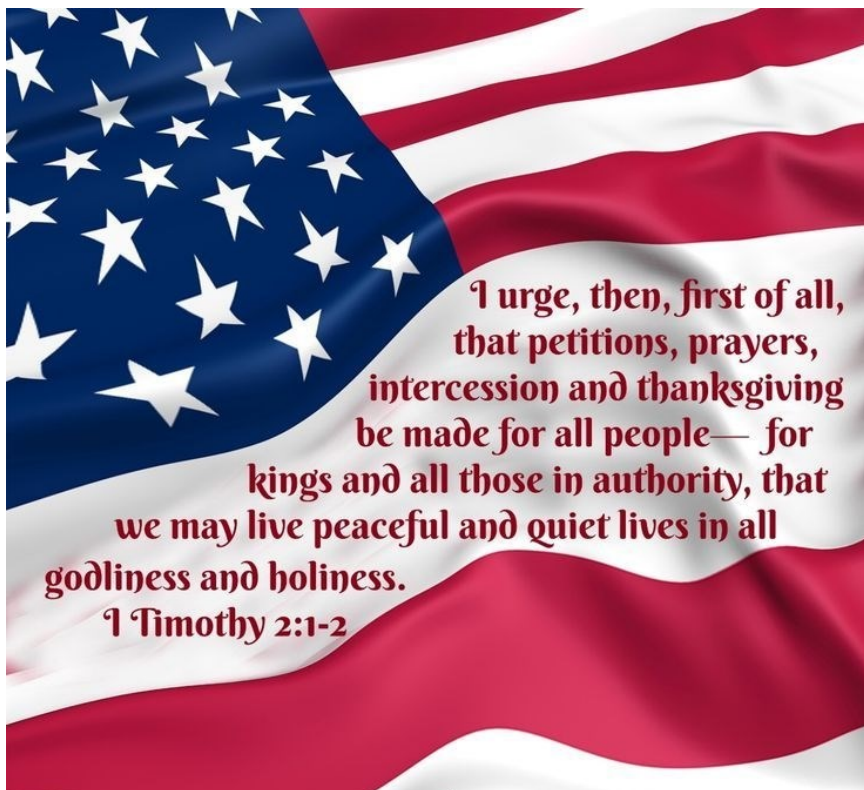




# BETHANY

Lutheran Ministries



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# Directory/ Bible Studies

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL**  
1011 Ulatis DR  
Vacaville CA 95687

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*Pastor*

**Alex Poole**

*Principal*

(707) 596-3912

**Paula Rush**

*Administrative Assistant*

(707) 902-3058

**Natalie Hart**

*Preschool Director*

(707)-666-0735

**Devon Duncan**

*Ministry Assistant*

(707) 451-6675

## **Church Board of Directors**

President        Keith Kondo  
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TBD

TBD

Karen Mauer

Barbara Bessemer

## **Board of Elders**

Don Fortin

Don Henrich

Ron Shively

Dave Bowman

## Church and School Office Hours

School Monday - Friday 8am-3pm

Pastor Saturday-Wednesday 7:30am-3pm

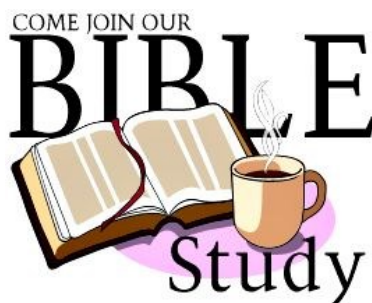
Devon Mon & Wed 9am-3pm, Friday 9-2pm

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

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## 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](http://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.



**Summer Camp**  
Innovative project-based opportunities for girls and boys ages 5 and up  
**June 10— August 2**  
7:00am — 6:00pm  
8:30am—3:00pm  
Registration **\$75**

ART      Water Days      Weekly Themes

**Bethany School**  
Explore all of the opportunities and register at  
[GoBethany.com](http://GoBethany.com)      707-451-6683

Summer camp is on campus as well as preschool so please remember if you are visiting the campus call the church or school office and check in with the front office upon arrival!

**School Returns August 15th!**

# A Letter From the Board

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It is with regret that I must step down from our Board of Directors. Eleven months ago I began my term of service as a director, and I have learned so much about Bethany and its school. Although I feel I have so much more to contribute, with God's guiding hand I made the difficult decision to relocate to Reno to be closer to my only sibling.

