



BETHANY

Lutheran Ministries



The Lord himself will go before you.
He will be with you; He will not leave
you or forget you.

Don't be afraid and don't worry.

Deuteronomy 31:8

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Don Fortin
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Church and School Office Hours

School Monday - Friday 8am-3pm

Devon Mon & Wed 9am-3pm, Friday 9-2pm

Join Us Every Sunday

Sunday Service Begins 11am

We do offer an Adult Bible
Study at 10am

and a small Coffee Hour after
church service!

We hope to see you there!



Adult Bible Study Every Sunday!!!
We will meet in the music room, 10 AM,

Women's Bible Study

Mondays @ 3:00pm

Facilitator: Terri Denton

Where: Private Residence



SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment for the 2024—2025

Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year began on February 1. Enrollment is electronically done through the Bethany website: Gobethany.com and you will click on the red 2024- 2025 enrollment button. This will be an open enrollment and space will be limited. Please do not wait to re-enroll your child(ren) for next year.

June

PreK and Preschool Graduation

June 3rd @ 6:00pm

Kindergarten Promotion

June 4th @9-11am

8th Grade Graduation

June 5th @ 1:30-3pm



Wednesday and Thursday June 4-5th Minimum Days

Last Day of School June 5th

Bethany Summer Camp

Innovated Project Based Opportunities for girls and boys ages five and up (must have completed kindergarten)

June 10th through August 2nd

7am-6pm

8:30am-3pm



For more info please visit the website gobethany.com !

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Water Days

Weekly Themes

A Letter From Our Elders

JUNE 2024

Well, here we are again, a time of change is upon us. We have said farewell to Pastor Phil and await the arrival of Pastor Bill Wrede, who will serve as an interim Pastor to prepare us and guide us on our journey to seek out who God has in mind for us as our next senior Pastor.

We can approach change in two ways. One approach could be negatively with fear, anxiety and pessimism. Like here we go again, what are we going to do, how will we survive going forward?

The better approach is a positive mindset. An article I read had the acronym for changes as this: C-Christ, H-has, A-A, N-new, G-gift, E-each, S-second. Isn't that true? God pours out His blessings every single day. God, in scripture promises to never leave us or forsake us. See Deuteronomy 31. In Malachi 3:6 God says, "for I am the Lord, I change not". With all life's changes, God is the one constant, He never breaks His promises. In Romans 8, Paul writes in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, and if God is for us who can be against us? Also, who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Answer is nothing. Paul is convinced nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

Some thoughts as we begin our transition. Remember the church is not a building it is the people of God. Remember that God's will might be different from our own. Ephesians 4 reminds us that God gives each believer special gifts and talents for works of service so that the church may be built up. The pastor is like the coach, he is to train the congregational members for works of service. Also, Ephesians 2 states that we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Also, the message of the church never changes it is the free gift of salvation from God through faith in Christ Jesus. What can differ is how we present God's message of love. Paul varies his approach depending on the people he ministers to. He reaches out to people where they are at in their lives. In 1 st Corinthians 9 Paul sums it up by saying I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. Paul does this for the sake of the gospel that he might share in its blessings.

So, in faith let the changes come. We should not walk in fear. We will trust God with all the changes and know that He will be with us and guide us. He even has plans to bless us.

Every second, if need be, we can find a blessing. Changes can be our friend, let's look for God in them.

Your Bethany Elders

A letter from the Board...

Bethany Board of Directors Report

May, 2024

By Curt Johnston

My report this month was planned to discuss the details of the proposed sanctuary. I've attached drawings of the building design, but this article is focused on the history of Bethany debt and budget matters. My term on the Board of Directors ends in June, so I wanted to leave this background for perspective.

As many of you know, the congregation has been concerned about the amount of debt Bethany has carried for the past twenty years. The congregation made huge sacrifices to build the school and took on \$7.5M in debt. Despite the extraordinary amount of debt, the operating budget always generated excess income until Covid (in fact it was a condition of our bank loan). As a result, we built up millions in reserve and when the South Orchard property was sold, the funds were used to pay down the debt owed on the Ulatis Drive campus. Today the remaining debt to build the school is about \$700,000 costing approximately \$60,000 annually. Building the school and paying down the debt was an amazing accomplishment, but it left the congregation without a sanctuary and a place of its own to use during weekdays. We all hope this is just a temporary situation.

