



# BETHANY

Lutheran Ministries

## August 2021 Bethany Breezes



BETHANY  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL



WHEN: August 2-6, 2021  
WHERE: 1011 Ulatis Dr.  
TIME: 9:00 – 12:00  
WHO: Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
REGISTRATION:  
[VBSmate.com/BethanyVacavilleCA](https://VBSmate.com/BethanyVacavilleCA)



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# From the Council

## Greetings from Bethany Council

*"Our citizenship is in heaven & we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philipians 3:20*

**Congregation:** Sunday Bible class meets at 10am & worship meets at 11am in the fellowship room, streamed recordings on line at GoBethany.com & to classrooms, & 90.7FM for drive in. Thanks to AV team: Katie Green, Jim Witt, Keith Kondo! More volunteers for AV team, ushers, & greeters are needed in order to add an earlier Sunday worship service: talk to Don Henrich. Congregation leader election: President – Ron Shively, VP – Mike McCall, Treasurer – Carole Wilson, Secretary – Diane Irby.

**Strategic Planning:** Pastor Pledger & Bethany leaders are reviewing, revising & developing strategic plans for Bethany ministry. Check out Pastor Pledger's sermon series at GoBethany.com to help understand the strategic plan development progress. Thanks to all who gave their input during cottage meetings: Summary data, printed & electronic, is available in church office.

**Outreach:** Bethany reaches out to children & their families. Summer program helped students catch up from COVID challenges. 142 TK-8, 42 PS children are enrolled for 2021-2022 school year so far. School starts mid-August. Talk to Carole Wilson to help with VBS August 2-6. Talk to Pat Green to help with Ulatis parking lot sale August 7. Bethany youth group activities are led by Kevin Shaw: Watch for announcements. Your personal invitation helps friends & school families learn about Jesus love for them. Talk to Pastor Pledger to help with outreach.

**Stewardship:** Bethany ministries are limited only by the faith of members. God is our help & salvation. Talk to Carole Wilson, treasurer, to help with Bethany finance.

**Property:** One 8'x40' shipping container is on order for more storage. PS-8 seasonal curriculum & Bethany paper records are moved to the donated 8'x20' shipping container, consolidated from various sheds & Orchard. Maintenance needed: trim trees, replace parking lot light bulbs (3), repair front walkway lights, paint. Orchard: Please contact Joan Henrich to help sort stored items by keep, sell, or dispose. A 40'x8' trailer is on site to use for church office & storage thanks to Hew Hesterman. Help is needed to get the trailer ready for use. Contact Mike McCall or Ron Shively to help with maintenance & projects.

**Business Management:** Pastor Pledger in cooperation with Dr. Smith & Council manages Bethany business work flow & records retention: special thanks to Natalie Hart, Diane Irby, Carole Wilson, Mike McCall, Ron Shively, & Vivian Gomez (bookkeeper). Finance committee meets regularly to monitor Bethany financials.

Church council reporting

# From the Elders

The year so far has had its share of challenges along with many blessings. Change is another word that describes our congregation's journey this year. Through it all God was, is, and will be in control.

He asks us to trust Him and to also trust those He has given to us as leaders. Those include Pastor Phil, church counsel, Elders, committee leaders and all the staff ( church, school and preschool). In that trust there is accountability from the leadership to God, each other and to the congregation as they lead Bethany into the future.

Bethany leadership has as part of the strategic planning process, set a vision as to what our focus should be on in the year to come. The professional staff will present to the leadership a plan on how to achieve those goals. All this will be shared with the congregation and it will take every members commitment and assistance to be successful.

Trust is so key in moving forward. Trust in God that we are doing His will and trust that God will show us if we need to change direction. Trust in leadership, in that they are constantly seeking God's will and prayerfully making God pleasing decisions. We need to be patient with leadership as like all of us, they are imperfect people. The leadership needs to be shown respect and disagreements need to be discussed in a God pleasing manner.

The Jewish nation had many instances in the Old Testament, where they lost trust in God from the leadership on down. That mistrust always led to negative consequences. But God never gave up on his people. He always had a plan to lead them back to Him. In Jeremiah chapter 29 with the Jewish nation in captivity in Babylon, God spoke through the prophet and said " for I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future". That same promise is still relevant today.

A 92 year old pastor was asked what sustained him through all his years of ministry. He said it was trust in God that always sustained him. He always went back to the childhood song Jesus loves me for comfort. That song is all about trust, from cradle to grave. He then gave a set of lyrics to the song for Seniors, of which we are many.

Jesus loves me this I know  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim  
Still He bids me trust in Him

When the nights are dark and long  
In my heart he puts a song  
Telling me in words so clear  
Have no fear for I am near

Though my steps are oh so slow.  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On thru life let come what may  
He'll be there to lead the way

When my work on earth is done  
And life's victories are won  
He will take me home above  
Then I'll understand His love

I love Jesus does he know, have I ever told him so, Jesus loves to hear me say, that I love Him every day.

Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

So pray that God's Spirit would place and build trust in your heart, in His word and for the plans He has for Bethany's future.

