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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

As I sit and type on my laptop in my office, the wonderful sound of children playing and singing wafts over our campus. It's a good change of pace from the sound of table saws and jackhammers that have dominated for months. As our campus sees a renaissance of space, this week we see a renaissance of heart as Vacation Bible School takes center stage. This week comes with energy, excitement and the eager hearts of children who are learning that when life is wild, God is good.

Through music, games, activities and conversation the kids at VBS are hearing that in the middle of life's struggles, God is good. He has shown his goodness in the person and work of Jesus Christ. The theme verse for the week comes from the Old Testament Prophet Nahum, "**The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.**" (Nahum 1:7)

Vacation Bible School holds a cherished place here at Bethany. It has been a staple of our summer ministry opportunities for generations. Many of you may remember the days when Bethany sponsored two (!) weeks of VBS. I know that by the end of one week I am wiped out, and so are many of the volunteers. The reason we are so tired is that we pour our hearts and souls into telling kids about Jesus during that one week.

VBS at Bethany has attracted many people from our community over the years. It has been a place where my own kids have grown in their faith and met new friends. For years VBS CDs would play on constant repeat in the mini-van. Over the past few years we have seen some tremendous growth in our VBS program. We have been able to share the wonderful love of Jesus with countless hundreds of kids and their families through activities, games, story and song.

Every day at VBS the kids learned a Bible point. Each day all the activities focused on this one point. At the end of the week the kids not only heard about, but experienced the goodness of God.

- † On day one they learned that **when life is unfair...God is good!** Even when life hits us in the face and things seem stacked against us we know that God is good. He shows his goodness by sending Jesus to be our savior.
- † On day two they learned that **when life is scary...God is good!** Some things are scary, not just for kids but for everyone. But we have a good God who promises to be with us and protect us.
- † On day three they learned that **when life changes...God is good!** Change seems to be the only constant in life and when it happens, God is right there! In fact, he is the one who changes us on the inside. He pours out his goodness to us through baptism, in his Word and when he comes to us in communion.
- † On day four they learned that **when life is sad...God is good!** Sad things happen in life, but God is with us. As we see what God did in sending his own son to die on the cross, that may seem sad, but in reality, God did something amazing through it...He saved us and took our sins to the cross.
- † On day five they learned that **when life is good...God is good!** Sometimes we forget to thank God when things are good. But we can always remember to thank and praise God when we come to worship, when we pray and when we read His Word.

As another year of VBS wraps up, I am grateful for the goodness of God and his work done for me in Christ. I hope that every child who came to VBS this year will remember that Jesus loves them and that his goodness will carry them always.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE and SANCTUARY RETURN NEWS:

We will return to the sanctuary this summer! Yet, there will be some hot summer Sundays in which worship takes place in our non-air conditioned gym prior to that return.

Therefore we are having a July worship service schedule:

During the month of July worship will be at 8:00AM and 10:00AM!

We will return to our normal worship schedule on **August 4th of 8:00, 9:30 & 10:55AM**. While we will return to the sanctuary this summer we won't officially dedicate our facility until fall.

Our annual Guest Composer event will be on **Sunday, September 22nd** and our Facility Dedication, Renaissance of the Heart kick off and Community Open House will take place on **Sunday, September 29th**.



Worship this Summer:

From July 21st through August 25th our Epistle text will come from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. In the first couple of chapters St. Paul, without knowing it at the time, uses analogies and descriptions of ministry that fit quite nicely into our American Pass-time and the "boys of summer." Every baseball fan knows about Home and Away series. Home and Away will serve as the overarching theme for Sunday morning July 21, 28 and August 4. Even if you're "on the road" this July here are the texts and themes we will be using and exploring.

July 21 – Col. 1:1-14 Celebrating Like Champs
(Paul's call is to live with Genuine Gratitude for our Victory in Christ.)

July 28 – Col. 1:15-28 A Good Clubhouse
(Paul's admonition is unity and harmony within the body)

Aug 4 – Col. 2:6-15 The Ultimate Box Score
(Paul beautifully describes the work of Christ and instructs us to root ourselves in Jesus' accomplishments)

Adult Bible Studies for July/August

SUNDAY Morning/Afternoon:

- † **Lessons of the Day:** Every Sunday morning with John Schinnerer at **9:30AM in the School Library**. This study highlights the readings/lesson of the day.

