Beginning Sunday, March 11
our Interim Pastor,
Pastor John Whaley
will be joining us!
Please be sure to say hello
and welcome him to Bethany!
Last day to purchase your Crab Feed / Auction Dinner Tickets is Wednesday, February 28! Don’t miss out!

Scan the QR code with a QR reader from your App store OR TEXT Demopencil521 to 41411 for more information
Volunteer Opportunities

Ministry Advisory Team:
We are looking for volunteers in the following areas: Communion assistants, audio visual assistants, Ushers, Readers, Greeters, Prayer partners and Acolytes. For more information contact Don Henrich at DVSKVV@aol.com

Worship Committee:
Members assist the pastor with planning of special services and the liturgical seasons. The members discuss/implement ways to improve the service (review comments from comment box, members, or personal observation). Members also discuss any issues (technical or otherwise) that have occurred in the service. Worship committee coordinates with Altar Guild and the Music Director. For more information contact Nigel Browne at 707-628-4648

Youth Ministry:
Help coordinate / prepare lunch meals for the youth
Assist with mentoring youth during youth events and Bible Study
Help drive youth to meetings

For more information contact Kevin Shaw at nafl@nafl-usa.com
Greetings from your church council,

Matt 6:33-34 says “Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Pastor Greg Stringer is taking a 2 month leave of absence per his doctor’s orders. Please pray for Pastor Greg & Trudi during this time of uncertainty. Send them your cards & letters. During times of uncertainty, the passage in Matthew 6 can help us all focus on God’s plan for our lives. We all need to pull together to help continue Bethany Ministries. Pastor Greg & Trudi signed up for the Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat as part of counseling to help Pastor Greg heal & return to ministry. We thank God for the willing substitute pastors He provided: Pastor Leroy Rittenbach, Pastor Patrick Poock, & Pastor Greg Jans. Pastor Hank Scherer, our LCMS CNH district circuit counselor located a willing interim pastor: Pastor John Whaley to help Bethany during Pastor Greg’s absence. We talked to Pastor John about helping us March through May. His first Sunday with us will be March 11. Please welcome Pastor John when you see him.

Thanks to Kristin McCaffrey for her years of faithful dedicated service as preschool director. Dr. Chris Smith has interviewed several excellent candidates for this position. We pray that God will lead Bethany to His choice for a new preschool director.

Hew Hesterman & Diane Irby are leading efforts to work with staff to plan how Bethany congregation can be more proactive in reaching young families for Christ. The songs sung by enthusiastic preschoolers Feb 14 were very special. Thanks to the preschool teachers who helped them prepare. Hew & his dog Buddy were a hit at the Ulatis Ash Wednesday chapel. Hew & Pat Green are working to place a consolidated calendar for all of Bethany Ministries on GoBethany.com website so everyone can know what is happening in all phases of ministry. MAT is hosting a video series of training in Lutheran teachings for the Ulatis staff & answering their questions. Please contact Hew or Diane to offer help.

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Bethany Youth Group Update – Community Service

The Bethany Youth Group did some Community Service on Sunday February 11th by cleaning up the Pre-school playground. The helped cut back the Ivy along the fence, raked leaves, cleaned up playground equipment and had a lot of fun.

We learned a new ballet move called “Le Stompa da Garbage” while trying to stomp out the leaves. The day ended with some hot popcorn.

In the end, everyone had a lot of fun and it was very rewarding to help out the Pre-school.

Our Next Event will be on Sunday March 11th where we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and we will play some games like Volleyball and other group games. We will also do some Youth Group Bible Study. It should be fun.

Parents: Please reserve May 4th – 6th on your Calendars! The Youth Group is planning to go Camping that weekend. Also, don’t forget the Bethany Youth Group will be making morning Easter Breakfast on April 1st!

Bethany Youth Group Event Calendar

March 11th – Honor God Event – Games and Bible Event (Times TBA) Event specifics TBD.

April 1st – Easter Breakfast – Youth Group will make Easter Breakfast for the Congregation. Times approximately 6:30 am – 11 am. Specifics TBD.

April 8th – Fellowship Event – Movie Night or Volleyball (Event Specifics, date and times TBD).