Your Bethany Elders

# Bethany Lutheran Church Community Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 2  
p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church  
1011 Ulatis Dr.  
Vacaville, CA

Sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Proceeds will be donated to various charities  
A great way to give and receive



**Parking Space available to rent \$25**

**To Reserve your space contact:**

**Pat Green – 707-365-3726**

**Or email [imktzmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:imktzmom@sbcglobal.net)**



## Nothing to wear!



Have you ever stood and looked in your closet and could not decide what to wear? You look at all the clothes hanging there, and nothing seems right for the day ahead. The perfect outfit just isn't there!

Isn't it good to know that our heavenly Father has already selected the perfect outfit for us as His dearly loved children? It is the outfit for service. Colossians 3:12 reads, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." These virtues are not ours to accomplish, but are gifts provided by God; they are Christ's virtues. They have been chosen for us, purchased with the blood of Christ, and given to us by the Holy Spirit. Sounds like the perfect outfit, ready for service.

A young boy was shopping in a women's clothing store for a gift for his mother. The sales associate came to help him select something. She asked questions as to his mother's size and height, trying to determine what might fit her best. Getting a little frustrated with the boy, the clerk asked what size is she? The young boy replied, "She is perfect, just the right size!" That is exactly how your loving God sees you, as perfect, just the right size; outfitted for service where He has placed you.

Pray our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the One who came among us in the form of a servant, giving His life for our salvation will gift each of us with the virtues that Jesus modeled and lived: compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience and will outfit us for service where He has placed each one of us.

### **LWML MEETING DATE!!! – SUNDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Put Sunday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. The meeting time will be 12:15 pm. **We will hold our meeting in the Fellowship Hall**, right after our Church service.

### **LWML PROJECT UPDATES**

Coming August 9<sup>th</sup> —Parking Lot Sale! See the flyer in the Breezes!

District Retreat is scheduled for August 27-29 in Oakhurst, CA. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carole Wilson ([thewilsons1976@gmail.com](mailto:thewilsons1976@gmail.com)).

This will be a great opportunity to meet other Christian women, relax, have fun, fellowship, renewal, and inspiration!

### **THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study at Terri Denton's home, 521 Walnut Avenue THURSDAY evenings at 7:00pm. Come at 6:30 for a "**Bend-and-Stretch**" session!! Please join us!

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – If you have an idea for a mission project, please come to one of the LWML meetings. Praise God daily and encourage a fellow sis-



## Bethany Youth Ministry Update – A New Chapter



The Youth Group is starting a new chapter in our existence. This can be very exciting and we want everyone to be a part of it. September is going to bring some activities as we do more at the new location. This year we are looking at doing our monthly events and do things like water games, indoor games, outdoor games, gaga-ball, etc. We would like to go to the Mt. Cross Adventure Course and of course go to Youth Gatherings.

Youth Group Meeting – We will be doing a meeting on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon (After Church) for anyone that is interested in participating in Youth Group. We will determine who is interested in participating, create our calendar of events, talk about bible study, and interest in going to the National Youth Gathering.

Puppet Ministry – We will re-start our puppet ministry program. We are hoping to do a puppet sermon sometime in September. We will be needing puppeteers and volunteers to assist. If you're interested, please let me know.

### National Youth Gathering

Next year the National Youth Gathering will be in Houston, Texas from July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Bethany is planning on sending our Youth to this event. Youth that are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older can attend. Please mark your calendars. As a part of this we will start fundraising in September so we can raise enough funds. As well there are some district events we may attend with other churches.

***For more information or want to participate, please contact Kevin Shaw, 707-628-8347 or [nafl@nafl-usa.com](mailto:nafl@nafl-usa.com)***

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### **Bethany Youth Ministry Event Calendar**

- August (TBD) – School presentation to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders to introduce them to Youth Group and do sign-ups
- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021– Bethany Youth Group Meeting – Noon
- September (TBD) - Puppet Sermon at Church
- October 2, 2021 – District Youth Group Event (In-Person) Good Shepherd, Turlock - 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- October (TBD) – Bethany Youth Group Event

# God's blessings on you August Birthdays!!!



Danielle	Johnson	1
Kevin	Shaw	1
Bryce	Ledford	2
Gioanina	Miller	5
Taylor	Goodson	7
Leland	Hesterman	9
Nicole	Jamison	10
Bob	Johnston	10
Helen	Miller	10
Keith	Kondo	12
Dawn	Andrsh	14
Betty	Anima	14
Robert	Hess	16
Tom	Millett	16
Dylan	Simmons	16
Pat	Green	19
Connie	Grammes	20
Patty	Pratt	20
Coco	Martinez	22
Frank	Primrose	22
Sandy	Anderson	23
Brian	Johnston	25
Shirley	Helmich	26
Barbara	Herman	28
Allen	Owens	28
Joyce	Collins	31

## Statistical Report– General Offering

Date	Amount
7/4/2021	\$9,199.05
7/11/2021	\$3,415.00
7/18/2021	\$5,808.00
7/25/2021	\$5,160.75

Join us on Sunday Mornings at 11am for our  
Worship Service at:  
1011 Ulatis Drive  
OR  
Stream the service online at [gobethany.com](http://gobethany.com)

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