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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

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**MARCH 27, 2022**

**8:00 and 9:30 AM**

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

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:      “*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*”      LSB 908**

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
Δ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the  
Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or  
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**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:** God of grace, as You talked and walked with Your disciples, may our households be filled with vibrant conversations and be a safe place to question, to ponder, and to be present with You. Fill our mouths with Your words of grace and acceptance for all people.

**People:** Amen.

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

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Exodus 12:1-4, 12-13 & 17***

**T**he LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month will be the very first month of the year for you. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must take a lamb or a young goat for his family—one animal per household. A household may be too small to eat a whole animal. That household and the one next door can share one animal. Choose your animal based on the number of people and what each person can eat...

“On that same night I will go throughout Egypt and kill every firstborn male, both human and animal. I will severely punish all the gods of Egypt, because I am the LORD. But the blood on your houses will be a sign for your protection. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. Nothing will touch or destroy you when I strike Egypt...

You must celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread because it was on this very day that I brought you out of Egypt in organized family groups. This is a permanent law for future generations: You must celebrate this day. – GW®

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *2 Timothy 1:3-5 & 13-14***

**I** constantly remember you in my prayers night and day when I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did. I remember your tears and want to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I’m reminded of how sincere your faith is. That faith first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I’m convinced that it also lives in you...

With faith and love for Christ Jesus, consider what you heard me say to be the pattern of accurate teachings. With the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us, protect the Good News that has been entrusted to you. – GW®

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 22:14-20*

When it was time to eat the Passover meal, Jesus and the apostles were at the table. Jesus said to them, “I’ve had a deep desire to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I can guarantee that I won’t eat it again until it finds its fulfillment in God’s kingdom.” Then he took a cup and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He said, “Take this, and share it. I can guarantee that from now on I won’t drink this wine until God’s kingdom comes.”

Then Jesus took bread and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, “This is my body, which is given up for you. Do this to remember me.”

When supper was over, he did the same with the cup. He said, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new promise made with my blood.” – GW®

## SERMON HYMN:

*“O Christ, You Walked the Road”*

## LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

**SERMON:** *“The Spiritually Vibrant Home: A Place with Loud Tables!”*

**Text:** Luke 22:1-20

**HOUSEHOLD HUDDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 times 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: Exodus 12: 1-4; 12-13; 17; 2 Timothy 1: 3-5; 13-14 & Luke 22:14-20

**TALK** about the readings

- Who was the first person to talk to you about Jesus?
- Passover was meant to be celebrated in households.
- Who does Jesus gather to celebrate Passover?
- How does Jesus give a new definition of households in this text?
- How does the gift of communion unite households together?

**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.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
Δ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**+ *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

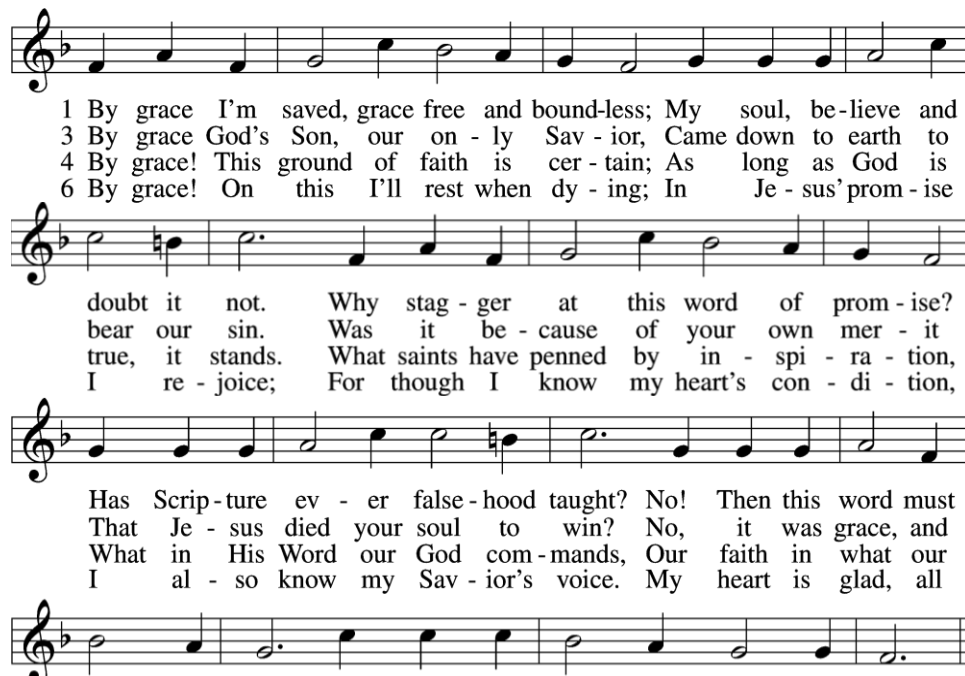
### THE BLESSING:

Leader: 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:****“By Grace I’m Saved”**

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is  
 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,  
 I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,

Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our  
 I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.  
 grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

**POSTLUDE:****“Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Op. 37, No. 3”**

Organ

~ by Felix Mendelssohn

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### **SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

Children's Sermon... Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer	Choir Director... Jordan Kirby
Lector 8:00... Sheri and Tom Esswein	Lector 9:30... John Holmquist
Ushers 8:00... Team 10	Ushers 9:30... Team 4
Organist... Robert Bottoms	Accompanist... Kevin Bowers
Liturgist... Senior Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer	Preacher... Pastor Kyle Blake

### **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

THE PARISH LIFE OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WEEK OF  
MARCH 27 – APRIL 3, 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 the LWML.

## OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

- Mark and Lori Roberts, family, and friends for the passing of Mark's brother, Michael Brown, who recently went to his heavenly home to be with Jesus. A Service of Victory will be held at Bethany on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 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 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.



**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](http://lwr.org/match).

## **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 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 7:00 PM at **Bethany**  
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**

# Bible Quiz

## 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. Jesus told the Parable of the Prodigal Son, to three groups... the Pharisees, \_\_\_\_\_, and tax collectors.
2. Multiple choice: In the parable who does the son represent?  
A) The Pharisees B) Sinners C) Pig Herders
3. Multiple choice: In the parable who does the older son represent?  
A) The Pharisees B) Tax Collectors C) Sheep Herders

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. Multiple Choice: The prophet Ezekiel twice used the same word when he said: "... the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the \_\_\_\_\_, but that the \_\_\_\_\_ turn from his ways and live...":  
A) Bad B) Sinner C) Wicked  
**Answer: Wicked ~ Ezekiel 33:7-20**
2. Multiple Choice: GOD gave Moses and the people water from a rock. St. Paul compares the Rock to: A) The Prophets B) Christ C) Moses  
**Answer: Christ. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**
3. Jesus in the Parable of the barren fig tree said that if after the tree is fed, it does not produce good fruit it is to be \_\_\_\_\_ down.  
**Answer: Cut. ~ Luke 13:1-9**

## 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.



### **EASTER TAKE HOME KITS:**

This year we are doing something different for our Easter Egg Hunt! Rather than the traditional egg hunt it at Bethany, we are instead providing our families with “Easter Bag Starter Kits” to be used at your home and with your neighbors. We will be distributing the “starter kits” after church services on March 27 and April 3. The Starter Kit Bags are very colorful and contain: a “*New Day, New Life - Jesus Lives*” book; a plastic bag; two small hearts which contain wild flower seeds to be planted wherever you would like; 12 colorful eggs; and an information card with Bethany service times. You may then add candy or anything else you like to these bags. We are asking each family to take enough bags for your family and your neighbors. You may have an Easter Egg Hunt at your house with your neighbors and/or do

it separately, whichever you choose. We pray these bags will spread the “Good News of Jesus” and at the same time provide an opportunity for you to enjoy time with your neighbors! God’s blessings! ~ Bethany Evangelism Committee

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



**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](mailto: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

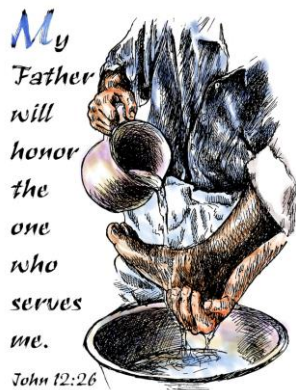
people who can share this, that would be great. For more information and any questions, please contact me as soon as you are able. Thanks for your consideration!

**LIFT HIGH THE CROSS...** 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.



**Holy Cross LWML** invites the **Ladies of Bethany** to join our Tuesday gathering. HC LWML meets weekly for fellowship and devotions on **Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall at**

**Holy Cross** (4321 West Cerritos Avenue, Cypress - 714/527-7225). We work on various projects for **Orphan Grain Train** and boutiques. You can join in on these projects or bring your own project. We hope that you can join us!



### **THE BASIN AND 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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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



**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](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**



### **Mission of the Heart**



*Never a Dull Moment Posing with one of the girls from P24 Rongo.*

### **FROM THE ODEMBAS, OUR MISSIONARIES IN KENYA ...**

One of the greatest joys I have in my mission ministry is working with the children of Kenya. This last month my colleague and I traveled to western Kenya to visit five of our eight Project 24 sites. It was wonderful to see all the children's smiling faces once again. We were able to spend some time playing with the kids and I even channeled some of my old soccer playing skills at one of the sites. I didn't score but I assisted with one goal! Not only did we visit with the students, but we also worshiped at one of the churches located at the P24 site and heard the boys sing in the local choir. Little moments like these, remind me daily of the importance of my commitment to the Project 24 program. Through the assistance of sponsors in the states, these children grow not only physically, but more importantly spiritually, as the local church comes alongside them and guides them in their faith walk. To learn more about Project 24 and the child sponsorship program, we will be hosting a zoom event on Saturday, April 2nd. Please RSVP to my email, [britt.odemba@lcms.org](mailto:britt.odemba@lcms.org), if you would like to join.

*We want to thank you all for your continued support and prayers.*

*We hope to see many of you this summer as we return to the states for our home service.*

*~ Love from Kenya, Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas*



### **CLCMS 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!**



### **Holy Cross Movie Matinee Is Back!**

Come join Holy Cross Lutheran Church for lunch and a movie on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.** A light lunch will be served followed by the movie **"The Girl Who Believes In Miracles"**.

Come enjoy a fun faith based movie with some fresh popcorn. If interested, please contact Dave Cole at 714-222-4510 to sign up.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NEW DATES FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT



It is with great joy that we announce the new dates for the Women's Retreat at Bethany. Please save the dates of **Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 2023**, when the women at Bethany, The Gathering and Holy Cross are invited to join us for study, fellowship, food, and fun. We will meet on campus on Friday evening. Check-in begins at 6:00PM, and the program will start at 7:00PM. Saturday's event will begin at 8:30AM, with a Continental Breakfast. Lunch will be provided and served at noon. The final program will conclude with a Communion Service at 3:30PM. We give thanks for Dr. Carol McDaniel's willingness to be our guest speaker and to lead our group in study over the weekend. Registration information will be available in early Fall. Stay tuned.

~ The Women's Retreat Committee of Bethany, The Gathering, and Holy Cross.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Closed Fridays.**

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