



Benicia Lutheran Church

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The mission of Benicia Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and serve members of the congregation and surrounding community through worship, education, witnessing, fellowship and service.



Benicia Lutheran Church
and
Noah's Ark Preschool
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Worship Service

Those unable to join us in person for worship may join us on our Livestream Service or watch the YouTube recording. The link is on our website.

Benicia Parkinson's Expo and Awareness Rally

featuring
The Bill Cawley Memorial Walk

April 13, 2024, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Benicia City Park
First & K Street



Refreshments will be provided by Benicia Food Trucks and take home handouts and information resources will be provided as well. Registration is suggested. Talk to Brad Miller at 707/515-9216 for more information.

Register by March 31, 2024, at [Beniciaparkinsons.support](https://www.beniciaparkinsons.support)
or by going to the website at
<https://www.beniciaparkinsons.support/>



VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, April 14
11 AM

Our next in-person Voter's Meeting will follow the 9:30 AM Worship Service. Please plan on attending this very important meeting to discuss important issues concerning our church.

Retaining Children in the Christian Faith

Please check out this informative 36 minute Lutheran Public Radio podcast about Retaining Children in the Christian Faith. It includes some information on "The Great Dechurching" and "Handing Down the Faith." The podcast has important information for Christian parents and grandparents. <https://podcast.issuesetc.org/41050322242.mp3>

He Is Risen. Alleluia

Noah's Ark News



Happy Spring!

We just celebrated Easter and talked about the love that Jesus has for us. The next few weeks at Bible and Chapel time we will be talking about how God washes away our sins and puts people in our life to draw us closer to Him.

No School:

Friday, March 29–Friday, April 5: Easter Break

Save the date:

Mother's Day Tea: Thursday May 9 and Friday May 10
Graduation : June 3

Amazon Wish list!

If you would like to support our classroom you can take a look at our wish list below. All contributions are appreciated! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RCB0T7T1TOJ3?ref=wl_share

Mark Your Calendars for Mother's Day!

You are invited to a Mother's Day Tea.



TTh Class: Thursday, May 9 at 11:00 am–Noon

MWF Class: Friday, May 10 at 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Grandmothers, Aunties, Dads may join!

Please join us on the lawn AND bring a blanket or small beach chair/towels to sit on. (Weather permitting. Will host indoors if it is raining.)

The tea will be hosted by Noah's Ark Pre-school children for their Mothers. There will be muffins, iced tea and lemonade for you, our wonderful Moms!

Church volunteers are needed to help set up and serve.



Bible Bookmark

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Immerse Bible Reading & Discussion

Immerse Bible Studies is in session! The Immerse book is "Poets".

The group meeting on Zoom is still working out their schedule since they are not as far along in the series as the other two groups.

If you are interested in participating in the Immerse Bible Reading Program, please contact Liz Barriga at bizilizi@pacbell.net, or leave a message on the church office phone, 707-746-0201.

Monday Women's Bible Study

Ladies Immerse Bible Study, in-person at the church **Mondays at 10 AM** with Liz Barriga.

Tuesday In-person Immerse Bible Study

Immerse Bible Study, in-person at the church **Tuesdays at 2:00 PM** with Pastor Kohlmeier.



WINGS Knitting & Crochet Group

The next meeting dates are Wed., April 10 and Wed., May 22 at 7 pm at Sally's house. Sally will be on vacation mid April to early May. If interested in joining the group, talk to Sally Engebretson, 415/250-6728.



Children's Message with Jeanne Walker on Easter Sunday.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Thank you for your faithful support of me and the ministry at BLC. While I'm still in the grieving process after my wife Jenny's death on February 4th, I seek to live out my calling as I'm acutely aware of the brevity of life. Perhaps many of you also have that acute awareness.

Every week most of us are aware of family or friends who have recently died. We only have limited time and limited resources to do what God would have us do. As someone texted me this morning we live in "such a broken world." Loneliness is epidemic. Fortunately, we have a remedy for that epidemic. It doesn't require a vaccination or medicine. It's provided by the Good News of God's love and forgiveness that we have in Jesus Christ. It's realized through the fellowship of God in Jesus Christ and in His people.