THURSDAY Morning:

- † **Men's Bible Study** meets from 6:30-7:30AM in the Parish Lounge. *If you need to leave earlier for work, no problem! We're always looking for new men to join us, so as your schedule allows consider meeting with us as we study God's Good Word, fellowship, & pray together. We are currently studying the book of Acts. Please watch the Sunday Chimes for updates for the Thursdays in July and August.
- † **Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study:** We meet at **9:30AM in the Parish Lounge**. This is such a great way to learn more about the Bible and make friends. If you have any questions, please call Meg Velez at (562) 426-4262. ***This study will meet on June 6 and then take a summer break.**

SATURDAY Morning:

- † **Men's Bible Study & Breakfast:** Joining us on **Saturday, July 20 and August 17, 8:00 to 9:30AM** in the Conference Room. We enjoy a meal prepared by a combination of our members from about 8 to 8:30, and then do our study until 9:25AM or so. You are welcome to join us at any point during the 90 minutes we are here! We are currently studying the book of Romans.

Another Study Opportunity:

- † **Read the Bible in 2019!** Challenge yourself to read the entire Bible in 2019. It will take hard work and discipline, but the benefits are eternal. Just purchase The One Year Bible in a version that is easy for you to read. These books arrange the text of the Bible into 365 daily readings. Each day in The One Year Bible you will find a selection from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, a portion from the Psalms, and a selection from the book of Proverbs.

Each week there will be a study posted on the Bethany Blog (www.bethanylutheran.blogspot.com) to help you stay on track and to communicate insights or ask questions. Need more information? Contact Pastor Seth Moorman at smoorman@bethanylutheran.org.

The Church Office Summer Hours

Our Summer Hours begin Tuesday, June 17th and end Friday, August 9th.

The hours are:

Monday – Church Office Closed

Tuesday thru Thursday –
8:00-11:30AM and 1:00PM-4:00PM

Friday –
8:00AM to 11:30AM



Please join the Board of Evangelism in praying...

As Christians, we are called to pray for one another. The Board of Evangelism asks the congregation of Bethany to please pray for the following mission partners **in the months of July & August:**

Concordia Universities: Irvine, Chicago, Nebraska & Texas

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Lutheran Social Services, Long Beach/South Bay

Lutherans for Life

Wheat Ridge Ministries

"I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 1:3-5

DCE Care Ministry News

Karl Fink-DCE, ext. 19
kfink@bethanylutheran.org

GriefShare Update:

We will be starting another session of our GriefShare support group on **Sunday, August 18** in the **Multipurpose Room, #215 from 1:00PM – 2:30PM**. Please be reminded that GriefShare is a 13 week DVD/discussion based class for those who are experiencing the grief of losing a loved one, or some other major loss in one's life. Should you know of any individuals who might benefit from a support group of this nature, please pass the word to them, or let me know as I send out postcards of invitation. Thanks in advance for keeping this ministry in your prayers! I am blessed to be able to serve this group as a leader.

Shut In Visitation:

If you have a loved one who is in need of a visit from a Pastor or myself, please let me know so that I might be able to be of assistance. Feel free to contact me at (562) 421-4711 ext. 19 or via email at kfink@bethanylutheran.org.

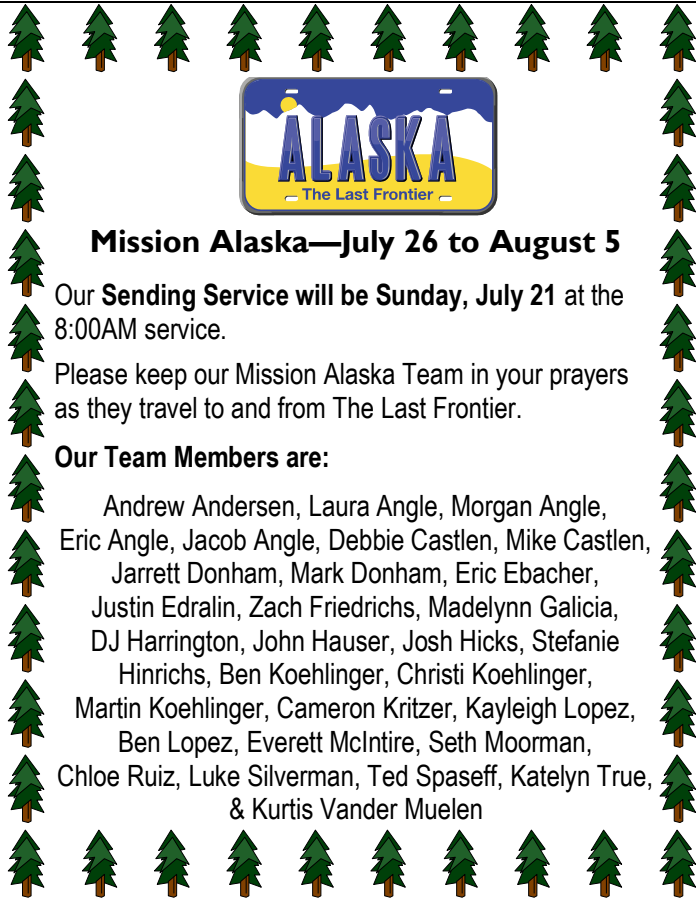
Men's Bible Study:

Meets from 6:30-7:30AM in the Parish Lounge. More information on this study is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study:

Our once-a-month Saturday group continues to grow steadily, thanks to the gracious goodness of our Heavenly Father! We do still have plenty of room for YOU, so please consider joining us on Saturday, July 20 and August 17, 8:00 to 9:30AM in the Conference Room. We enjoy a meal prepared by a combination of our members from about 8 to 8:30, and then do our study until 9:25AM or so. You are welcome to join us at any point during the 90 minutes we are here! We are currently studying the book of Romans, so bring your Bible and I will give you a study guide if you need one. We meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

In Christ,
 Karl Fink, DCE



Mission Alaska—July 26 to August 5

Our **Sending Service** will be **Sunday, July 21** at the 8:00AM service.

Please keep our Mission Alaska Team in your prayers as they travel to and from The Last Frontier.

Our Team Members are:

Andrew Andersen, Laura Angle, Morgan Angle, Eric Angle, Jacob Angle, Debbie Castlen, Mike Castlen, Jarrett Donham, Mark Donham, Eric Ebacher, Justin Edralin, Zach Friedrichs, Madelynn Galicia, DJ Harrington, John Hauser, Josh Hicks, Stefanie Hinrichs, Ben Koehlinger, Christi Koehlinger, Martin Koehlinger, Cameron Kritzer, Kayleigh Lopez, Ben Lopez, Everett McIntire, Seth Moorman, Chloe Ruiz, Luke Silverman, Ted Spaseff, Katelyn True, & Kurtis Vander Muelen



July 11-16, 2019

Gathering - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Our **Sending Service** will be **Sunday, July 7** at the 8:00AM service.

Please keep our participants in your prayers as they travel to and from MN and that they grow in their faith and their bonds of friendship are strengthened too.

Our Participants: Eric Angle, Jacob Angle, Charles Bernal, Isabella Bowers, Jared Bowman, Lana Castlen, Aaron Cordova-Onken, Grace DeJongh, Justin Edralin, Miriah Evans, Dylan Farley, Luke Friedrichs, John Hauser, Francesca Hoyos, Alyssa Lange, Andrew Lange, Ryan Martinez, Marielena McDermott, Mariah Moorman, Carter Ryskamp, Katelyn Shane, Ramon Villegas, Valaree Villegas, Adam Widmann, Soren Widmann, Morgan Angle, Ingrid Bowers, Wendy Hoyos, Kayleigh Lopez, Scott Onken, Kim Ryskamp, & Merla Villegas

Bethany Youth Ministry News...

Kayleigh Lopez—Minister of Youth, (562) 421-4711, ext. 18
 *Preferred Method of Contact - *Text Messages or Call this
 number: (309) 397-6583; klopez@bethanylutheran.org

What is your Baptism Date?

MSG and High School Youth...Please email Kayleigh at klopez@bethanylutheran.org the date, month and year of your child's Baptismal Date. Thank you!

ATTENTION: MSG & High School Youth

The forms are available for DOWNLOAD from Bethany's website and are on each of the youth groups' webpages on our site. There are two forms: **Yearlong Youth Ministry Permission Form (Sept2018-Aug2019)**...needed for youth to participate in ANY youth ministry event) and **Use of Personal Automobile Form** (for parents who might drive at events). Please turn in all forms to Kayleigh.