May 4th, 5th, 6th – Youth Camping / Fishing Retreat (End of Year Event) – Looking at going to a Lake Oroville Campground. Specifics TBD
### 2018 Statistical Report
**January 16, 2018 to February 15, 2018**

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Average *Weekly* Worship Attendance for Current **Calendar Year**: 154

**Not all Bible Study Classes take attendance**

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Numbers indicate totals for the year. Names refer to recent additions during the past month.

- **2 Children Baptisms**
- **0 Adult Baptisms**
- **3 Adult Confirmations**
- **0 Profession of Faith (Reaffirmation)**
- **1 Transfers In**
- **2 Transfers Out**

- **0 Received from Other Lutheran Churches**
- **2 Jr Confirmation of Members**
- **0 Jr Confirmation of Non-Members**
- **1 Funeral of Members**
- **0 Funeral of Family or Friends of Members**
- **0 Funeral for non-member**

- **0 Released to Other Lutheran Church**
- **0 Moved without Transfer**
- **0 Joined Non-Lutheran Church**
- **20 Removed from Roster at Own Request**
- **1 Marriages**

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Merciful Services Up-date:

Festival of Trees— Special thanks go to Arlene Gaulke (Tree Chairperson), Barbara Ray, Marie Adams; and Barbara Hallow, for her continued support. Helen Riggert has joined the group for the 2018 effort.

The theme chosen for the 2018 tree is “Angels on High”. The tree will feature a variety of white/silver angels as well as blue ornaments. Samples of Barbara Hallow’s angels done by an embroidery machine are on display on the LWML Board in the F/H hallway. Please contact Arlene if you can crochet angels; have use of an embroidery machine, or with any other ideas you might have for our tree. In the future we will be asking for donations of items for under the tree, as well as for gift cards. Please keep us in mind when doing the shopping, seeing a movie, going out to eat…even McDonald’s cards would be appreciated.

We have been continuing to support the O/H home on Browne Street with donations of personal hygiene items. They are always so appreciative of your thoughtfulness. And this time there was even candy for the children there.

The bottle tabs are still being collected. It is not always possible to drop them off at the local McDonald’s. So a trip to Ronald McDonald House is being considered for the end of Feb/March time frame. If you would be interested in taking a tour of R. McDonald House in Sacramento, please contact Kaye Grundmann.

I have not seen the large plastic jug used to collect the Box Tops for Education. I am also aware that Campbell Soup is no longer supporting them. But when baggies are left for me, rest assured that I am giving them to the pre-school office. Perhaps I should get a report of what was purchased with them for the last year.
### WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE MARCH 2017

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HOPE (Adapted from Mustard Seed: Author Ida Luebke)

It is sad when a beloved friend or family member goes away. We live with aching hearts and raw emotions. Friends surround us to lift us up. Be a friend to one another. Support and grow in Jesus. He holds us close, tenderly loving us and gives us hope – hope to get through our sadness, hope for tomorrow, hope in God’s promise of eternal life. With the Apostle Paul we can witness to the faith God has given us, … a faith and knowledge resting in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time. (Titus 1:2) With hope in our hearts we can face the future, knowing His grace surrounds us … May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

BUNKO PARTY NIGHT – March 17th at 5:30 pm

Get ready for a fun night out! LWML is hosting a Bunko Party with corned beef and cabbage for dinner. There will be prizes and fun for everyone! Donation $15 per person. Contact Carole Wilson 530-867-7078 or thewilsons1976@gmail.com for tickets!

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

We meet each Monday at 7:00 pm. Terri Denton hosts it in her home at 521 Walnut Avenue, Vacaville. Our study is entitled, “Worship.” Come! Join the group, we always have room for more.

VALENTINE THANK YOU!!

A very special thank you to all of you who made valentines for our shut-ins. Many of you helped during coffee hour on February 11th. The preschoolers made valentines also and all our shut-ins got so much joy from seeing the care Bethany has for them! Of course, they also received a box of delicious homemade cookies from LWML. Again, THANK YOU!

