

How does my SHAPE fit into the Bethany Blueprint?

Worshipping Faithfully- Regularly Gathering Around Word and Sacrament

- Sunday Morning- 8:00, 9:30, 10:55
- Monday Evening- 7:00
- Midweek Advent- 7:00
- Midweek Lent- 7:00
- Sermons Podcast on Website

Forming Spiritually- Continually Developing in Discipleship

- Children
 - Sunday School- 9:30 AM, Preschool-6th Grade
 - Stepping Stones I- First Bible (1st Grade)
 - Stepping Stones II- Bible Stories (2nd Grade)
 - Confirmation- Sunday 9:30 AM- 7th and 8th Grade
 - Table Guides
 - Mentors
 - First Communion Class- Wednesday's in Lent (5th-8th Grade)
 - 3to5, Third to Fifth Grade Youth Group- Once a month during the school year
 - MSG- Middle School Group, Once a month during the school year
 - High School- Monthly event
 - High School DYG- Fall
 - Junior High DYG- Spring
 - National Youth Gathering- Every three years
 - Vacation Bible School- One week in June
- Young Adults
 - ANCHOR- Once a month gathering for fellowship, food, and formation.
 - Quarterly Events in coordination with Pacific Southwest District College ministry (Snowboard trip, Servant Event, Retreat)
- Adults
 - Bethany 101- New Member Class
 - Bethany 201- What membership at Bethany means
 - Sunday morning Bible study opportunity- 9:30 AM
 - Lessons of the Day
 - Pastor's Class
 - Topical Study
 - The One Year Bible- Online Study
 - Wednesday evening topical study- 7:00 PM (Seasonal)

- Living Way- Wednesday evening
- Truth Project (Seasonal)
- SHAPE Online Academy
- See Through The Scriptures (Seasonal)
- Thursday morning men's study- 6:00 AM
- Thursday morning woman's study- 9:15 AM (Childcare may be provided)
- Grief Share
- Friendship Group(Seniors)- Third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM
- Christ Care groups- various times and places
- Family Campout in Ocotillo Wells
- Mom's retreat- every other year
- Women's retreat- every other year
- Dartball
- Softball
- Men's Basketball

Serving Passionately- Using God-given Gifts in Church and Community

- Acolytes and Crucifers- Youth in grades 5-12, assist in worship
- Coffee and Doughnuts- Youth help serving on Sunday mornings
- Greeters- Welcome worshipers as they arrive before worship.
- Lay Readers- Read the Word of God in worship
- Lay Lectors- Assist the pastor in worship with leading prayers, liturgy, etc.
- Ushers- Provide leadership, friendliness, hospitality, or and reverence to worshipers. Assist worshippers to their seats, distribute printed materials, answer questions, and assist with the collection of offerings and Communion.
- Nursery- Provide love and care for little ones during worship, Bible studies, and other church special events.
- Welcome Table- greet visitors and give them a gift and get contact information from them for follow-up
- Counters- Help count and record offerings that are collected each week.
- Sound Tech- set up needed sound equipment and run sound board during worship
- Music Ministry
 - Trinity Choir- 3rd-5th grade choir, sings at various worship services, rehearse during school hours at Bethany Lutheran School
 - Troubadour Choir- 6th-8th grade choir, sings at various worship services, rehearse during school hours at Bethany Lutheran School
 - Celebrate! Choir- High School choir, sings at various worship services.
 - Senior Choir- Adult Choir, sings at various worship services and special events, rehearsals are on Thursday's at 7:00 PM
 - Youth Bells- High School handbell choir, plays at various worship services.