The proposed budget prepared by staff shows a balanced budget. Unfortunately, there is no funding for the proposed sanctuary. As a point of reference, building the new sanctuary requires a net operating profit of approximately \$100,000 versus the proposed balanced budget with no excess income.

As many are aware, Bethany has a combined budget for the three primary ministries (Church, Preschool and School). A common perception seems to be that the school and preschool fund the Church. This is not correct, as the largest expense of the combined ministry has been the Ulatis Drive campus. For example, as of April 30th this fiscal year the school and preschool have an operating deficit of approximately \$58,000. With inflation and raising employee costs, school tuition increases have not kept up with the higher expenses. It may take several years to correct this trend through more aggressive tuition increases and/or increasing school enrollment by twenty (20) students to approximately 170. In addition, restricting the use of the school "facility fee" to property and building maintenance costs (including debt service) will help.

Bethany ministries needs a successful school and preschool for new buildings to be constructed. This may be perceived by some that the school has to pay for the new sanctuary. But it is more accurate to say that the remaining \$700,000 debt to build the school needs to be retired, and the school/preschool needs to at least be self-sustaining. If that were the case, the sanctuary would be under construction now. But I would also point out that the sanctuary is just the next building we will build. A new multi-purpose building is critical for future expansion of the school and preschool. So the three ministries must sacrifice for each other for the common good and to carry out our mission of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to all people.

In closing, I must say that Bethany has accomplished so many amazing things in the past. I am confident that if we are patient and continue to work together the present challenges will be overcome. I believe Bethany has a bright future, and we need to remain positive and focused on how best to expand our ministry. Thank you.

Worship Assistant Schedule...

Services	June 2, 2024 Sunday	June 9, 2024 Sunday	June 16, 2024 Sunday
Elder/Worship Assistant	Dave Bowman	Don Fortin	Don Henrich
Ushers	Doug Conner & Claudia Huynh	James Quashnick & Allen Owens	Doug Conner & Jon Hammer
Lay Reader	Carol Schmidt	Barbara Herman	Sue Henrich
Services	June 23, 2024 Sunday	June 30, 2024 Sunday	
Elder/Worship Assistant	Dave Bowman	Ron Shively	
Ushers	James Quashnick & Leeland Hesterman	Claudia Huynh & Allen Owens	
Lay Reader	Ruth Endsley	Delores Orcher	

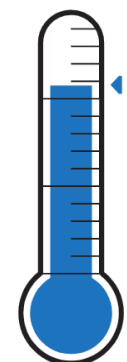
	June 2, 2024 Sunday	June 9, 2024 Sunday	June 16, 2024 Sunday	June 23, 2024 Sunday
AV Personnel	LS - Keith Sound - Katy Prijtn -Devon	LS - Kyle Sound - Katy Prijtn - Rose	LS - Katy Sound - Keith Prijtn - Devon	LS - Keith Sound - Kyle Prijtn - Rose

Statistical Report– General

Date	Sunday Worship Attendance	General Offering Weekly Giving	Offering for Building Fund
4/22-4/27	68	\$4439.29	\$200
4/28-5/4	67	\$3352	\$200
5/5-5/11	80	\$5005	\$250
5/12-5/18	85	\$3293	\$750
5/12-5/18	85	\$8487	\$400

Fundraising Goal

\$50,000



Raised
\$38,240

Our Matching Building Fundraising goal is \$50,000 if we reach that or anything below we will receive a matching donation of that amount at the end of this year 2024 to go towards our new church building. We are excited to announce that we are over half way there at above 38,000 dollars raised since January 1st, 2024.

June Birthdays

Darrol Wilson	1
Betty Olson	2
Jan Weztel	8
Lukas Anthony	9
Michele Reimers	9
Cindy Miller	11
Yvonne DiMichele	12
Liz Fortin	12
Darlene Gross	14
Korey Johnson	21
Katy Green	27

Birthday Brunch Reminder..

