

# ✠ 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](http://www.bethanylutheran.org))

## **FROM WORSHIP:**

**Sermon:** "Father, They're Copying Me! – Serving Passionately"

**Text:** [James 2:19-25](#)

Search the Gospel's thoroughly and you will find that Jesus was a man of Passionate Service. You will also hear Him call His own to lives of serving passionately themselves.

**Passionate Service** does NOT begin with a certain skill set nor an opening in one's schedule!

**Passionate Service** begins with a Kingdom Orientation that is certain God's glory, not our comfort; preferences, opinions or positions are the "True North" of Christian living.

**Passionate Service** continues with a Ministry Mindset that believes the needs of others are important to God, the church, and each of us individually and that He has equipped and empowered us to serve them passionately.

To hear the message on Passionate Service from Sunday, click [HERE](#).

*\*If unable to open link, then copy/paste this into your browser: <http://www.bethanylutheran.org/ministries/sermons/>*

-Pr. 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](http://www.bethanylutheran.org)**

**REMINDER – church office is temporarily relocated and the BEST way to contact any member of staff is EMAIL.**

**Please Note:** If you haven't already noticed, construction has begun on the front Church office areas. The temporary Church Office has been moved to Room 102 in the school area. Church office hours during construction are Monday-Friday (8:00-3:00PM). If you need to contact the church office or a specific person during construction, please see the list below:

General Church Office: Call 562-421-4711, enter extension 12

Karen Seipert: Call 562-421-4711, enter extension 12 or email [kseipert@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kseipert@bethanylutheran.org)

Cindy Morrison: Call 562-421-4711, enter extension 12 or email [cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org)

Pr. Kevin Kritzer: Call 562-421-4711, enter extension 15 or email [kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org)

Karl Fink: Call his home phone at 562-420-5603 or email [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org)

Carol McDaniel: Call 562-421-4711, enter extension 14 or email [cmcdaniel@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:cmcdaniel@bethanylutheran.org)

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## Upcoming Dates to Note:

Listed in Date Order...

### Living Way Bible Study – TOMORROW NIGHT:

When Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians, his heart must have been breaking. We understand because the problems faced by the Corinthians are similar to those facing Americans today. He describes the Corinthians as a group of immoral intellectual snobs who had a difficult time accepting any spiritual authority. Amazing how a letter written nearly one thousand, nine hundred and sixty years ago is so timely and applicable! Join us in our Living Way Study of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We start

**Wednesday night on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM in the Choir Room.** If interested, and would like a copy of the study and homework, please email Pastor Kevin Kritzer at [kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org). if you are unable to join the Bible study on Wednesday evenings, but would like to participate in the study itself, you may still email Pr. Kritzer for your copy.

### Evening Prayer is THIS WEEK!

Evening Prayer, a time of prayer, singing and communion, **will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We gather on the **first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM** in the sanctuary. You can expect a casual meditative environment with a time of worship that will enrich you and provide respite during the middle of the week.



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Bethany Lutheran Church

4644 Clark • Long Beach

October 3<sup>rd</sup> • 6:30 pm

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## You're Invited to Bethany Lutheran's BAPTISM CLASS!

What is the greatest gift your child has ever received? Some of us might have to think about that for quite some time; while others might have an answer immediately. The Bible records the words of Simon Peter reminding us of a "can't miss" answer, "Be baptized and you will receive the Holy Spirit. This gift is for you and your children." (Acts 2:38)

At Bethany we want to make sure that all of our children, and their families too, have the opportunity to receive that gift. We will therefore be holding our Baptism Class several times throughout the Fall. Bethany Lutheran's Baptism Class is a one-time session that lasts about 45 minutes; in which we will talk about the meaning, reason, power, and purpose of Christian Baptism. The session is intended for parent(s) AND child(ren); and for attending, children will receive a gift, in addition to the gift of learning and possibly planning their baptism. Below is the scheduled dates of our Baptism Classes; and for the convenience of your family, we will be holding these sessions following a worship service in which your children have sung.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**

**October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:55AM**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> before Grandparent Day Festivities**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30AM**

Use this QR Code to watch a vimeo about Baptism:



Or watch the video at [vimeo.com/58503129](https://vimeo.com/58503129)

## THANK YOU from Raise A Glass:



Thank you to all who made 'Raise A Glass! 2018' such a success. Saturday's event garnered over \$20,000, which will be used to provide evidence-based structured literacy instruction to Bethany Lutheran School Students enrolled in the Student Success Program. If you would like to know more about Student Success, please contact Jill Moorman: [jmoorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:jmoorman@bethanylutheran.org) or (562) 307-6123. If you would like to participate in future fundraising efforts please contact Sheri Esswein: (714) 863-5615.

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★ OCTOBER ★



## Newsletter & Calendar are ready for Download!

The Newsletter is on the website at [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://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 October Newsletter is **NOW** available for download!*
3. *Articles for the November Newsletter & Calendar are **due by Monday, October 15th**. Email articles to Aimee Coleman at [acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org).*

## Renaissance ✠

*Update as of 9/17/18*

**Phase 1** – (Hensley Square, Youth Room Remodel, new ADA Corridor and Exterior Deck) – We are complete with construction except for a few minor Punch-List items and the Staff is in the process of moving back into their new offices. The new furnishings and configurations within the Youth Center are terrific and well decorated. Exterior painting is complete on all school buildings except for some touch-up items on the new window installations overlooking Hensley Square. The Choir Room is refurbished and is in full use for practices and classes. We have received Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Phase 1 and are fully operational for our Preschool. The New Playgrounds for our Elementary and Preschool are complete and the kids are really enjoying them.

**Phase 2** – (Church Office Remodel) began on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue for several weeks. We are expecting to receive inspections and approvals for interior framing, plumbing, and electrical this week so Andersen can continue with Drywall installation. Re-roofing on the church office and the addition of preformed, copper colored metal roof panels should begin this week and should add some exterior visual appeal for our offices. We are in the process of sourcing new cabinetry estimates for Dr. Carol's and Mara's offices as well as the front administration office for Cindy and Karen. Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

**Phase 3** – (Narthex and Sanctuary remodel) is scheduled to begin after Christmas with completion before Easter. Some exterior painting has already been completed and the color schemes look great. The refurbished sample pew is now back in place and looks and feels new and stable. Sunday services within this time frame will likely be held once again in our Gymnasium. We anticipate all Christmas and Easter Services and Concerts to still be held in the Sanctuary.

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

*Call Maralee Shaeffer in the office for information.*

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## 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](http://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/>

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

Click [HERE](#) or

Copy/paste 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](http://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](http://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/>