I want to encourage each of you to prayerfully consider serving a two-year term as a director—the Board needs at least two new members. Without you, the Board cannot adequately fulfill its mission in guiding the church and school as we search for a new senior pastor, grow our school in the community, and prepare to build a new sanctuary.

Speaking of our school, it was a dream come true to see it built and then become established in the community. Providing a rich Christian education in a small and caring school environment, we have been blessed beyond measure by our teachers, our office staff, our students and their parents. Each year the school continues to be an asset to Vacaville as we welcome new and continuing students. Now under the direction of its beloved principal, Mrs. Alex Poole, there are positive changes in curriculum and operations to keep our school competitive with other parochial schools in Vacaville.

As a former high school teacher in the Vacaville Unified School District, I have a special appreciation for the complex procedure involved to bring our school in line with accreditation requirements of both the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA), and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Mrs. Poole understands the task, and devotes many hours to ensure that Bethany meets those rigorous benchmarks. She also works closely with our new Operations Manager, Hasina Sabar, to develop advertising strategies designed to grow our school by outreach to potential students and their parents. But she cannot do this alone! Please remember YOU can help by:

- ☑ Volunteering to serve cookies at the Christmas Family Fun Night
- ☑ Helping with games at Fall Harvest Festival
- ☑ Serving coffee and donuts to parents at the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- ☑ Attending the school's annual fundraiser (All You Can Eat Tacos this year)
- ☑ Making a gift basket for an event raffle
- ☑ Being a pen pal with a student
- ☑ Participating in Meet at the Gate (if you can't be there, you can make some cookies!)
- ☑ Contributing food for the year-end Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- ☑ Attending the Christmas program
- ☑ Volunteering to help out in a classroom
- ☑ And most importantly, PRAYING for the students, parents, teachers, and office staff!

These are just a few of the ways you can serve Bethany Lutheran School. An hour here or there makes a real difference. Let our students, their parents, and the dedicated education professionals know how much they are valued and appreciated. Together, we can show the community all we have to offer by the grace of God.

In His Service,  
Barbara Bessemer

# A letter from the Board...

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## Elders Report Rest in the Lord, His Peace is Sufficient

Not feeling it today? Read on....

Another description of joy. The Bible tells us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We are to serve the Lord with gladness. It is manageable with prayer. It's always about tactfully, and fearlessly using your God-given talent as a person. Elements of the recipe for Joy calls for a dollop of several items: It is one who delivers on their word. A worthy steward in all things. A person who volunteers and can claim sweat equity, because you know Jesus gave His all for us. It's also the genuine sincere prayer warrior who is discrete, faithful, hopeful, careful. It is a willingness to be diligent as you go about your day to day activities.

Being a person with a genuine servant's heart, willing and able to see your contributions (both little and large) based on a deep, abiding faith, that is key. That faith is living your life in the knowledge that God, Himself—first—is always faithful. It is knowing that God is mindful, ever-watchful of each and everyone of us, His children. Sometimes (often), we need to be reminded of God's faithfulness. Because in our station in life, we are sustained by prayer—not only for ourselves, but for many of our friends and acquaintances, Holy Scripture reminds us to pray without ceasing. Don't forget your pastor and Elders as requested on your prayer card.

You've heard this before, Christians certainly realize we are a very important cog in a giant wheel. Therefore we are to be trustworthy, even valiant at times, and not succumb to weakness by carrying an unnecessary load of pointless worry, which is self-defeating, a fear which has no basis and deprives us of our joy. This happens when our prayer life diminishes. It is then we suddenly realize we have permitted an unnamed fear to take hold of our thoughts that strangles and limits our spiritual purpose and objective. Prayer is a wonderful method to achieve a forgiving spirit.

In *A Pilgrim's Progress*, we see the man, Christian, nearly fell into the Slough of Despond. He learns to avoid crippling naysayers and to remember his vows. It is good to recall John Bunyan wrote his timely allegory from a prison cell, separated from his wife and children. His crime was simply preaching the Gospel. Bunyan's message seems to be to remain in fellowship with other faithful travelers as Christian moved closer to the Celestial City.

As an example to other believers, we are asked by our pastor to reflect and do an inventory. Are we doing the best we can to be neighborly and generous with the gifts we have been given? God has said He desires a cheerful giver. That applies not only to monetary gifts, but we should be happy in Christ, in all our work, especially Kingdom of God work. Every day is a gift to cherish and be thankful for God's mercy. A mother's advice to her children: Keep smiling and give your face a rest. You'll soon find that good people everywhere will gravitate toward you. A happy disposition will energize your day if it begins with prayer.