- Intermediate Bells-Adult handbell choir, plays at various worship services, rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
- Advanced Bells-Adult handbell choir, plays at various worship services and special events, rehearsals are on Thursday's at 6:00 PM
- Soloist or Instrumentalist- provide gifts of music for worship services
- Sunday Morning Prayer Group- Pray for the needs of the church, for the ministry of Bethany and for worship.
- Prayer Chain (via email)
- Door-knob Invite Event- Pass out door-knob invitations to Bethany for Christmas, Easter, and Vacation Bible School.
- Chimers Circle- Help with special mailings
- Friday Folders- Help assemble weekly worship folders
- Noah's Place-Bookstore- volunteer for Sunday morning shifts in the store
- Thursday Lawn and gardening- take care of lawn and grounds of the church
- Church repair and maintenance- work projects done at various times in partnership with the board of Trustees.
- Knitting and Crocheting Ministry- works on knitting and crocheting projects to be given to hospitals, shut-ins, and anyone in need of some warm comfort.
- Living Water- delivering a thank you note and a Bethany water bottle to first time visitor to Bethany.
- Lutheran Braille Workers- Prepare Christian Braille materials and books of the Bible.
- Lutheran Woman in Mission League (LWML)- assist in communion prep and cleanup, care of alter linens, candles, robes, assistance with weddings and funerals, decorating Sanctuary for special services, delivering flowers etc.
 - Care Circle- provides home cooked meals for new moms, shut-ins, and those recovering from surgery or illness.
 - Chancel Circle- keeps altar and chancel area clean and in order for each service, preps and cleans communion, orders linens, communion ware and collects donations for these projects.
 - Joy Circle- keeps active list of all military people and college students keeping in touch with cards and care packages, delivers flowers to shut-ins and those living in care facilities.
 - Wedding Circle- Takes care of all wedding receptions held at church, also help with other receptions such as anniversary, graduation, or Eagle Scout court of honor.
- Mom's In Touch- Prays for children and schools
- Scrapbooking
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Project Task Force- Meets as needed to work on church projects, funeral luncheons, etc.

- Vacation Bible School- volunteers run all aspects of ministry from teaching, music, registration, crafts, snacks, etc.
- Sunday School Teacher- Provide spiritual leadership to a class of children each week during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 AM)
- Youth Ministry Volunteer- helps to lead youth ministry weekly and monthly events
- Confirmation Table Guide- Provides leadership and guidance for a small group during the confirmation process
- Confirmation Mentors- work one-on-one with a confirmation student and helps and guides them during their studies
- Church Governance positions- Serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary for the congregation
- Church Boards- serve on one of the boards to help the day-to-day ministry at Bethany. Boards include:
 - Elders-oversees worship and related matters
 - Discipleship- coordinates congregational education and stewardship
 - Evangelism- helps in welcoming new members, and is the face of Bethany in the community
 - Finance- oversees the financial portion of ministry and the budget
 - Schools- coordinates the ministry of Bethany Lutheran Day school and Preschool
 - Trustees- provides upkeep and maintenance for the physical plant and property of the church
 - Youth- guides all youth programs of the church and oversees stipend youth workers
 - Committees- work in partnership with various boards for particular tasks. Standing committees include: Endowment Committee, Community Impact, Project Taskforce.
- Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity- Help Thrivent and Habitat build houses locally for qualifying families. Group work days are on scheduled on Saturdays. Individual work days are available Wednesday through Friday when a site is in operation.
- Christian Outreach in Action- Help serve a hot meal to the homeless or help support the varied ministries of COA, located in downtown Long Beach.

Giving Proportionately- Returning a First Fruit Portion of Material Wealth

- Thrivent Congregational Coordinators- find ways to raise money and partner with Thrivent financial for Lutherans for the benefit of Bethany, the community, and our region
- Resurrection Workshop- how to make sure you have your affairs in order before you are called to glory, and to remember your church in your estate planning
- Butel Scholarship Committee- help in distribution of funds to help the educational costs for members studying to become full time church workers
- Music Ministry Scholarship- help in distribution of funds to help the educational costs for members pursuing a music degree.

- Endowment committee- help raise funds for furtherance of the ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church
- Golf Tournament- help raise funds for overseas missions

Sharing Intentionally- Letting Others Know Their Story and the LORD's

- Sharing the Faith/Lifestyle Evangelism class (Seasonally)
- Prayer Walks- praying for the Lord to use Bethany to reach out to the immediate community, providing opportunity to share about Bethany and points of contact, give out a Bethany "calling card" to businesses in the immediate area
- Vacation Bible School- Share Jesus with children who may not have a church home
- First Lutheran Long Beach Saturday events
- Mission Alaska- teaching VBS in Alaska in communities without a regular church to call home
- Mission India- bringing help and the love of Jesus to the people of India