

# *Bethany Lutheran Church*

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5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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FEBRUARY 6, 2022

LIFE SUNDAY

9:30 AM

## *+ God Gathers Us In His Presence +*

PRESERVICE MUSIC: 4 Chorale Improvisations

Organ

~ by Paul Manz

*“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*

*“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”*

*“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”*

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,  
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly  
true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed  
light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Lord of Life,

**People: Live in us, live through us!**

Leader: Creator of all things living,

**People: Live in us, live through us!**

Leader: Gracious Giver of life everlasting,

**People: Live in us, live through us! Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Leader: Almighty God, we confess that our lives have been soiled with sin.  
Our words are often at variance with our deeds  
and so we have failed to love You with all we are and have;  
and we have failed love our neighbors as we love ourselves.  
For the sake of Jesus who is our light and life  
and who laid down His life for us  
forgive us our sin and grant us Your grace.

**People: Lord of life, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.**

Leader: Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us  
and given His only Son to die for us.  
To those who believe in Christ,  
He gives the power to become the children of God  
and has promised them His Holy Spirit.  
Through His gift of forgiveness  
your life is now hidden with God in Christ,  
go to live in Him, go to live through Him, go to live for Him.  
Amen.

**IN ALL THINGS LITANY: (Based on Colossians 1:15-20)**

Leader: Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

**People: All things were created by Him and for Him.**

Leader: In Him all things hold together.

**People: He is the head of the body, the church.**

Leader: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ.

**People: and to reconcile all things to Himself.**

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth.

**People: and to provide peace in all things through Jesus blood.**

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 6:1-8***

*In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne. The bottom of His robe filled the temple. Angels were standing above Him. Each had six wings: With two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They called to each other and said,*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is filled with His glory.”*

*Their voices shook the foundations of the doorposts, and the temple filled with smoke.*

*So I said, “Oh, no! I’m doomed. Every word that passes through my lips is sinful. I live among people with sinful lips. I have seen the king, the LORD of Armies!”*

*Then one of the angels flew to me. In his hand was a burning coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, “This has touched your lips. Your guilt has been taken away, and your sin has been forgiven.”*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom will I send? Who will go for us?”*

*I said, “Here I am. Send me!” – GW®*

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *1 Corinthians 14:12b-20***

**S**ince you're eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in them so that you help the church grow. So the person who speaks in another language should pray for an interpretation of what he says.

If I pray in another language, my spirit prays, but my mind is not productive. So what does this mean? It means that I will pray with my spirit, and I will pray with my mind. I will sing psalms with my spirit, and I will sing psalms with my mind. Otherwise, if you praise God only with your spirit, how can outsiders say "Amen!" to your prayer of thanksgiving? They don't know what you're saying. Your prayer of thanksgiving may be very good, but it doesn't help other people grow. I thank God that I speak in other languages more than any of you. Yet, in order to teach others in church, I would rather say five words that can be understood than ten thousand words in another language.

Brothers and sisters, don't think like children. When it comes to evil, be like babies, but think like mature people. – GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 5:1-11***

**O**ne day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around Him as they listened to God's word. Jesus saw two boats on the shore. The fishermen had stepped out of them and were washing their nets. So Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowd from the boat.

When He finished speaking, He told Simon, "Take the boat into deep water, and lower your nets to catch some fish."

Simon answered, "Teacher, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But if You say so, I'll lower the nets."

After the men had done this, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. Their partners came and filled both boats until the boats nearly sank.

When Simon Peter saw this, he knelt in front of Jesus and said, “Leave me, Lord! I’m a sinful person!” Simon and everyone who was with him were amazed to see the large number of fish they had caught. James and John, who were Zebedee’s sons and Simon’s partners, were also amazed.

Jesus told Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on you will catch people instead of fish.”

Simon and his partners brought the boats to shore, left everything, and followed Jesus.

– GW®

**SERMON HYMN:**                    *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”*                    LSB 827



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, “Who will go and work to-day?  
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon;  
3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa-ter seeds in dust-y soil,  
4 Hear-ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a-way?”  
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in af-ter-noon;  
Caus-ing them to bud and flow-er, Giv-ing bread to those who toil;  
When with His an-gel-ic reap-ers He in glo-ry shall de-scend.

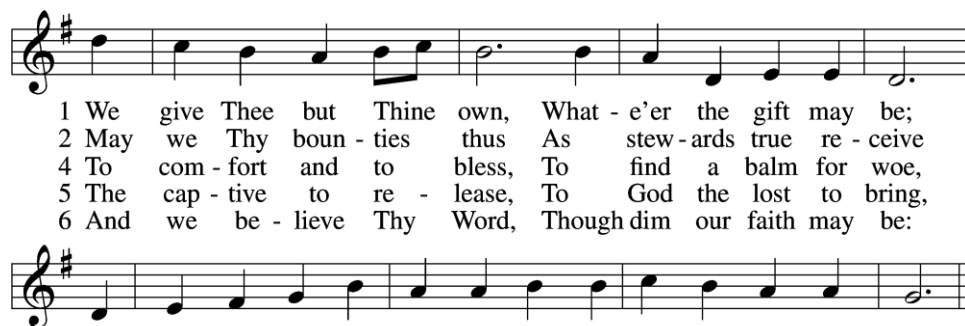


Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee.  
E-ven as the sun is set-ting, Some are sent in-to the fields,  
So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Soon the night, the fi-nal har-vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?  
There to gath-er in the boun-ty That God’s Word so rich-ly yields.  
Nev-er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear-ing fruit with great in-crease.  
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en-joy His Sab-bath peace.

**SERMON:**    *“A Life Unexpected”*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
 5 The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,  
 6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
 To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.  
 To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.  
 What-e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Its Meaning  
 According to Luther's Small Catechism*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**Leader:** *What does this mean?*

**People:** I believe that God has made me and all creatures;  
 that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears,  
 and all my members, my reason and all my senses,  
 and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home,  
 wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need  
 to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger  
 and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,  
 without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend (*names*) and all who are in need, praying for them at all times. Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (And on this day, Lord, we especially pray for ... )  
**People: Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +**

**OFFERING:** *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

## **+   *The Service of Holy Communion*   +**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.*

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST:**

Leader:           As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
                      we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again!

People:           Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

### **MOMENT OF PREPARATION**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

# + *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

#### CLOSING HYMN: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" LSB 854



1...Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
 2...The task thy wis - dom has as - signed,  
 3...Thee may I set at my right hand,  
 4...Give me to bear thine ea - sy yoke,  
 5...For thee de - light - ful - ly cm - ploy

My dai - ly la - bor to pur - sue;  
 Oh - let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill;  
 Whose eyes my in - most sub - stance see,  
 And ev - 'ry mo - ment watch and pray,  
 What - e'er thy boun - teson grace has giv'n,

Thee, on - ly thee, re - solved to know  
 In all my works thy pre - sence find,  
 And la - bor on - at thy com - mand,  
 And still to things e - ter - nal look,  
 And run my course with e - ven joy,

In all I think or speak or do.  
 And prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 And of - fer all my works to thee.  
 And has - ten to thy glo - rious day;  
 And close - ly walk with thee to heav'n.

**POSTLUDE:** "Concerto in A Minor", BWV 593 (1st movement) Organ  
 ~ by J. S. Bach  
 (based on Concerto for Two Violins in A Minor, RV 522 by Antonio Vivaldi)

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“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781

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“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go” LSB 854

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### **SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Children's Sermon... Kayleigh Lopez      Lector... Kayleigh Lopez  
Acolyte... Sophia Carlson                  Crucifer... Timothy O'Conner  
Organist... Robert Bottoms  
Preacher... Rev. Dominic Rivkin, Mission and Ministry Executive for the PSD  
Camera...Felix Rivera                          Sound: Jon Widmann & Kyle Johnson

### **THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT**

Having been called to Faith in Christ, moved by the love of God the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are committed to:

*Worshipping Faithfully* (Acts 2:42, 46)  
*Forming Spiritually* (Colossians 1:10-14)  
*Serving Passionately* (Ephesians 2:10)  
*Giving Proportionately* (Luke 21:1-4)  
*Sharing Intentionally* (Matthew 28:19-20)

## **WEEKLY CHIMES**

THE PARISH LIFE OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 6 – 13, 2022**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Doug Crawford	Phyllis Lee	Merlyn Wagner	Sue Swick
Charlene Mitchell	Heidi Moyer-Miser	Grace Hennings	
Kathy Jones	John Fredrickson	Bill Hutchinson	Ron Miner
Mary Mendez	Levi Rose	Jean Barton	Evelyn Rucks

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by:

**Jack and Stacy DeVeney wishing a very**

*Happy Birthday*

**to Payton, Logan, Xavier, and John Rey!**



### **OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:**

- Reva and Rona Kramer and family for the passing of Reva's niece, Donna Ahrens, who went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 31, 2022. No service arrangements have been received.  
*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." ~ John 11: 25-26*

### **WORSHIPING FAITHFULLY: Hebrews 10:25**

#### **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S SERMON OR PREVIOUS SERMONS AGAIN...**

You can hear them as podcasts on our website [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org).

#### **THE SAME TEXT WILL BE EXPLORED AT ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SITES:**

Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, Holy Cross in Cypress; and of course on the Live Streamed via our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/BethanyLutheranLongBeach> at Bethany's 9:30AM Worship Service.