Don't forget that the second Tuesday of the month is the Birthday Brunch at BJ's Restaurant at 11:30am. Please call Shirley at 707-454-0413 to make reservations before 3:00pm the Monday before. All ladies are invited.

LWML



Next Meeting
Sunday June 9th
Mite Sunday June 9th
Look for the Mite Box in



Mission Grant 2024-2026 LWML CNH Mission Goal and Grants

1. Maui Storms of Life Scholarship - LWML Zone 12, North Sacramento, CA - \$9,300
2. Outreach to Chico State/Butte College Students - Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chico, CA - \$4,850
3. Windows for God's Children - Zion Lutheran Church, Terra Bella, CA - \$10,400
4. Sow to Reap - Monterey Youth Ministry - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Monterey, CA - \$7,000
5. HUG Preschool - Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, CA - \$9,600
6. A Return to Senior Outreach in Hayward, CA - Calvary Lutheran LWML Society, San Lorenzo, CA, Zone 2 - \$4,000
7. Seeing Christ's Light Amid Visual Darkness - Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) - RSO of the LCMS - \$2,500
8. Feeding Seminary Families - Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN - \$3,000
9. Spruce Up the Classrooms - Grace Lutheran Preschool, Modesto, CA, Zone 3 - \$3,825
10. Wrap Them in God's Love - Grace Lutheran San Mateo, CA, Zone 8 - \$3,100
11. Enriching Young Hearts with Enduring Faith - St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, Merced, CA - \$5,000
12. CONSTRUCTION ZONE: LINC Youth Ministry Training - LINC Bay Area (RSO), Hayward, CA - \$7,500
13. Tuition Assistance for Grace Christian School - Grace Lutheran Church and School, Visalia, CA - \$10,150
14. Know. Like. Trust. Outreach - Good Shepherd Church, Hayward, CA - \$10,000
15. "1 in Every One" New CNH Missions and Ministries - CNH District Mission Agency, Livermore, CA - \$8,500
16. Hindu Mission Outreach - Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, Livermore, CA - \$8,390
17. Zion Lutheran Preschool Tuition Scholarship - Zion Lutheran Preschool, San Luis Obispo, CA, Zone 9 - \$9,200
18. Lutheran Books to Tell a New Generation in S.E. Asia - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (RSO), Macomb, MI - \$1,185

TOTAL CNH Mission GRANTS 2024-2026 - \$117,500



Gone Fishin' Father's Day Luncheon June 16

Immediately following the
Church Service

Hope you will join us!



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p	Women’s Bible Study-3pm Girl Scouts 3:30pm NO SCHOOL		Chapel, 8:10a	6:30 Praise Team	SCHOOL FIELD DAY	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p Pastor President Lange	Women’s Bible Study-3pm Elder Meeting 4pm PreSchool Promotion 6pm	Kindergarten Promotion 9- 11am	Minimum Day 8 th Grade Pro- motion 1:30- 3pm	6:30 Praise Team Last Day of School Minimum Day		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p LWML	Women’s Bible Study-3pm Board of Direc- tors 5pm Summer Pro- gram Begins					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p Rev. Phil Tesch	Women’s Bible Study-3pm Girl Scouts 3:30pm	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Devon’s Office Hours: Monday and Wednesdays in office 9am-3pm and Fridays 9am -2pm. Hours may vary following the Schools Schedule upon holidays or minimum days.

Ministry News...

Message from Our Prayer Chain

Terri Denton and Debbie Duncan coordinate the Bethany Prayer Chain. Anyone may contact Terri or Debbie with personal prayer requests as well requests for friends and family.

In Scripture, we are commanded to pray, making our requests known to God with thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Colossians 4:2, Philippians 4:6-7). God wants to hear from His people.

The Bethany Prayer Chain is committed to pray for your needs as they arise. Just send a text or email to Terri or Debbie with the information you wish to share. If you need to keep a request private, just include the information you are able to share. It may be as simple as "Please pray for my friend and their family."

Text or phone your requests to Terri at 707-365-9310 or Debbie at 707-310-3050. Email your requests to Debbie at dderba@gmail.com.

If you would like to join us in praying for others, please send your email address to Debbie.

