CAKE, AND
 ICE CREAM!**



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE BETHANY BROADCAST™ DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX?

The Chimes and Bullet now officially share one name: The Bethany Broadcast™. While you may continue to pick up a copy of the print edition as you leave worship each week, an expanded e-edition is also available! This weekly capsule includes 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 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.

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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:

