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**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

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**MARCH 6, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

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

**WELCOME: 9:30** Girl Scout Presentation

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

LSB 423

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent  
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -  
from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er  
Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our  
cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

## OPENING SENTENCES / INVOCATION:

Leader: By wisdom a house is built,  
and by understanding it is established. (*Proverbs 24:3*)

**People: As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.** (*Joshua 24:15*)

Leader: By knowledge the rooms are filled  
with all precious and pleasant riches. (*Proverbs 24:4*)

**People: As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.** (*Joshua 24:15*)

Leader: In Christ you are being built together into a dwelling place for God  
by the Spirit. (*Ephesians 2:22*)

**People: As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.  
Amen!** (*Joshua 24:15*)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*Based on Deuteronomy 6 & Ephesians 2*)

Leader: Lord, You are One,  
and You have called us to love You with all of our heart, soul and might;  
and You have commanded that Your Word should be on our hearts.

**People: O Lord our God, the One and only  
by our own actions our households have not been filled with love.  
We confess before You our lack of love.  
We have not loved You as we should.  
We have not loved others as we love ourselves.  
We have been self-centered and self-satisfied.  
Yet, out of Your eternal love for us You sent Your Son  
to show us how to love and to love us even unto death.  
In His name we ask Your forgiveness  
and pray that You would fill us with His Spirit,  
so that we may truly love and serve You.  
Loving others as You have loved us.  
Loving not just those who love us, but those who count us as enemies.  
Through Your lavish love, forgive us and help us to forgive others.  
Write Your love upon our hearts.  
Use our hands to bring that love to others.  
Keep Your love before our eyes that we may see You in others.  
Make our households places of love and forgiveness once again.  
Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.  
For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.  
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are fellow citizens  
with the saints and members of the household of God,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,  
in whom the whole structure, being joined together,  
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

People: Amen!

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Leader: Lord of the universe, we are grateful that in Your majesty and power You  
see households and You care for them. May all households be filled with  
Your peace and presence in the ups and downs of life. Bring unity and love  
to Your people through Christ, Your dear Son, our Savior.

People: Amen.

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

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 24:14-27**

**“F**ear the LORD, and serve Him with integrity and faithfulness. Get rid of the gods your  
ancestors served on the other side of the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve only  
the LORD. But if you don’t want to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will  
serve. Even if you choose the gods your ancestors served on the other side of the Euphrates  
or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live, my family and I will still serve  
the LORD.”

The people responded, “It would be unthinkable for us to abandon the LORD to serve other  
gods. The LORD our God brought us and our ancestors out of slavery in Egypt. He did  
these spectacular signs right before our eyes. He guarded us wherever we went, especially  
as we passed through other nations. The LORD forced out all the people ahead of us,  
including the Amorites who lived in this land. We, too, will serve the LORD, because He  
is our God.”

But Joshua answered the people, “Since the LORD is a holy God, you can’t possibly serve Him. He is a God who does not tolerate rivals. He will not forgive your rebellious acts and sins. If you abandon the LORD and serve foreign gods, He will turn and bring disaster on you. He will destroy you, although he has been so good to you.”

The people answered Joshua, “No! We will only serve the LORD!”

Joshua said to the people, “You have testified that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

They answered, “Yes, we have!”

“Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you. Turn yourselves entirely over to the LORD God of Israel.”

The people replied to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey Him.”

That day Joshua made an agreement for the people and set up laws and rules for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these things in the Book of God’s Teachings. Then he took a large stone and set it up under the oak tree at the LORD’s holy place. Joshua told all the people, “This stone will stand as a witness for us. It has heard all the words which the LORD spoke to us. It will stand as a witness for you. You cannot deceive your God.” – GW®

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Acts 9:10-19a***

**A** disciple named Ananias lived in the city of Damascus. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

Ananias answered, “Yes, Lord.”

The Lord told him, “Get up! Go to Judas’ house on Straight Street, and ask for a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. He’s praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

Ananias replied, “Lord, I’ve heard a lot of people tell about the many evil things this man has done to Your people in Jerusalem. Saul has come here to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to put anyone who calls on Your name in prison.”

The Lord told Ananias, “Go! I’ve chosen this man to bring my name to nations, to kings, and to the people of Israel. I’ll show him how much he has to suffer for the sake of my name.”

Ananias left and entered Judas’ house. After he placed his hands on Saul, Ananias said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way to Damascus, sent me to you. He wants you to see again and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Immediately, something like fish scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. Then Saul stood up and was baptized. After he had something to eat, his strength came back to him. – GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 9:30**      *“Jesus In the Morning”*      BLS K – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and  
*“Standin’ In the Need of Prayer”*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 5:27-32***

After that, Jesus left. He saw a tax collector named Levi sitting in a tax office. Jesus said to him, “Follow me!” So Levi got up, left everything, and followed Him.