Ministry Team Chairpersons

Altar GuildCarol Schmidt
AV Team.....Jim Witt
Hospitality.....Cathy Hesterman
LWML.....Pat Green
Maintenance..... Mike Dykes
Praise Team Ron Shivley
Prayer Team Debbie Duncan
Sunday School.....Regina Montes
Youth.....Devon Duncan

Coffee Hour Sign Up

A new sign up sheet for coffee hour fellowship will be going up for December. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cathy Hesterman,

Training on the coffee maker can be provided



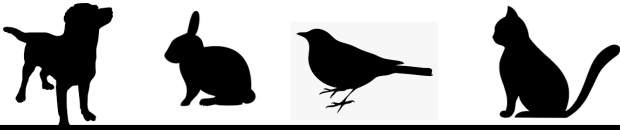
Petsitting

Kristin's Critter Care

707-479-0923

Kristitimberlake@gmail.com

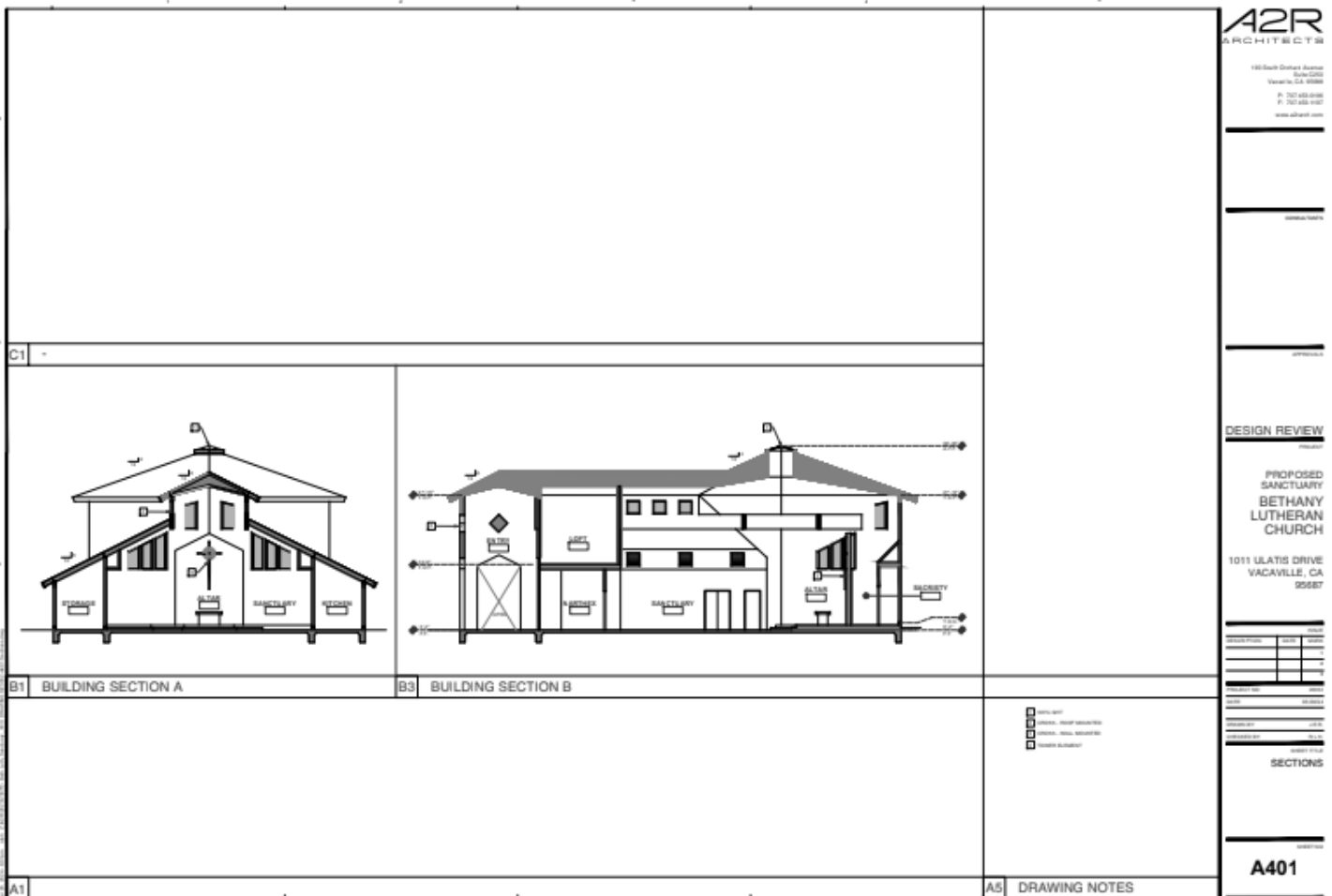
"All Pets Big and Small, I Care For Them All"

