

PEW NEWS

The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church



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AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Sunday, February 8th following Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP AND EVANGELISM MEETING

Fellowship and Evangelism meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st at 11:30 A.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Meager Meal served at 5:30 p.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

2026 Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 22nd immediately following Worship.
Catered luncheon served prior to start of meeting.

Synod Assembly 2026 will be held Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th

See page 4 for event details



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Working Preacher, a resource from Luther Seminary for the whole church, invites us to join the “Palm Sunday Path”. Every Sunday beginning at 9:15, the adult Sunday School will focus on the character of Jesus and his vision for transforming the world.

The goal for the series is to encourage people to follow Jesus along the path he walked into Jerusalem and eventually to the cross. As he approached the city, he staged a procession, a public display that both called into question the usual symbols and privileges of power and embraced a different way. Of course, we know how the story ended, but it’s important to remember that Jesus’s message was public and provocative. His followers understood the risk. The original Palm Sunday was an occasion of joy and peril, all rolled into a tight and combustible ball of earnest expectation.

The series includes passages from all four Gospels.. “Who is this?” That question raced through Jerusalem when Jesus arrived in the city, riding a donkey while bathed in the hopeful hosannas shouted by a crowd (Matthew 21:10).

Whom, exactly, are we following? Why put our trust in him? Why should others? What has he come to expose about the world, and what are his promises for us? What will be the cost? Lent is coming, and those questions are as urgent this year as in any other year, residing in our memories.

Who is this Jesus? The Gospels depict him as a leader who stirred up an obvious contrast as he journeyed toward Jerusalem. This Jesus, who rejected the false glory of domination and retribution, because God has a better way. See you in Church.

Pastor Elizabeth Mayforth

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  10:30am:Worship Annual Meeting Reports due	2	3	4 7:00pm: Shamrock Manor Women's Club 9:00am: Abel Backflow Test	5  7:00pm: Choir Practice	6	7
8 9:15am: Bible Study  10:30am:Worship 11:30am: Council Meeting	9	10	11	12 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop- Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	13 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>
15  10:30am:Worship.	16 <i>President's Day</i>	17 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting 	18 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> 5:30pm: Meager Meal 7:00pm: Worship Service -Ashes	19  7:00pm: Choir Practice	20	21
22 9:15am: Bible Study  10:30am:Worship 11:30am: Annual Meeting w/Lunch	23	24	25	26 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop- Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	27 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	28

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte
2/1/2026	Andrew Parker	Karen Housam	Katie Hartos
2/8/2026	Cathy Irwin	Beverly Mueller	Colt Wigand
2/15/2026	Jeannine Stowers	James Palmer	Drew Benigni
2/22/2026	Jane Scheeser	Ruth Lipinski	Summer Parker

USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Chuck Conn will serve as Usher for the month of February

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

The Offering Counters for the month of February are Leigh Brooks & Mark Kuehl



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a specific prayer request, there is a Prayer Petition form in the Narthex. Please note your petition and it will be mentioned by Pastor each week.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice is every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Come join us!!!

Thank you to our faithful members of choir and our director, Patty, for sharing the wonderful gift of music!

ASH WEDNESDAY

During Lent, which begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, we repent and seek clarity. We take stock of our lives, reconsider the world we inhabit, and prepare to reencounter Jesus in the story of his self-giving, suffering, and resurrection.

A Meager Meal is served at 5:30 p.m.
The Service is at 7:00 p.m. with Imposition of Ashes

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Bethany Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be immediately following worship on **Sunday, February 22nd**.

Join us as we take time to review our past year's ministry and plans for the coming year. Bethany continues to seek ways to be the hands of Christ in our community and in the world.

There will be a catered lunch served prior to the start of the meeting.

There will be a sign up form on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please sign up if you plan to attend the luncheon and meeting so we have an accurate count for the catering.

SAVE THE DATE**SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026**

Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th

In-Person at Penn West California

(Registration Opens March 15th)

CARING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you are aware of a need for a member of our church family, please bring that to the attention of Pastor Liz. She will, using the utmost discretion, contact that individual or family to determine how Bethany is best able to assist. Regardless of the need, we have resources available to help. That member is also able to go directly to SHIM or the many other food banks, churches and individuals that provide these services.

**HOME VISIT**

If you would like a **Home Visit** or a visit at your care center from our Visitation Committee, please send contact information to the office. The Visitation Committee will coordinate this for you. They would be happy to serve communion, if desired.



UPDATED LIST OF ITEMS FOR SHIM

Neighbors like you help feed South Hills families, nurture children, and help people find their path to self sufficiency.

Most needed items for SHIM's food pantries

Pasta sauce in jars

Cereal and oatmeal

Low sodium soups

Condiments for baking (flour, sugar, oil)

Adult pullup diapers

Wipes

Dog and cat food

Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)

Most needed items for our refugee and immigrant neighbors

Dried beans (kidney beans, chickpeas, black beans, etc.)

Lentils

Rice

Flour

Cooking Oil

Sugar

Spices and seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic, ginger, chili powder, turmeric, etc.)

Diapers