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2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

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MARCH 13, 2022

9:30 AM

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

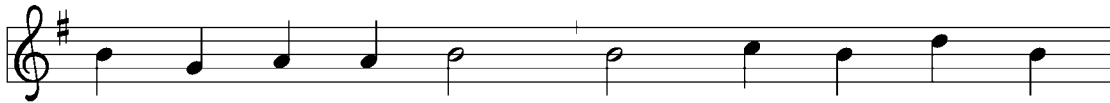
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *"The Glory of These Forty Days"*

WOV 657



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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 Joshua 24 & Matthew 20:28*)

Leader: As Joshua called the people of Israel to honor and serve You faithfully,
You continue to call Your people to lives of service.

**People: With our mouths we cry out, “We will serve the Lord”.
Yet, our thoughts and actions betray us.
With the same mouth that we sing Your praise,
we slander our neighbors, friends
and other members of our households.
We exclaim. “We will never leave the Lord to serve other gods.”
Yet, our feelings and activities betray us.
We continually seek to serve ourselves,
We constantly look for ways to get ahead or get even,
We run after other gods, even though we know You tolerate no rivals.
Look upon us now with Your favor to grant us forgiveness.
For we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
Send, now, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts.
Rekindle our faith in You, and renew our love for others.
Enable us to honor You
and serve You sincerely and faithfully once again.
This we ask in Jesus’ name.**

Leader: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came to this world, not to be served,
but to serve and give His life as a ransom for all humanity.
As a witness of His great love for you and in His stead
and by His command, I forgive you all of your sins
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
May you and your household serve the Lord always.

People: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Heavenly Father, You have gathered us all into households of faith that are
varied and unique. Bring an energetic spirit to all households that they may
be a place of messy prayers, loud tables and open doors and that You might
always be welcomed there.

People: Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Proverbs 24:3-4*

With wisdom a house is built.
With understanding it is established.
With knowledge its rooms are filled
with every kind of riches, both precious and pleasant. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 3:1-6*

Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling. So look carefully at Jesus,
the apostle and chief priest about whom we make our declaration of faith. Jesus is faithful
to God, who appointed Him, in the same way that Moses was faithful when he served in
God's house. Jesus deserves more praise than Moses in the same way that the builder of a
house is praised more than the house. After all, every house has a builder, but the builder
of everything is God.

Moses was a faithful servant in God's household. He told the people what God would say in the future. But Christ is a faithful son in charge of God's household. We are His household if we continue to have courage and to be proud of the confidence we have.

– GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

9:30

“O Love, How Deep”
~ Thomas Keesecker

Bethany Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus was passing through Jericho. A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was the director of tax collectors, and he was rich. He tried to see who Jesus was. But Zacchaeus was a small man, and he couldn't see Jesus because of the crowd. So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a fig tree to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

When Jesus came to the tree, He looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down! I must stay at your house today.”

Zacchaeus came down and was glad to welcome Jesus into his home. But the people who saw this began to express disapproval. They said, “He went to be the guest of a sinner.”

Later, at dinner, Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Lord, I'll give half of my property to the poor. I'll pay four times as much as I owe to those I have cheated in any way.”

Then Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “You and your family have been saved today. You've shown that you, too, are one of Abraham's descendants. Indeed, the Son of Man has come to seek and to save people who are lost.” – GW®

SERMON HYMN:

“Chief of Sinners though I Be”

1.Chief of sin - ners though I be Je - sus shed His blood for me.
 2.Oh the height of Je - sus' love High - er than the heav'ns a - bove.

Died that I might live on high. Lives that I might ne - ver die.
 Deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.

As the branch is to the vine. I am His and He is
 Love that found me woun - rous thought found me when I sought Him

mine.
 not.

3.On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart.
 4.Oh my sav - ior help af - ford by Your Spir - it and Your Word.

Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way,

Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch
 grace in time o fneed sup - ply while I live and when I

trod.
 die.

SERMON: *“The Spiritually Vibrant Home: What Makes a Home Vibrant?”*

Text: Proverbs 24:3-4 and Luke 19:1-10

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

1. My song is love un - known. My sa - vior's love to me, love
 2. Some - times they strew His way and His sweet prais - es sing re -
 3. Here might I stay and sing, no stor - y so di - vine, ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. Oh
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King, then
 ver was love dear King, ne - ver was grief like Thine. This

who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail
 "cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath and for His death they
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could

1. 2. 3.

flesh and die. Oh
 thirst and cry.
 glad - ly spend.

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Your grace has made a way. Oh Your love has

con - quered this grave. Oh Your Love made known to

1. 3. D.C. al fine

me and to the world Your love I'll be.

2. D.S. al fine

me. Oh

+ *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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

9:30

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”
~ Eric Nelson

Bethany Choir

+ *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: May your prayers become a little messier,
your tables a little louder
and your doors a little more open.
May you all experience the true vibrancy
that God has planned for you and your entire household.