Levi held a large reception at his home for Jesus. A huge crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

The Pharisees and their experts in Moses’ Teachings complained to Jesus’ disciples. They asked, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor; those who are sick do. I’ve come to call sinners to change the way they think and act, not to call people who think they have God’s approval.” – GW®

**SERMON HYMN:**                      *“Oh, Blest the House”*                      LSB 862



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

**SERMON:** *“The Spiritually Vibrant Home: Households Matter to Jesus!”*

**Text:** Joshua 24:14-15

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## + *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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE BLESSING:

Leader: Peace be to you, and peace be to your house,  
and peace be to all that you have. (*1 Samuel 25:6*)

People: Amen!

## CLOSING HYMN:

### *"Built on the Rock"*

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the  
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing  
ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -  
ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.  
But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” LSB 423

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Tune: *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

Text and music: Public domain.

“Oh, Blest the House” LSB 862

Text: Christoph Carl Ludwig von Pfeil, 1712-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, sts. 1-2, 4-5;  
tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal*, Columbus, 1880, st. 3.

Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1534, ed. Joseph Klug.

Text and music: Public domain.

“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb” LSB 740

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal* 1941.

Tune: *Choral-Buch...Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784; setting: Ewald Weiss, 1906-98.

Text and tune: Public domain.

“Built on the Rock” LSB 645

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundvig, 1783-1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt.

Tune: Ludvig M. Linderman, 1812-87; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

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## **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:

***Worshiping 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**

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**WEEK OF  
MARCH 6 – 13, 2022**

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

Claude Potter	Doug Crawford	Heidi Moyer-Miser
John Fredrickson	Ron Miner	Grace Hennings
Mary Mendez	Levi Rose	Evelyn Rucks

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

- Doug and Rose Crawford, family, and friends for the unexpected passing of Doug's beloved brother, Gary Crawford, who recently went to his heavenly home to be with Jesus. No service arrangements have been received at this time.
- The family & friends of Jean Barton, who went to the loving arms of Jesus, sometime in Feb.
- Pam Johnson, family, and friends for the passing of Pam's beloved father, Don Maxwell, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 21, 2022. All are welcome to a graveside service that will be held at Rose Hills on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

*"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'D 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**

This season there will be no midweek Lenten worship services. However, this Lenten Season, we will walk the *Via Dolorosa* (that is “The Way of Suffering”) with the One who is The Way to Life, The Way of Life and The Living Way itself, Jesus Christ. We will be using the *Living Way Bible Study* materials that correspond to the Historic Luke readings in the season of Lent.

**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, please email Cindy Morrison at [cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org).

## **LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**



**\*\*Luke in Lent on Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, & 30 and April 6**

Living Way Bible Study at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross** in the **Parish Hall**  
(\*\*Read more about “Luke in Lent” at the top of this page.)

**Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Service**

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at **Bethany**  
Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering**  
Worship at 11:00 AM at **Holy Cross**

**Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Worship Service**

Worship at 1:00 and 7:00 PM at **Bethany**  
(The 1:00 PM Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**)

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Worship Services**

Worship at 1:00 PM at **Bethany** (This Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**)  
Evening Worship at **Bethany** (Time forthcoming)  
Worship at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross**

**Easter Festival, April 17<sup>th</sup> Worship Services**

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at **Bethany**  
Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering**  
Worship at 11:00 AM at **Holy Cross**

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



### **HOUSEHOLD HUDDLES FOR LENT 2022**

One of the key characteristics of Households of Faith is that they spend time with one another. The Biblical idea of households is far beyond just the nuclear family that may share the same four walls. In the pages of Scripture, households included multiple generations, different vocations, and many permutations. You might be surprised to see what makes up your household and how many households you may be a part of. We hope that this Lent you will gather with the households you are a part of for something

we call a Household Huddle.

A Household Huddle is a time of directed activity that will foster spiritual habits, invite conversations and be open to welcoming others. We would like to encourage you to engage in a household huddle at least once a week.

The pattern for a Household Huddle includes the following:

- SHARE your highs and lows.
- READ a Bible verse or a story.
- TALK together about how the reading impacted you, share what you think God might be teaching you and ask some questions about the reading.
- PRAY for one another.
- BLESS one another in words and actions.

It will take time to get into a pattern or rhythm with the members of your household so we suggest scheduling the same time and day each week when you begin. To get you started we will provide a basic outline for your household huddle. Feel free to adapt this according to your needs.