MITE CHALLENGE – 2016-2017

MITES are sent to the LWML CNH District for 2016-2018 grants totaling $115000. The challenge to Bethany is $3500. Our current total is over $2300! The deadline is March 2018. The list of grants is on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 8th (Thursday) LWML meeting, 10:30 am in room B-8.
March 17th  Bunko Night – 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
April 14th (Saturday) LWML meeting 10:30 am

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you have an idea for a mission project, please come to one of the LWML meetings. Many joyful hands are an asset and doing the Lord’s work is rewarding. Praise God daily. Encourage a fellow sister in Christ through the spoken word, cards, emails and prayers!

Carole Wilson – LWML President
Go for Broke Faith

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. — Matthew 14:29

Peter is often used as an example of what not to do and what not to say. But Peter also provided us with an exemplary and amazing display of faith.

We find the story in Matthew 14, when the disciples were out on the Sea of Galilee and a storm came up. They panicked and thought they were about to drown, but then Jesus showed up, walking toward them on the water. The disciples thought He was a ghost, but Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here!" (verse 27). Then Peter said, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water" (verse 28). So Jesus said come, and Peter went. He walked on the water.

Talk about getting your feet wet—Peter was willing to get his whole body wet to walk on the water to Jesus. This was real, active, put-everything-on-the-line, muscular, go-for-broke faith. I love it. It seems like this was the most irrational thing a person could possibly do. But faith is the refusal to panic. Faith has no back door. There was no safety net. Peter was not wearing those little water wings just in case it didn't work out. Either he was going to walk on the water, or he was going to sink. How was Peter able to get out of that boat and walk on water? He looked at Jesus.

But then verse 30 tells us that when Peter "saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink." The moment Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink. It was a lapse of faith.

When you look at Jesus, amazing things can happen. When you focus on Jesus and seek His glory, God can do miraculous things.

Your Ministry Advisory Team

Welcome Jim Witt—Our Newest MAT Member
Let’s revitalize our Sunday School.

We can’t do it without you!

Children need Sunday School ministry. Consider the reasons listed below.

Sunday School helps children respect, appreciate and utilize the Bible. Reverence for God’s written words doesn’t come naturally. A healthy Sunday classroom environment, centered around the Bible, will elevate its importance in a child’s life.

Sunday School teaches children how to navigate the Bible. Sunday School teachers don’t just teach Bible stories, they show a child how to utilize the concordance and give a basic understanding of the Bible’s books and overall format.

Sunday School gives kids a chance to ask questions. Sunday School is the perfect format for in-depth discussion, even debate. This format allows teachers to give kids more good food for thought.

Sunday School develops a community of believers. A community of children, worshipping, learning the Bible and discovering God together creates a bond that single study can’t accomplish. Sunday Schools are the Petri dishes for the future church.

Sunday School plants spiritual seeds. Some of my greatest revelations concerning God’s love and plan are received quietly in Sunday School. Sunday Schools are like plant nurseries, they may look unimpressive at first, but under the soil, miracles are happening.

We need Sunday School!
Open Enrollment for PS & K-8th Grade .... Mar 1
Crab Feed/Dinner Auction ....................... Mar 2
Wednesday Lenten Services ........ Mar 7, 14, 21
Lenten Soup Lunches & Dinners ... Mar 7, 14, 21
New Worship Time (10am) ................. Mar 11
Bunco Party ..................................... Mar 17
Palm Sunday ..................................... Mar 25
Maundy Thursday ............................ Mar 29
Good Friday ................................. Mar 30
Easter ............................................ Apr 1

Hebrews 10:24 – 25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

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**Church Services at Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Sunday Services:**
- 8:30 am Variety of Traditional and Contemporary (Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
- 11:15 am Variety of Traditional and Contemporary (Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

**Bible Studies at Bethany**

**Sunday**
- 10:00 am Sunday School—Classes for Everyone
- Adult Bible Studies: "Psalms"; *Bethany Women; Men’s Bible Study* - “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me In Sunday School – Letters to the Church" - facilitated by: the MAT

**Monday**
- 7:00 pm “Worship" by Carole Wilson

**Wednesday**
- 9:30 am Bible Study “Ezra" - *Narthex*
- 5:00 pm “Ephesians“ by Pastor Rittenbach

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**Beginning March 11—All Sunday Services—10am**

**Bible Studies and Sunday School—9am**
**Worship Service—10am**
**Fellowship—11:15am—Fellowship Hall**