***NEW 2019-2020 forms will be up by September 1, 2019.**

MSG (Middle School Group 6th- 8th Grade)

We are in FULL swing and there are many opportunities offered to the Middle School Group for Spiritual Formation & Fellowship. **All info for these events can be found on the Bethany Website.**

Every Sunday morning - MSG Bible Discovery (9:15-10:30AM) in Youth Room/Hensley Square Balcony. Our summer MSG Bible Discovery dates are August 11, 18, 25. **We will NOT meet on in the month of July and also on August 4 & September 1.**

Monday, July 8 - Beach Day (12:00-4:00PM)

Tuesday, July 9 - Game Day (Time TBA)

Wednesday, July 24 - Pizza & Movie Night (7:00-9:30PM)

Wednesday, August 14 - Pizza & Movie Night (7:00-9:30PM)

Thursday, August 22 - Water Wars (1:00-3:00PM)

All information for these events are on Bethany's Website.

High School Youth Group (gr. 9-12)

***Sunday morning** we meet for breakfast, highs & lows, and a Bible study in **Youth Room**.

***Sunday evenings for Youth Group** we meet **in the Youth Room or an otherwise noted location**. There will be a more in depth study accompanied by food, bonding, games, etc. You are welcome to join us anytime and are encouraged to bring friends.

JULY 2019:

Sunday, July 7 - **NO High School Bible Discovery; High School Youth Group** (4:00-6:00PM)

Monday, July 8 - Beach Day (12:00-4:00PM)

July 11-July 16 - **LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis!**

Sunday, July 14 - **NO High School Bible Discovery & NO HS Youth Group** - **Keep those of us attending the Youth Gathering in your prayers.**

Thursday, July 18 - **Moonlight Movies on the Beach, "Coco"** (7:00-10:00PM)

Sunday, July 21 - **NO High School Bible Discovery; High School Youth Group** (4:00-6:00PM)

July 26-August 8 - **Mission Alaska Trip**

Sunday, July 28 - **NO High School Bible Discovery & NO HS Youth Group** - **Keep those of us in Alaska in your prayers.**

AUGUST 2019:

Sunday, August 4 - **NO High School Bible Discovery & NO HS Youth Group** - **Keep those of us in Alaska in your prayers.**

Sunday, August 11 - **High School Bible Discovery** (9:15-10:30AM); **High School Youth Group** (4:00-6:00PM)

Tuesday, August 13 - **Moonlight Movies on the Beach, "Beetlejuice"** (7:00-10:00PM)

Sunday, August 18 - **High School Bible Discovery** (9:15-10:30AM); **High School Youth Group** (4:00-6:00PM)

Sunday, August 25 - **High School Bible Discovery** (9:15-10:30AM); **High School Youth Group** - **GAME NIGHT!** (4:00-6:00PM)
 *A host family is needed for game night. Let Kayleigh know if you can help.

***Dates & events are subject to change.**

You will be contacted with any of those changes.

Anchor (College Age)

Anchor...Anchor dates will be coordinated by **Andy Andersen**. If you would like to receive an update via text or social media, please let me or Andy know. Watch the Sunday bulletin for updates too. -Kayleigh Lopez

Social Media

Website: www.bethanylutheran.org

Facebook:

High School - **Bethany Lutheran High School Youth**

College - **Anchor**

**Both can be found through Bethany Lutheran Church's Facebook page.*

Apps:

Church - **Bethany Lutheran Church - Long Beach**

School - **Bethany Lutheran School - Long Beach**

**Both apps can be found in Googleplay or the App Store*

High School Youth...Other Social Media:

Instagram: **Bethany_hsg**

Twitter: **Bethany_hsg**

WhatsApp:

I've started a "WhatsApp" chat for the High School Youth Group. "WhatsApp" is a free messaging application on Smart phones that will allow for the user to send and receive text messages, calls, photos, videos and voice messages. Please consider allowing your child to download and use the "WhatsApp" so that this line of communication may continue. If you have any questions about this App please feel free to email, call or text me.—Kayleigh Lopez

Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

Tammy Simpson, Preschool Director, ext. 22
tsimpson@bethanylutheran.org



Bethany Lutheran Preschool exists:

"To provide quality Christian early childhood education in a safe, loving and caring atmosphere; daily teaching God's forgiveness and love through our Savior, Jesus Christ."