### **HOUSEHOLD HUDDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6**

SHARE your highs and lows

*Ask each person in your household to share something positive that happened or an encounter that brought them joy over the past day or week. It could be a connection with a friend or co-worker, it could be a book they are reading or something fun that happened at the grocery store. After sharing a high, each person can share a low. These might include things that were hard, sad, or difficult. It might be a strained relationship or a disappointment at school. Highs and lows are shared in confidence and should not be shared outside the huddle unless expressly permitted. Often time what is shared during the highs and lows can inform the prayer that you will share together later in the huddle.*

READ A Bible verse or story

*Reading for this week: Joshua 24:14-27*

TALK about the reading

- *How would you define a household?*
- *Why do you think the people in the reading wanted to serve God?*
- *What does it mean to serve together as a household?*
- *How might this household huddle be a way of serving one another and serving the Lord?*

PRAY for one another

*Thinking about what was shared in your household huddle, how can you pray for one another?*

BLESS one another in words and actions

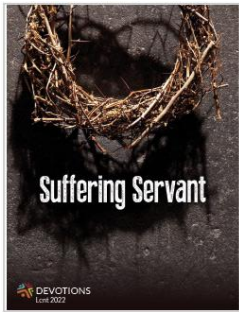
*Have someone read the following blessing aloud to the members of your household.*

*May the Lord bless us and keep us;*

*May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious unto us;*

*May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. AMEN!*

## 2022 LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES



In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

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Seasonal Devotions for [Advent](#) and [Lent](#) are available here in both [English and Spanish](#).

Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, and friends, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons. For information on receiving these devotions and more, contact Lutheran Hour Ministries at 1-800-876-9880 or [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).



### 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. Finish St. Paul's sentence: "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus is LORD... you will be \_\_\_\_?"
2. Multiple choice: The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert where he spent how many days?  
A) 15 days, B) 30 days, or C) 40 days.
3. True or False: GOD led Moses and the Israelites to a land of grain and wine?

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. After Moses died, who took over as leader of GOD's people?  
**Answer: Joshua. ~ Deuteronomy 34:9**
2. In the book of Hebrews, who is said to be greater than Moses?  
**Answer: Jesus. ~ Hebrews 3:3**
3. Which Old Testament prophets appeared alongside Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?  
**Answer: Moses and Elijah. ~ Luke 9:30**

### SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10

**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. Thank you for supporting our Girl Scout troops!



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...** From Bethany 5th Grade Junior Girl Scout Troop: Thank you for making our Blanket Drive a success! We collected lots of blankets and towels for animals at the spcaLA Long Beach Shelter, thanks to YOU!

P.S. And **ALL** the animals' thank you for the warm blankets and towels!



**LIFT HIGH THE CROSS...** one of my all-time favorite hymns... is still that. However, our processional cross, after many, many years of usage, has unfortunately been cracked at its base. **So, until such time that it is either repaired or replaced, we will be suspending Crucifer and Acolyte service for our Worship times.** I remain grateful for your service and we will let you know when we will be back with a cross processional. Blessed by you! ~ 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



### **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!!



**SCRIP:** A heads up for those of you that place special orders, or online orders to be picked up in the office - two things:

1. **I will be out of the office from March 11 - 23.** I will place an order on March 7 (order arrives March 9) before I leave, and on the 28th upon my return.
2. In an effort to save money on shipping costs, I am trying to order only two times a month instead of weekly. Here is my tentative ordering schedule through June: March 7 and 28; April 11 and 25; May 9 and 23; June 6 and 20. Orders are placed on Mondays by 9:30am and arrive the same week on Wednesdays after 11am.

~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator [rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org) or 562-420-7783 ext. 58





### 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 [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org)**

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Act 2:44



**DO YOU HAVE A HOUSE, CONDO OR APARTMENT FOR RENT?** A church member is looking for a place to live for him and a friend... location is not a priority, as long as it is reasonable priced. If you have something, contact Eric Ebacher at: [ericebacher@gmail.com](mailto:ericebacher@gmail.com) Thank you!

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM noon. Closed Fridays.**

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### LCMS YOUTH GATHERING AUCTION



Please join us on **Saturday, April 2, 2022** for our LCMS Youth Gathering Auction. This year’s auction will take place at the POA Park, which is located behind the Long Beach Town Center. **The auction will start at 5:00pm and run until 8:00pm.** This year’s theme will be Texas BBQ, in conjunction with our youth heading south to Houston, Texas in July. The tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. **Ticket sales will begin TODAY through March 27.** Here is the link to buy your tickets: <https://bit.ly/2022YGAAuction>



## 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)*

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9 AM – 3 PM

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