People: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN:**“The God of Abraham Praise”**

LSB 798



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with-stand,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com-mand.
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view,
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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WEEKLY CHIMES

THE PARISH LIFE OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WEEK OF
MARCH 13 – 20, 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Mary Dean:



Wishing a very
"Happy Birthday"
to Stacey Spaseff!
Love, Mom

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

- Larry and Joyce Yocam, family, and friends for the unexpected passing of Larry's cousin, Janet Yocam, who recently went to her heavenly home to be with Jesus on March 2, 2022. No service arrangements have been received at this time.
- Mike and Candi Yocam (long time former members), family, and friends for the passing of their granddaughter, Tori Yocam, on March 6, 2022. She was waiting for a transplant, but God called her home where no transplants are needed. No service arrangements have been received at this time.
- 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 (former Bethany Pre-School Teacher), who went to the loving arms of Jesus, sometime in February.

"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

ARE YOU READING “GETTING TO KNOW JESUS”

Our *Getting To Know Jesus* ministry wide leadership read has almost reached the half way point. (If you're behind there is still time to catch up)! We will hold our midpoint zoom chat on **THURSDAY, March 17th**. Two opportunities: 8:30 - 9:00 AM or 7:00 -7:30 PM. Come ready to chat, reflect and discuss the first four chapters of *Getting To Know Jesus*.

The *Getting To Know Jesus* Zoom Gathering information is:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/245p4ch2>

Meeting ID: 812 6322 5903

Passcode: Jesus

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.

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.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



LENTEN CALENDAR

*****Luke in Lent on Wednesdays March 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 the next page.)

Palm Sunday, April 10th 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 14th 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 15th Worship Services

Worship at 1:00 PM at **Bethany** (This Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**)

Evening Worship at 7:00 PM at **Bethany**

Worship at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross**

Easter Festival, April 17th 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**

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.



WELCOME TO THE BIBLE QUIZ

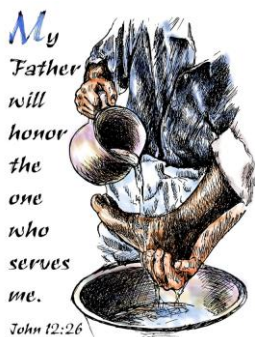
The answers to these questions will be found in next week’s Sunday Chimes, along with 3 new questions. See how many questions you and your family can answer.

1. Multiple Choice: The prophet Jeremiah prophesied that Israel would serve the King of Babylon for how many years? A) 50 years, B) 70 years, C) 100 years
2. Fill in the blank: Jesus said to the people of Jerusalem: “How often would I have gathered your children together as a _____ gathers her brood under her wing...?”
3. Fill in the blank: St. Paul said to the church in Philippi: “And the peace of GOD surpasses all _____ and will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK’S BIBLE QUIZ

1. Finish St. Paul’s sentence: “... if you confess with your mouth Jesus is LORD... you will be _____?”
Answer: Saved. ~ Romans 10:8b-13
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.
Answer: 40 Days. ~ Luke 4:1-13
3. True or False: GOD led Moses and the Israelites to a land of grain and wine?
Answer: False. ~ Exodus 3:8

THE BASIN AND THE TOWEL AWARD



This award recognizes those individuals who have shown their commitment to Christian discipleship by devoting their time and talents in humble service to the ongoing ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church and/or the church at large. If you know of someone who has provided outstanding service to Bethany over a number of years, or has done a single exemplary act, which you feel, requires recognition, please pick up a nomination form in the Church Office. Plaques with the names of all prior recipients is on display in the Church Office/Nursery Hall.

To be considered Nomination forms MUST make it to the Board of Discipleship Box in the Church Office no later than Friday, May 13th.

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 13th

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

Readings for this week: Proverbs 24: 3-4 & Luke 19:1-10

TALK about the readings

- *What different types of households are you a part of?*
- *Share about any spiritual conversations you have had in your households recently.*
- *How can extending hospitality benefit a household?*
- *Why did the people want to exclude Zacchaeus? Why does Jesus want to include him?*

PRAY for one another

Thinking about what has been shared already in your household huddle, how can you pray for one another today?

BLESS one another in words and actions

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

May our prayers become a little messier, our tables a little louder and our doors a little more open. May we all experience the true vibrancy that God has planned for us and our entire household. AMEN!

SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10



Bethany Family,

A few weeks ago, I had a meeting with the executive team from 1517, a ministry organization rooted in reformation and Lutheran theology and they have asked me to consider taking a full-time position with them. I did not seek this position out, but I am very intrigued by what they have presented and feel that it may be a good fit with my gifts and interests. This comes with some heartache as Bethany has been home for over 22 years.

This is not a standard call as the church defines it. 1517 does not issue calls as we think of them in the church; however, this is a call in the broad sense as they are a ministry organization that preaches faith alone, scripture alone, grace alone in Christ alone, things that we hold dear here at Bethany. This position would not necessitate a move of location as I would be able to work remotely with some limited travel, most of it local to Southern California.