### **LUKE IN LENT - LENTEN SERVICES**

So that we might know Jesus better in His suffering and sacrifice, this Lent we will journey with Him to Calvary, in the text of Lent recorded in Luke's Gospel. ***Luke in Lent.*** We will be using material from Living Way Bible Studies covering these texts during our normal Wednesday evening gathering.

**We meet at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cypress.**

Need a copy of the week's lesson...

- For a hard print copy of the lessons, you may pick it up in the church office at Bethany.
- For an electronic copy of the lessons, please email Cindy Morrison at [cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org).

### **FORMING SPIRITUALLY: Colossians 1:10-14**

**COUCH CONVERSATIONS:** Take some time this week with your family, or on your own to have some conversations about our text and theme for worship. Perhaps you can do this on the couch right after the last song or later around the dinner table. You could even use them to have conversations in the car. We hope that these conversations will help you as you continue to be formed spiritually.



**Life Sunday ~ Genesis 9:1-7** There are many scripture passages that speak to the sanctity of human life. Genesis 9:1-7 is just one of them. Take some time to read this passage with those in your household and then talk about the following questions:

- What does this text say about the character and nature of God?
- What does this text say about the work of God?
- Who are we in light of that truth? What does this text say about our identity?
- How does this text challenge us?
- How might this text change the way we live?

## **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:**

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study is in full swing. Please join us each Thursday, 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Parish Lounge. We'd love to see you. Questions? Please call Meg Velez (562) 426-4262.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Season 4 of the Theology On Tap Podcast with Pastor Seth, Pastor Kevin, Pastor Kyle, Pastor Mark and Kayleigh is out now! Get it wherever you get your podcasts including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Anchor.fm. This season the team tackles the idea of how to interpret the Bible and why many people struggle when doing it. So, grab yourself a cold beer, warm glass of milk, hot cup of tea, bottle of water, and pull up a chair and join us for Theology On Tap, and get ready for a lively discussion of theology, spirituality and sharing life together.

## **WELCOME TO THE BIBLE QUIZ**

The answers to these questions will be found in next week's Sunday Chimes, along with 3 new questions. See how many questions you and your family can answer.

1. Isaiah saw the LORD on His throne surrounded by angles called \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Speaking in \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift given by the Holy Spirit to the early Church.
3. Simon Peter was a fisherman, and Jesus turned him into a fisher of \_\_\_\_\_ .

## **ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ**

1. As Jesus cast our demons from people, the demons came out crying: "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ."

**Answer: Son of God. ~ Luke 4:31-37**

2. Paul said that without love one is a clanging \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Answer: Cymbal. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-2**

3. The prophet Jeremiah is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet.

**Answer: Weeping. ~ Lamentations 2:11; 3:48**

## **SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10**

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US**

We just started GriefShare classes on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, running through the spring. We meet on Sunday afternoons, starting at 12:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room #215 on the school side. GriefShare is a 12-13 week class in a small group setting, where we watch a video presentation, have time to discuss and share, and then pray together. If you know of anyone who is experiencing grief of any kind, please invite them to these classes. If you have any questions regarding the GriefShare classes, please contact me in my office or via email. May God hold you during these times of grief. ~ Karl Fink



### **ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER OPPORTUNITIES - FEBRUARY DATES:**

I am interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday Worship services. Possible for 4<sup>th</sup> graders on up. Boys and girls welcome. Service times are 8:00 & 9:30AM. Training is available if you will be a first time acolyte. If you have any questions concerning this ministry opportunity, please contact me at the email or phone number listed below. **Crucifer & Acolyte Sign Ups for February are Now Open.** Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up.

~ Karl Fink – DCE [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org) 562.421.4711, ext. 19



### **GIVING PROPORTIONATELY: Luke 21:1-4**

### **BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY NEWS:**

**The 2022 Golf Tourney has been locked in at Lakewood Country Club for Friday, March 25.** Start time is once again 1:00 PM.

**Our ONLINE Registration form is NOW live!** You are able to register your foursome, buy raffle tickets, purchase a guest dinner (for those not golfing), and/or let us know if you wish to do a sponsorship for the tournament!



Use the QR code to the right to register... or we will also have available paper copies of the registration form, if that is your preferred way to register. These are available in the church office.

Should you have any questions, kindly speak to any of these people on the committee: Marty Callow, Bob Newell, Phil Lopez, Craig Dean, Ted Spaseff, or Marty Platt. Feel free to contact me as well with any questions or concerns. So looking forward to being back at this event again! - Karl Fink

### **BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

Beutel Scholarship Grant Applications are now being accepted for academic year 2022-2023 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 2022, they must apply between January 1 and March 1 of this year. Applications 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 (Elder's Box) **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Swick at (562) 714-3196.

**THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP.**  
**PICK YOURS UP TODAY IN THE PARISH LOUNGE.**



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**The 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been emailed to you.**

**Those that do not have an email address on file, will receive theirs in the U.S. mail.**

**If you have NOT received your Contribution Statement yet,  
please contact Maraley Shaeffer at: [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org)**



**SCRIP:** Super Bowl LVI is just around the corner (Sunday, Feb 13). Rams vs Bengals! Don't forget to use Scrip to purchase supplies and food for your Super Bowl fun! We have your groceries covered with Safeway (Vons,

Pavilions, Albertsons), Sprouts, Stater Bros and Smart & Final. Ordering out? Lots of options there! Pizza, wings, and so much more! We have some cards in stock and ready for pick up. There are many more options available on ShopWithScrip or the RaiseRight app. Want your food delivered? There's DoorDash, GrubHub and Uber Eats for that! ~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator  
[rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org) or 562-420-7783 ext. 58



**FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE**

The Bethany 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scouts are organizing a Blanket Drive as part of their Bronze Award Project. They will be working with the spcaLA in Long Beach collecting clean, used blankets and towels for the shelter. Currently, the animals are on cold cement-floored kennels, and would love a warm snuggly blanket or towel to lay on to keep warm. Share your love through the whole month of February by giving a blanket or towel to help keep the animals warm. They don't care if they aren't in perfect condition or have a stain, just as long as they are clean. Here's a win-win idea... take any blankets or towels that are looking a little worn out of your cupboard... buy yourself some new items to replace the old. Then, donate your used blankets and towels by putting them in the box in the Church Narthex on Sundays, or take them to the Church Office during the week. The dogs, cats and other animals at the shelter will be so happy you did!



**IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!**

Did you know Bethany has Girl Scout troops in Kinder, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th grades? They will be selling cookies between services on 2/13 through 3/13! Thanks for supporting Bethany Girl Scouts!!



### **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!*

**There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:**

Giving Online      Text to Give      Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Basket

Please see the GIVING link on Bethany’s website for more information on how to make your offering. **If you need further assistance, contact our Financial Administrator at [mshaefter@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaefter@bethanylutheran.org)**

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Act 2:44**



**ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT:** Bethany's Annual Family Campout Retreat is February 19, 20 and 21 at Mobiland RV Park in 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. A worship service will be held Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. For questions or reservation please call or text Philip Lopez, at (562) 416-5960.



### **ST. VALENTINE’S PARTY @ HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**When: Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**Where: Holy Cross Fellowship Hall**

**4321 West Cerritos Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630**

**What: Bingo (w/prizes) and an old fashioned Ice Cream Social**

**How: Contact Betty ([bettykoester2@att.net](mailto:bettykoester2@att.net)) or Dave ([jacdevo@ca.rr.com](mailto:jacdevo@ca.rr.com))  
or call the Holy Cross church office at 714-527-7225**

**Please join us for an afternoon for fun and friendship.**

**Will you be My Valentine?**

## GROWING IN FAITH

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Succulent Creation**  
**11:00AM to 12:30PM at Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**An Event to Support our Youth Gathering Participants**



"Growing In Faith" - a workshop to create your own succulent garden and **to support Bethany Lutheran Church Youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering** in Houston, TX this summer. The event will be in Hensley Square.

**There are three price points:**

- Small Pot (up to 2 plants) - \$15
- Medium Pot (up to 4 plants) - \$30
- Large Pot (up to 6 plants) - \$45

\*The price paid will include everything needed to create your succulent garden (your choice of pot, succulents, soil and decorative add-ons like stones, sand, marbles or moss).

\*Light refreshments are included.

**Please NOTE:**

- ***NO Walk Up Registration for this event as supplies will be limited. Thank you for your understanding.***
- ***Registration for this event closes on Monday, March 14 at Midnight!***

**To REGISTER** for the Succulent Creation Event, click on this link <https://bit.ly/2022succulents> or use this QR code:



**We look forward to seeing you at this fun creative event.**

**- Kim Ryskamp, The Board of Youth**

*Questions??? Please contact Kim Ryskamp at*

[kimryskamp@gmail.com](mailto:kimryskamp@gmail.com)



Thank you for participating in our  
**Bethany Lutheran Church Spirit Day!**

People like you make our community a great place to live...and to learn!

Please stop by Chick-fil-A in Lakewood and present this flyer  
when you purchase your meal to support our program  
and provide a better future for our Students!

Based on the Days sales from our families,  
Chick-fil-A will make a donation to our programs!!

**Again, THANK YOU!**

**\*Valid @ LAKEWOOD Chick-fil-A Only\***

**Wednesday, Feb 9, 2022**

**6:30AM-9PM**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Orange is Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

October 15th: Anniversary Banquet

October 16th: Anniversary Sunday Service

*Synodical President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison will be our special guest speaker.*

*Luncheon immediately following.*

Do you know any church or school alumni, past staff or someone who should be invited?

Please send addresses to [church@immanuelorange.org](mailto:church@immanuelorange.org)