

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:

"They were all together in one place."

While the Pentecost account's ending: the falling of the Spirit, the birth of the church and the spreading of the Gospel to the ends of the earth is what we tend to focus on, its beginning is certainly worthy of additional meditation. Before the disciples were sent everywhere, they were summoned to that place where God is present in a profound way: **worship**. Prior to the disciples being scattered across the globe, they were gathered before He who created the world. **"They were....all together....in one place."**

The first Pentecost is like any "birthday" worthy of celebration. On that day God gave birth, through the Spirit, to the Christian Church. Of course, like any birthday worth celebrating, the wonder of life is found in the living thereof. Thus, for us modern day disciples, Pentecost is not simply a celebration of a past event; it is a daily living out of the life that has been given. We, who gather in worship before the Creator of all things and who are summoned into the presence of God in Word and Sacrament, are sent to be messengers of that same Word and scattered as those through whom the Lord will continue to create faith and bring others into a living relationships with Himself.

We are His scattered and sent people! As His scattered and sent people we also send others to the ends of the earth by our stewardship support. One of our Missionaries, who was gathered with us in worship Sunday at Bethany, Britt Odemba will be leading chapel tomorrow. You are always welcome to join us for chapel on **Wednesdays at 9am**.

Another of the missions we support as a congregation is Fikisha and click [HERE](#) for a greeting from Sam.

*If unable to open link, please copy/paste this into your browser to view video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bnHhKZ-g48&feature=youtu.be>

-Pastor Kevin Kritzer



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...

ReFuel

Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30PM *Please note that this is the last ReFuel...ReFuel will be taking a summer hiatus starting May 30th and will return in the fall.

Mission Alaska - Upcoming Events:

Cook's Night Out – Wednesday, May 23 at [Panera](#) in Lakewood, CA. Click on the Restaurant name to download the flyer to present to your server.

ALL TOGETHER Bible Discovery!

What is ALL TOGETHER? All Together is a time for ALL members of Bethany to come together for intergenerational event. Join us next **Sunday, May 27 from 9:30-10:30AM in the Parish Lounge** for a time of singing, a short devotion and then time to make a family faith tool that you can use at home. **ALL** ages are welcome and families are encouraged to work together. Our theme will be "Memorials." See you there!

Church Offices Closed

Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day holiday

Parish Lounge & Kitchen Closed

The Parish Lounge and Kitchen will be under construction **Monday thru Friday beginning Monday, June 4th**. There will be NO Monday thru Friday DAY events. However, any weekend and Monday thru Friday EVENING events will continue. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Morrison in the church office at (562) 421-4711.

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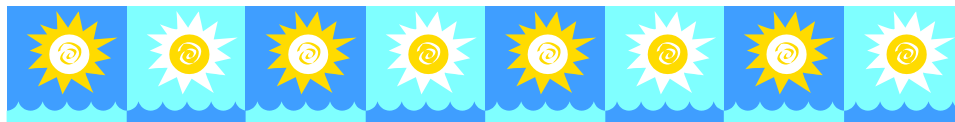


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 – AN EVENING FAMILY PROGRAM!

- **Are You Ready to go back in time to the ancient City of Rome?** Make your plans now to join us for Vacation Bible School 2018 the week of **June 18th- 22nd**. This year our VBS program is a **family program** that will take place in the **evening from 5:30-7:30PM**. Dinner will be served each evening from 5:00-5:30PM. This year's Vacation Bible School theme is **Rome! Paul and the Underground Church**. Your family won't just hear about Paul; they will feel like they have stepped into Bible history to visit him and see some of the trials and challenges of the New Testament Church. Your family will learn about God's love and how it is a beautiful and free gift that changes us, saves us, and always goes with us. Join us as we take a step back in time and experience the life-giving love of God! While we strongly encourage families to attend together, it is our goal to have at least one grown up (parent, grandparent or guardian) with children at all times at Rome VBS. We will not be able to accommodate young children who are unaccompanied. Got more questions? Visit our FAQ page at www.bethanylutheran.org and click on the VBS page.
- **Vacation Bible School Volunteers** – The city of Rome needs your help! We are looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to help with our **Rome** VBS program the week of June 18th- 22nd. Help is needed in all areas so sign up today by sending an email to Pastor Seth (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org). **All volunteers MUST complete training**. There are TWO ways to get this accomplished:
 1. You can take the online training at your own pace. Links to training videos will be emailed to you.
 2. You can attend a 90 minute in person training on either **Saturday, June 9th at 9:00AM** or **Monday, June 11th at 6:00PM**.
- **VBS Work Day** – Save the date...**Saturday, June 16th from 9-Noon** for a VBS work day. We have lots of decorating to do and need all the help we can get. Please let Pastor Seth know if you can be there (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org).
- **VBS Music CDs** are also available. Contact Pastor Seth if you want to have one before VBS so you and your kids can learn the songs. Cost is just \$10 for the CD, quantities are limited.
- **Donations for VBS** – Be on the lookout for our **Rome City Needs List** that will be published soon. You can take a tag and bring in the requested item. We need donations of food and supplies and items to borrow.
- **Registration** – You can register online by going to the Bethany Website and clicking on the VBS page. You can also pick up paper registration forms in the Church and School Offices.
- **VBS Wish List is in the Narthex, if you would like to donate needed supplies.**



★ JUNE 2018 ★



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 JUNE 2018 Newsletter is NOW available for download!**

Renaissance

Praise God for Whom all blessings flow. Our Renaissance team has been hard at work! Through their efforts, we've made it through plan check, we're getting ready to go to bid, and soon we will have a contractor and construction schedule. Since our last reporting period an additional \$49,440.02 has been received in April/May and thus to date \$1,416,289.70 has been given toward our Renaissance. We therefore expect an additional \$1,043,559.98 to be brought to our Lord and His Renaissance here at Bethany over the next three years. This means we have already received over half of our total commitments to date. Praise the Lord and His faithful stewards here at Bethany. This also means that we will most likely not require a bridge loan when the work begins in earnest. So far, two of our three roofs have been repaired. Significant damage which took place through many years of water damage to our South facing preschool wall has been corrected and repaired. Our outdated phone system has been replaced; and we have purchased a new mobile sound system, that will eventually be used in the gym and elsewhere on campus, and is currently helping us make final decisions for a new sound system to be put in the sanctuary. If you have not yet been able to make a commitment, our would like more information out the Renaissance to consider joining nearly 300 Bethany households in so doing, please check out our Renaissance page on the Bethany website and grab our major Renaissance informational piece in the Narthex. You can also contact Pastor Kevin or our Renaissance Coordinator or Renaissance Directors Teresa Ivins, Gary McDaniel and John Holmquist.

"Father of Glory, filled with grace and truth: unite us, as a church body, as we journey forward and help us attain a spiritual renaissance of both souls and sacred space. We pray for a spirit of wisdom and cohesiveness as decisions are being made on parking, sanctuary furnishings, and contractor bids. Keep us focused on furthering Bethany's blueprint of worshipping faithfully, forming spiritually, serving passionately, giving proportionately, sharing intentionally, and making community connections."

Did you know that you can use electronic giving for your Renaissance commitments?

Call Maraley Shaeffer in the office for information.

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.

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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/>

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

Click [HERE](#) or

Copy/past this into your browser <http://www.bethanylutheran.org/preschool/forms/bear-cub-facts-newsletter/>

Follow Bethany on...

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.
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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/>