I ask you all for your prayers as I deliberate and discern what God may be saying to me in this process. Is it time for me to move on, or is God confirming my call to Bethany? Please keep me, Jill and the girls in your prayers in the weeks ahead as we listen to that still small voice of God that will be made known in due time.

~ Pastor Seth

HELP NEEDED: If you are a woman who has 2 hours a week to help out one of our shut ins, please contact Karl Fink in his office at 562.421.4711 or via email at kfink@bethanylutheran.org. This shut in needs someone to come in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to fix an easy breakfast, and Tuesday and Thursday late afternoons to heat up an easy meal for dinner. If I am able to get a couple of people who can share this, that would be great. For more information and any questions, please contact me as soon as you are able. Thanks for your consideration!



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 562.421.4711, ext. 19



GIVING PROPORTIONATELY: Luke 21:1-4

PLEASE HELP: The Humanitarian need in the Ukraine and its neighboring countries is astounding. Nearly 2 million refugees have already fled the Ukraine. LWR, working with partners in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, is seeking to bring supplies that will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety.



The initial response will include providing food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees, in addition to supporting critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services.

Through the end of the month, gifts will be matched, up to a total of \$250k by a congregation in WI. You can leave your gift in the white box on the North side of the chancel (make checks out to Bethany and put Ukraine in the note line) or you can send gifts directly to LWR **online at lwr.org/match**.

BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY NEWS:



The 2022 Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf Tourney is all set at Lakewood Country Club for Friday, March 25. Start time is once again 1:00 PM. Registration opens at 11:30AM. If you are just coming for the dinner, plan to get there by 5:30, as we are hoping to get that started at 6PM.

Our ONLINE Registration form will end at midnight tonight, March 13! You are still 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!

You may also use the QR code to register up until midnight on the 13th.

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



LAST DAY to get your cookies... or they will be gone for another year! Did you know Bethany has Girl Scout troops in Kinder, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th grades? This is the last week to get your Girl Scout Cookies... Stock up because next week will be too late! Thanks for supporting Bethany Girl Scouts!!



AND



WHAT: 8th grade Car Wash/Bake Sale Fundraiser for DC Trip

WHEN: Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 AM to Noon

WHERE: Bethany Lutheran Parking Lot

COST: \$10/car



SCRIP: Changes are coming! The Scrip year is coming to a close at the end of March and rebates will be distributed in April. Beginning with the new Scrip year in April (April 2022 - March 2023) a change in the minimum rebate will be in effect. The minimum rebate eligible for distribution will go from \$2.50 to \$25.00. (Scrip buyers will need to make enough purchases to create \$25 in rebate dollars) This change is taking place in an effort to increase sales. In turn, this will *possibly* create a place for increasing the amount of the rebate that goes towards tuition rebates or your chosen ministry. (At this time, 40% of the rebate you earn goes back to the running of the Scrip program and 60% goes to your tuition rebate.) It would be great to be able to change the rebate percentages from a 40/60% split to a 30/70% split.

~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator 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**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Act 2:44



FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Please come to Friendship Group on March 16 at 11:30 AM. Bring only your lunch, as coffee and dessert will be served. Karl will have a short devotion and then we will play Bingo. Join us for fun and fellowship. Wear green if you have it, in recognition of St Patrick's Day... Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING AUCTION

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 are OPEN, now through March 27.



Or use this link: <https://bit.ly/2022YGAuction>

We look forward to seeing you at the Auction!

GROWING IN FAITH

Sunday, March 20th – 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 TOMORROW 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

It's time to VOTE!

Make Bethany Lutheran School your top vote in 3 Education categories:

- Other Christian School – Non-Catholic
- Preschool
- Private Elementary School

You must submit a vote in 10 categories to make all your votes count!

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THE BASIN AND THE TOWEL AWARD
NOMINEE GUIDELINES

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him... "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. ~ John 13:5, 13-17

The Basin and Towel award was established in 1998 by then Senior Pastor Nathan Loesch. The intent of this award is to recognize those individuals who have shown their commitment to Christian discipleship by devoting their time and talents in humble service to the ongoing ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church and beyond. Again, this year we are offering our members a means to express their appreciation to God for individuals who sacrificially devote their time and talents in one or more ongoing service activities within Bethany Lutheran Church and School, and/or the church at large.

The following guidelines should be considered when nominating an individual to receive this award:

- The nominee will have been a member of BLC for a number of years.
- The nominee will have been involved in one or more ongoing service activities within Bethany Lutheran Church and School, and/or the church at large.
- The nominee will be a member in current good standing.
- The nominee will have served as an example to others of humble service.
- The nominee has not received this award in a number of years.
- The nominee has touched the lives of others within and/or outside of Bethany with the love of Christ through their ongoing service and dedication.

If you know of a person who you feel humbly serves as a shining example for others to follow, please nominate them by filling out The Basin and Towel Nomination Form and **return it by May 13, 2022 to the Church Office.**

The awards will be given on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the 8:00 and 9:30 AM services. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at (562) 421-4711.