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## 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](mailto:dderba@gmail.com).

# Worship Assistant Schedule...

Services	July 7, 2024 Sunday	July 14, 2024 Sunday
Elder/Worship Assistant	Don Henrich	Don Fortin
Ushers	Doug Conner & Claudia Huynh	James Quashnick & Allen Owens
Lay Reader	Sue Henrich	Barbara Herman
Services	July 21, 2024 Sunday	July 28, 2024 Sunday
Elder/Worship Assistant	Ron Shively	Dave Bowman
Ushers	Jon Hammer & Leeland Hesterman	James Quashnick & Allen Owens
Lay Reader	Ruth Endsley	Carol Scmidt

	July 7, 2024 Sunday	July 14, 2024 Sunday	July 21, 2024 Sunday	July 28, 2024 Sunday
AV Personnel	LS - Keith Sound - Kyle Prijtn - Devon	LS - Kyle Sound - Jim Prijtn - Rose	LS - Kyle Sound - Ron Prijtn - Amy	LS - Keith Sound - Kyle Prijtn - Rose

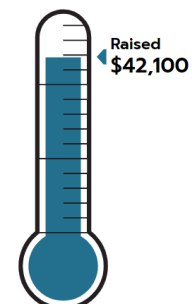
## Statistical Report– General

Date	Sunday Worship Attendance	General Offering Weekly Giving	Offering for Building Fund
6/1-6/8	61	\$6,107	\$1,980
6/9-6/15	72	\$3,254	\$0
6/16-6/22	60	\$2,150	\$750
6/23-6/29	55	\$5,112	\$200

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 almost there at above 42,000 dollars raised since January 1st, 2024.

Our Total Raised Since we began the building fund is \$280,530.89!

\$50,000



# July Birthdays

Leslie Unverferth	2
Christopher Johnson	3
Darlene Conner	5
Kelly Basset	7
Rose Condo	8
Betty Willy	13
Terri Denton	14
Sharon Millet	15
Barbara Bessemer	26
Richard Dabbert	27



## **Birthday Brunch Reminder..**

Don't forget 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 by 3:00pm the Monday before. All ladies are invited.

# LWML



**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday July 14th**  
**Mite Sunday July 14th**  
Look for the Mite Box in  
the Hallway

Coming Soon:

Friendship Tea

–  
Date TBD



**But the plans of  
the LORD stand  
firm forever,  
the purposes of  
his heart through all  
generations..**

**Psalm 33:11**

### Mission Grant 2024-2026

LWML CNH Mission Goal and Grants will  
be posted and available to review after  
April 21.

### Upcoming Events

- Friendship Tea – Date TBD
- June 16 – Father's Day Fellowship Hour
- August – Food for Fish
- August – Community Parking Lot Sale – Date TBD
- September – School Prayer Walk
- September 14 - Dinner Theater
- November – *Bake sale – Date TBD*
- *December – Possible participation in Advent service or school presentation; Cookies for Shut-ins, cookie exchange, Christmas Fellowship*

**Church Building  
Fundraiser  
Dinner Theater  
Sponsored by the  
LWML**

**September 14  
5:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

**And Then There  
Was One – A Spooof**





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# Ministry News...

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## Ministry Team Chairpersons

Altar Guild .....Terri Denton  
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

We encourage the congregation to sign up for coffee hour! It doesn't have to be anything big and if it feels like a lot maybe recruit a friend to sign up with!

More information below...

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).*

***Loving The Lord -- Learning The Walk -- Living The Life***



## 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



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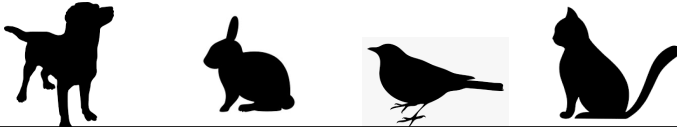
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Kristitimberlake@gmail.com

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 Devon

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# July Calendar

30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p						Fellowship Hall Reserved
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p Pastor Wrede 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	6:30 Praise Team		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p LWML				6:30 Praise Team		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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Pastor Bill Wrede’s hours in office are Saturday-Wednesday

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.