I have truly been blessed to serve at Bethany over the past four years. I have never seen a more Spirit-filled, ministry-minded, Christ-centered, and servant-hearted congregation. I am so thankful for the support of our pastors and leadership team, boards, staff, volunteers, children, and families. I have felt God's favor as He allowed our preschool to grow that we might share the love and forgiveness of Jesus with more children and families each year. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with Bethany. - **Mary Wolfinbarger**

Please join me in welcoming Tammy Simpson to the Bethany Family. Tammy says,

"I am a California transplant from Colorado and I moved here to go to college and to be with my high school sweetheart, whom I've been married to for 28 years. Bill and I have two college aged sons, Ryan and Jacob. My sons grew up playing AYSO soccer, and for a transplant who'd never played the game, I became an immediate fan. Go Galaxy!"

I have been in the preschool field for 28 years, the last 17 of those as the director at Ascension Lutheran Preschool in Torrance. Prior to my years at Ascension, I taught at a corporate preschool, and it was a blessing to leave corporate behind and go to a private school where I was able to share God's message with the children in my care.

In my spare time I enjoy scrapbooking and DIY projects. One of my favorite things to do is to "road trip" and see the wondrous beauty that God made, then come home and scrap the memories."



Upcoming Dates at the Preschool:

- July 4** Preschool closed in observance of Independence Day
- August 12-23** Preschool closed for cleaning and training
- August 26** First day of the 2019-20 school year

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our Christ-centered developmentally appropriate program, please let them know about our program.

Contact the director, Tammy Simpson, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a tour, contact us at (562) 429-7335 or tsimpson@bethanylutheran.org.

You can also visit our website at www.bethanylutheran.org.



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Bethany Lutheran School News...

Dr. Mary Fink-School Principal, ext. 17
mfink@bethanylutheran.org

Things are moving and shaking!

Farewell

We are saying "farewell" to our Kindergarten teacher, Jeanette Dahlin, our Librarian, Georgia Price, our Art Teacher, Leigh Sandlin, and our teacher aides Jennifer Pettay, Erika Alvarado, Alejandra Aguilar and Camille Ayers. These faithful servants will be missed, but we know they will continue to serve the Lord in whatever they do in their next ventures.

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome Kendell Blake as our new Kindergarten teacher, Evie Erickson as our new Art Teacher and Sandi Skyles as our new first grade aide! We're still working on filling the other positions...please keep us in prayer!

New Student Council Executives

Congratulations to our new student leaders: Emma Olsen, Ryder DeLuca and Kelli Palacios. And many thanks to our outgoing council leaders: Brooklyn Perez, Carter Ryskamp and Averie Fischer.

Enrollment is going UP, UP, UP!!!

We are on pace to have a bigger student body in August...God is good, all the time! Some classes are already full, and we are adding new students at other grade levels nearly every day. All the time, God is good!

Tell your friends and neighbors

We still have space in some grades (and waiting lists in a couple). If you know someone seeking a quality Christian education for their children, send them our way!

Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open from 9-3 in the summer. Scrip/Giftcards are sold all summer so you can continue to support Bethany's ministry with your purchases.

