

The Bethany Bullet



The Bethany Bullet is a weekly capsule of worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and your community. Tell a friend about **The Bethany Bullet!** (www.bethanylutheran.org)

FROM WORSHIP:

Sermon: "Counter-Culture Charter"

Text: [Romans 12:9-21](#)

St. Paul has, throughout his letter to the Romans, clearly articulated that the Life of Christ, His perfect life and innocent sacrifice of the same, has saved our lives! As he concluded his letter Paul turned his attention to the response of lives so delivered: *"Love sincerely. Cling to what is good. Honor others above yourself."* (Romans 12:9ff)

A week ago, many of those who were unable to view the eclipse directly because they didn't have the proper eye protection were still able to view the eclipse in a reflected state. Our lives are lived in a reflected state of our Lord's. We are "loved sincerely" in Christ who humbled Himself and considered us of greater import than Himself. We are "clung" to by He who is goodness incarnate. We, though poorly tis true, reflect Him as we, *"love sincerely, cling to what is good and honor others above ourselves."*

-Pastor Kevin Kritzer

LCMS World Relief and Human Care, through LCMS Disaster Response, is coordinating with Texas District Disaster Response to launch a significant and sustained relief effort in response to Hurricane Harvey.

- By phone: 888-930-4438
- By text: Text "LCMSHARVEY" to 41444
- Or online at www.lcms.org/harvey

FROM THE CHIMES:

Looking for more information? Bethany's website contains up-to-date information on all programs and upcoming events! www.bethanylutheran.org



Upcoming Dates to Note:

Listed in Date order...

VBS Reunion:

Make your plans to join us on **Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 AM for a VBS reunion!** We invite you all back to the factory and sing some VBS songs, and learn more about how our God, the Maker has created us as His special creations. You won't want to miss this. If you attended our VBS program we will have a special gift for you. If you didn't attend our VBS we still want you to be a part of the fun. See you there!!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Discovery

"A Man Named Martin" - Starting **September 17th** our Sunday morning Adult Bible Discovery will focus on the teachings and events of the Reformation and the restoration of the Gospel and Scripture to its rightful place among God's people.

So IMPORTANT is the Reformation for us a God's people, so central to our faith, so formative for our spirits and discipleship, and so wonderful that we are here to celebrate its 500th anniversary that we will host our study and Sunday morning Adult Bible Discovery **TWICE each Sunday at both 9:30AM and 10:55AM from September 17th through October 1st.** Of course, at 9:30AM our children will already be attending Kid's Bible Discovery. However, as we want to afford everyone the opportunity to attend this THREE week series we will also have children's activity at 10:55AM so parents who worship at 9:30AM can attend, "A Man Named Martin." **All sessions will be held in Choir Room.** Check out this promo video: <https://www.lhm.org/studies/studyvideofull.asp?id=27156>

COME SUPPORT MISSION GUATEMALA WITH A FUN NEW FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bourbon, Whiskey & Scotch Tasting and Education Night

Tickets: \$50 per person

Date: **Saturday, September 16, 2017**

Place: The Silverman's Home

Time: **6:00p.m.-10:30p.m.**

Tasting and Education starts at 6:30p.m. sharp
Food, Live Entertainment, and Merriment to follow

***Wine and Beer will also be available!**

Tickets can be purchased in Friendship Square every Sunday from today until the event. If you have any questions please speak with Andrew Andersen and/or Kayleigh Belvery.

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Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study:

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume on **September 21 in the Parish Lounge**. We meet from 9:15 – 11:00AM each Thursday; and our first Bible Study will be the Gospel of Mark. Come try us out. This is an excellent place to learn more about the Bible and get to know many wonderful women.

Living Way Bible Study begins in October

"It is probably safe to say that nowhere is sin more vigorously renounced than in the Penitential Psalms of David; and nowhere does Christian character shine more gloriously than in David's attitude towards his own transgressions. The depth of his contrition explains the height of his elation and the breath of his relief as he ponders and embraces the promise of deliverance in the Messiah."

Those words were written by the sainted Rev. Arnie Kuntz. Pastor Kuntz is also the author of our Living Way study this year, the Penitential and Messianic Psalms of David. Pastor Kuntz served as President of the Southern California District and Sr. Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach. **Our FIRST session will be on October 4th**. Living Way begins at 7:00PM, following ReFuel worship. If you'd like to join us for Living Way please email Pastor Kevin, kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org and he will send you the electronic copy of our study. We will be doing lesson 1, which is Psalm 6, on October 4th and thus you'll have homework prior to our first session of Living Way.



Save the Date! In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation make your plans to join us on **Sunday, October 29th** for a traditional Oktoberfest event. Activities include our pumpkin patch carnival games, a traditional German feast with all the trimmings, live entertainment, fun and fellowship with the Bethany family. More details will be coming soon. You won't want to miss this celebration that is 500 years in the making!!



Nearly 300 households have made a commitment for (or already given to) Bethany's Renaissance. A total of \$2,460,000 has been committed to our Renaissance. To date a total of \$797,600 has been received with another \$1,662,400 expected over the next 3 years.



★ SEPTEMBER 2017 ★



Newsletter & Calendar are ready for Download!

The Newsletter is on the website at www.bethanylutheran.org.

There are printed copies of the current newsletter available in the church office and narthex.

Click on Link below to download your copy of the newsletter & calendar:

1. [NEWSLETTER homepage](#)
2. The deadline for the **OCTOBER newsletter** is **Friday, September 15th**. Email articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.

Electronic Giving

By giving electronically, the amount you designate will be withdrawn automatically from your checking or savings account on the date(s) you specify. You can ensure that Bethany gets your contribution on a regular basis, even when you're on vacation. To sign up for electronic giving, go to www.bethanylutheran.org, click on the word "Giving" on the top right of the home page and then follow the easy prompts.

Stay Connected!

Bethany Lutheran School - Below is the link to the school's newsletter "Bear Facts" page.

- Click [HERE](#) or copy/paste this into your browser (<http://www.bethanylutheran.org/school/bethany-bear-facts-2016-2017/>)

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Bethany App

Download the Bethany Lutheran App on your device from the **App Store** or **Google Play** today and keep up-to-date on what is happening at Bethany.

Bethany Blog:

- Click [HERE](#) to connect to the Bethany Blog.

Twitter:

- Search @Revkevbethany on www.Twitter.com
- Or by going to the church website and clicking on the Twitter button on our homepage.
- (or click here: [Twitter link](#))

Facebook:

- Search "Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach" on www.Facebook.com
- Or by going to the church website and clicking on the Facebook button on our homepage.
- (or click here: [Facebook link](#))

Did you know you can hear sermons via pod casts and get congregational information via the Bethany website? Click here for [POD CASTS](#) *If unable to open above link, copy/paste this shortcut to your browser:

<http://www.bethanylutheran.org/ministries/2017-sermons/>