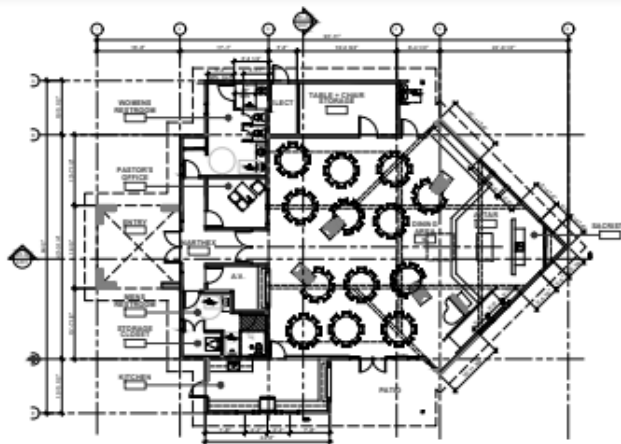


*Homemade Sweet Treats by
Devon*

devonmduncan@gmail.com / 707-301-3906

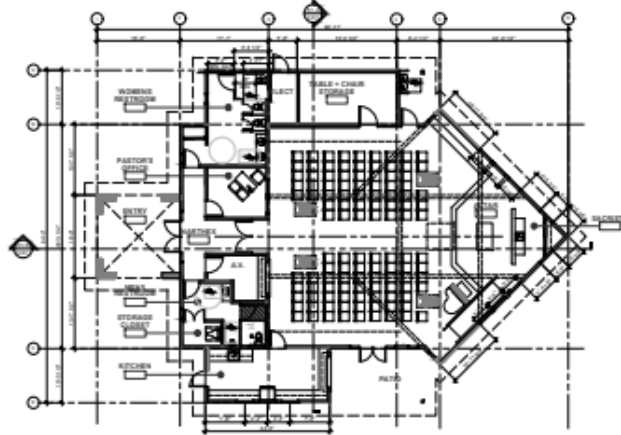
New Building Plans





C1 FLOOR PLAN - MECHANICAL LOFT

C2 FLOOR PLAN - DINING



A2 FLOOR PLAN - WORSHIP

A5 DRAWING NOTES

DESIGN REVIEW

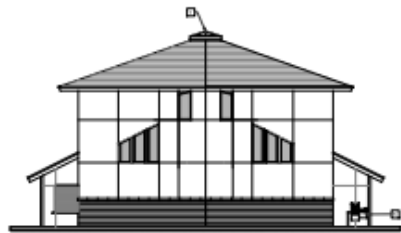
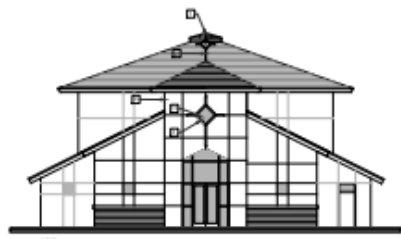
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FLOOR PLAN

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B1 EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

- 1. EXTERIOR WALLS
- 2. EXTERIOR ROOFING
- 3. EXTERIOR FLOORING
- 4. EXTERIOR CEILING
- 5. EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- 6. EXTERIOR VENTILATION
- 7. EXTERIOR FINISHES
- 8. EXTERIOR PAINTS
- 9. EXTERIOR MATERIALS
- 10. EXTERIOR DETAILS

A5 DRAWING NOTES

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EXTERIOR
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