Blessings on your summer!
 Mary Fink, Principal



| VBS Administrator: | Admin. Asst: | Elementary Coordinator: | Opening/Closing Leader: |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Pastor Seth Moorman | Aimee Coleman | Kahana Smith | Kayleigh Lopez |
| Little Paws Director: | Red Team: | Imagination Exploration Station | Hungry Herd Café |
| Christi Koehlinger (MTW) | Jarrett Donham, Team Leader | Leader: Karl Fink (MTThF) Mary Fink (W) | Pam Besselo |
| Mary Fink (ThF) | | Asst: Jonah Widmann & Larry Miller (M, W-F) | Linda Clagett |
| Little Paws Closing Circle: | Red Crew Leaders: | | Steve Clagett |
| Kellie Playter | Red Crew #1: Angelina Kienitz | Pre/K Leader: Katelyn True (M-Th) | Brianne Newell |
| VBS Preschool: Little Paws | Red Crew #2: Elsie Rivera | Pre/K Asst & Leader (F): Debbie Castlen | Leabella Bowers |
| <i>Chloe Rutz, Coordinator</i> | Red Crew #3: John Hauser | Pre/K Asst: Philip Atfia | Jenna Wallemann |
| | Red Crew #4: Eunice McKoy | Stampede Sports: | Charlotte Echeandía |
| | Red Crew #5: Kurtis Vander Muelen | Leader: Alicia Arazaga | |
| Pre-4yr-olds: Little Paws Crew #6 | | Jacob Angle | |
| Alyssa Peurung | Blue Team: | Adam Widmann | VBS Office: |
| Jandon Carter | Renee Svarc, Team Leader | Colin McDermott | Florence Bunnett |
| Pre-4yr-olds: Little Paws Crew #5 | | Sing & Play ROAR | Meg Velez |
| Grace DeJongh | Blue Crew Leaders: | Shir: Kayleigh Lopez & Andrew Lange | Charlene Mitchell |
| Abraham Montenegro | Blue Crew #1: Eric Angle | | Maryann Mlynar |
| | Blue Crew #2: Justin Edalin | | Joyce Yocam (M,Th) |
| VBS Kindergarten - Little Paws | Blue Crew #3: Barbara Hasty | | Barbara Rex (MT) |
| <i>Lisa Porte, Coordinator crews 1 & 2</i> | Blue Crew #4: Shelby Manzo | | Suzanne Kane |
| <i>Martha Richards, Coordinator crews 3 & 4</i> | Blue Crew #5: Madelynn Galacia | | |
| Kindergarten - Little Paws Crew #4 | Green Team: | Motions Asst: Carter Ryskamp | Wild Bible Adventures: |
| Alyssa Lange | Brian McGrath, Team Leader | Kid Vid Cinema | Leader: Pr. Kyle Blake |
| Dylan Farley (T-F) | | Primary Crews Leader: Stefanie Hinrichs | |
| Grace Porte (M) | | Primary Crews Asst: Scott DeJongh | Tuesday Asst: Larry Miller |
| Kindergarten - Little Paws Crew #3 | Green Crew Leaders: | | Daily Asst: Nolan Table |
| Jack Turnbow | Green Crew #1: Marielena McDermott | | Media: |
| Mannah Moorman | Green Crew #2: Zach Friedrichs | | Opening/Closing Tech: |
| | Green Crew #3: Andrew Lange | | Debbie Migliaro |
| | Green Crew #4: Jocie Conley | | |
| Kindergarten - Little Paws Crew #2 | Green Crew #5: Jennifer DeJongh | | |
| Lana Castlen | | | |
| DJ Harrington | Gold Team: | | Special Thanks: |
| Grace Porte (T-F) | Andrew Andersen, Team Leader | | Lutheran Church |
| Kindergarten - Little Paws Crew #1 | | | Extension Fund/VBS Grant |
| Naomi Alvarado | Gold Crew Leaders: | | |
| Angelina Atfia | Gold Crew #1: Valaree Villegas | | |
| | Gold Crew #2: Elinio Villegas | | |
| Little Paws Bible Teacher: | Gold Crew #3: Genee McCarty | | |
| Leader: Belinda Padias | Gold Crew #4: Dana Hauser (MT), Jill Moorman (W-F) | | |
| | Gold Crew #5: Luke Silverman | | |
| Little Paws Snack Asst: | | | |
| Isabella Bowers, Jenna Wallemann, Charlotte Echeandía | | | |

*Subject to changes.
as of June 25, 2019*

You are who God says you are...

You are **Beautiful** - [Ps. 45:11](#)

You are **Unique** - [Ps. 139:13](#)

You are **Loved** - [Jer. 31:3](#)

You are **Special** - [Eph. 2:10](#)

You are **Protected** - [Ps. 121:3](#)

Your are **Chosen** - [John 15:16](#)

You are **Family** - [Eph. 2:19](#)

You are **Strong** - [Ps. 18:35](#)

You are **Important** - [1 Pet. 2:9](#)

You are **Forgiven** - [Ps. 103:12](#)

You are a **New Creation** - [2 Cor. 5:17](#)

You are **Lovely** - [Dan. 12:3](#)

You are **Precious** - [1 Cor. 6:20](#)

You are **Mine** - [Isa. 43:1](#)

You are **Created with A Purpose** - [Jer. 29:11](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY GRANTS – 2019

The Music Ministry is proud to announce the recipients of the Music Ministry Grant for 2019. They are:

Naomi Alvarado and Soren Widmann.

Each of them received a portion of the grant to be used in furthering their musical goals and plans. Congratulations to Naomi and Soren. May God continue to bless each of them as they serve their Lord through the gift of music.