Invite people to church. Participate in the fellowship of the Body of Christ. God has put us here on earth and given us His blessing that we might truly bless others—not with superficialities, but with the eternal fellowship of the Creator and Redeemer of the universe.

The Bible is not so much a book of advice, but the Good News of a crucified and resurrected Jesus that gives us victory over Death, the Devil and our sinful flesh. That is what separates Christianity from other religions. What distinguishes the Christian Faith is the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That Good News is what helps us to walk in Newness of Life.

Don't let that Good News pass you by; don't ever lose it. It is a game changer. It sets you free to be the person God intended you to be.

May the Peace, the Joy, and the Power of the Resurrected Christ be the most important thing in your life. If you'd like to talk about that more, please let me know.

Pastor Phil

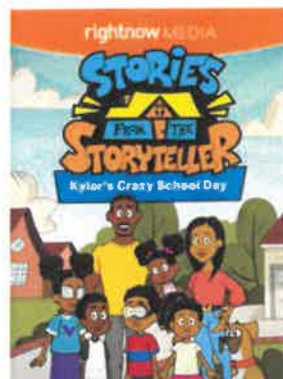
RightNow Media Study of the Month:

Stories from the Storyteller Easter Special: Kylar's Crazy Day

Kylar's first day at school doesn't play out just as her siblings had assured her when their promises to support her fall short and mirror Peter's denial of Christ. At Storytime, Jonathan and Kanika relate the scenario to Easter by using the day's events as a timely lesson.

To check it out on RightNow Media, go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/857082>

Don't have access to RightNow Media yet? Sign up for free at <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/benicialc>



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
California Nevada Hawaii District
presents:

LWML CNH Convention April 19-20-21, 2024



WHERE:

Holiday Inn Convention Hotel
1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002



THEME:

Gifted to Serve by God's Grace



SCRIPTURE:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)



Bible Study Leader:

Jane Hoffmann

Music Leaders:

Bryan & Stacey Widstrand

Registrar:

Christa Hamilton

Hosts:

Zones 12, 13, 14



Please plan to join us!

All Convention Info:

lwmlcnh.org



Questions?

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Goal:

Because of God's undeserved love to us, we are encouraged to share Christ through our service, ministry, and missions.

Objectives:

Through Bible Study, prayer, and worship:

- ♥ discover and embrace our spiritual strengths and gifts;
- ♥ build our relationships through fellowship and servant events;
- ♥ confidently serve God and others with joyful hearts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/2 Sara Cregar
- 4/3 Emily Maineri
- 4/3 Remington Lewis
- 4/5 Marge Heinitz
- 4/7 Sherry Bell
- 4/8 Anthony Keller
- 4/8 Linda Saunders
- 4/8 Lawrence Palmer
- 4/10 Hannah Church
- 4/10 Dan Keller
- 4/14 Karlie Snyder
- 4/17 Nolan Sinats
- 4/21 Harry Church
- 4/22 Bob Ames
- 4/23 Julie Barriga
- 4/24 Sara Engebretson
- 4/27 Dirck Haarberg

Meetings Reminder

Friday, April 5
Worship Committee: 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 9
Church Council: 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 11
Elder's Meeting, 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 14
Voter's Meeting, 11:00 AM

Tithes, Offerings and Prayer Requests

Please drop off your Tithes, Offerings and Prayer Requests in the mail slot under the church office window or mail them to BLC, 201 Raymond Drive, Benicia, CA 94510. Prayer Requests and Updates can also be emailed to blcoffice@sbcglobal.net.



April 7

"Raise the Flag"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

"Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

"More Than He Bargained For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6)

April 28

"We Can't Stop Talking"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation. (Acts 4:20)

Parkinson Support Group April 13

Meets every second Saturday of the month, in-person at the church from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Parkinson's Care Partner Support Group April 20

Meets every third Saturday of the month, in-person at the church from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.



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Listen to The Lutheran Hour on KCBC, AM 770, at 7:30 AM on Sundays, or anytime at www.lhm.org. Also available on the web are Spanish and Armed Forces versions as well as MP3, Podcast and Sirius XM Satellite radio. **An updated mobile app is now available also.**