How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” –Psalm 119:103

Additional News & Notes:

⇒ **September Newsletter:** The Deadline will be **Monday, June 10th**. Email your articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.

⇒ **Church Office Closed:**
Thursday, July 4
 Independence Day
Monday, September 2
 Labor Day.



Thank you to the many volunteers who helped at VBS this year. *See p.8. We also thank you for your prayers for this ministry and for the children who attended.

God is Good!

Music Ministry Dates to Note:

Bethany Choir resumes — September 5th

Intermediate Bells resumes — September 9th

Advanced Bells resumes — September 12th

Bethany Choir Retreat — September 21st

Composer Sunday — September 22nd
 (Christian Guebert, Guest Composer)

Re-dedication of Sanctuary, Ministry Fair, and Community Open House — September 29th

Can you help sponsor & house Missionary?

Rosa Gonzales will be attending Biola University for obtain her Master Degree.

She will be working at the University over the summer and is looking for a family to sponsor her from August-November as she gets on her feet. After that time her plan is to find a room to rent/a roommate/our housing for about \$500 a month.

For further information or if you are able to help, please contact Kayleigh Lopez at klopez@bethanylutheran.org or 309-397-6583

***Please see her Bio below:**

Hi there!



My name is Rosa Ysabel Gonzales Purihuaman. I was born and raised in the north coast of Peru. I am an only child and my mother is a single mother. When my mother was pregnant with me she almost had a miscarriage and at the time she was working for a family who gave her a roof and food for her cleaning work. My mom didn't have the money to have me but God provided, since then we have known that God was taking care of us.

When I was 11 years old, after many years of working for a family that didn't pay my mom for her job, we decided to embark on a journey in search for a better future and we moved to the city, Lima.

In the city we worked cleaning houses and cooking. Life was not easy. There were a lot of time when we only had one meal a day. Living in the city was expensive but God provided and gave us another day of life which for us meant more time to enjoy His blessings and love.

Since I did not grow up with a father, to me God was my father. I grew up catholic and the first book I read was the catechism. However, as a kid I struggled to understand why we had to listen to a person who did not have kids. How could he know my struggles? When I was 5 we went to an evangelical church, one time we had a mission team from the US and seeing the way they share the gospel was something I wanted to do. I

kept getting older and I began serving in the church with Sunday school. When I was 14 years old I went on my first mission trip to the jungle of Peru. I fell in love with the ministry and I began to seek out more opportunities to serve. That experience motivated me to learn english, I wanted to be able to share the good news with other people and what better that interpreting for people who came from so far away to share about God.

Serving others is something that I am very passionate about, the ways that God provided in my life, inspired me to share with others about how even though my mother and I were very poor God not only saved us but He has kept us alive, He is our provider and the person who loves us the most.

I began working with the Lutheran church in 2011 when I translated for a mission team from Michigan who came with Most Ministries. I began as a volunteer serving for the children's ministry, after a year an half I began working for the church as a Director of children's ministry and Director of Education for the non-profit organisation that was established in Lima, Peru.

After two years of work I was granted a scholarship to come to study at Concordia University Nebraska.

Throughout my time as a student I served as a volunteer during the summers for Trinity Lutheran Church in Temecula California and during the school time I went to Guatemala as an interpreter for mission trips and to Haiti to help with ESL (English as a second language). I majored in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) with minors in Spanish and Art. I graduated in May 2018 and in September I began to work for Orphan Grain Train as an Assistan Director for International Shipping and as the Director of Multicultural Outreach where I taught ESL to people from the immigrant community of Norfolk, Nebraska. Unfortunately I couldn't keep working for OGT (orphan grain train) due to my visa. I had fallen in love with the outreach ministry I had been doing and therefore after prayer and wondering where God was leading next, I decided to

apply for Grad school at Biola University for the Master program of Intercultural Studies Community Outreach. My hope is to be able to serve a congregation that seeks to serve people from different cultures, integrating people from different backgrounds to our church, and making them feel part of our Christian family. To be able to make this possible I am seeking housing that will allow me to save some money and get on my feet. I have lived in Nebraska for about 5 years and I don't understand the Californian community very well. It is my hope to find a church and a community where I can serve and use my experience in mission work and outreach.

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Elohim (The Triune God, Creator);

El Elyon (The God Most High);

El Shaddai (The Almighty, All Sufficient God);

El Olam (The Everlasting God);

Adonai (The Lord and Master);

Abba (Father)



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