



Benicia Lutheran Church

# GRAPEVINE



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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.



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and  
Noah's Ark Preschool  
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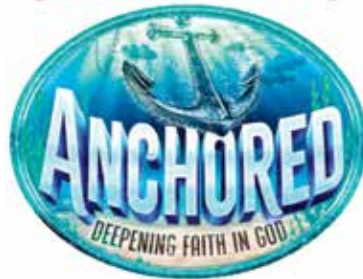
## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Bible Study with Pastor**  
**8:30 AM**

**9:30 AM Worship Service**

**Sunday School**  
Preschool – Grade 5  
Time and date TBD

SWIM ON OVER TO



THE BEST VBS!

## Vacation Bible School Sets Sail Soon!

**LOCATION:** Benicia Lutheran Church, 201 Raymond Dr.

**VBS WILL LAST FROM:** June 20 – June 22, 2022

**FUN BEGINS AT:** 9:00 AM

**ENDS AT:** 12:00 PM

**PROGRAM COST:** \$40

Visit the church website ([www.benicialutheranchurch.com](http://www.benicialutheranchurch.com)) and download a registration packet or pick up a registration packet at 201 Raymond Dr.

**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:**

Belinda Miller at (707) 515-8063

**VOLUNTEER CREW LEADERS NEEDED**



## Watch Ukraine Presentation on YouTube

Did you miss the presentation on the Ukraine Crisis at Benicia Lutheran Church on May 21? Here's the YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCEn4tElGgk&t=188s>

or just search Benicia Lutheran Church Ukraine on YouTube. By the way, be sure you also subscribe to Benicia Lutheran Church on YouTube. It makes it easier to keep current with BLC activities.

Fr. Edward Henderson, Russian Orthodox Priest in Berkeley, had an excellent presentation for those interested in Church History and the background of the current Ukraine and Russia conflict. Skip through the lengthy intermission, but don't miss any of the Q & A.

If you would like a copy of Fr. Edward's manuscript, email Pastor Phil at [blcpastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blcpastor@sbcglobal.net)

*Thank You*

We appreciate all who contributed the great snacks and their time for the refreshments time last Saturday for the Ukrainian Presentation, and last Sunday for the Noah's Ark Preschool Event. We are blessed with numerous active contributors to the ministry at BLC. Thank you and God Bless you and your families as you do your ministry.

# Noah's Ark News



## Teachers Recognized

Special Congratulations for our outstanding Pre-school Teachers and Director for Awards received for Service to CNH District-LCMS:

**Alice Howery for 25 Years**  
**Sara Barron for 15 Years**  
**Katie Fuchs for 5 Years**

Also, for sincere appreciation for Teacher Isabel Patchin and incoming Aide Haley Fletcher. We are truly blessed.

*Graduation is June 1st with a Graduation Walk in the parking lot. The Graduation ceremony will be recorded May 25-27 and sent home by June 6th.*

### Help Needed on Playground

The Playground needs some work. If anyone is available to do handy work, please let Sara know and she will fill you in on the details.

### Next Year's Enrollment

We have spaces available in the T/Th 3-year old class. If you have friends looking for a preschool, please send them our direction.

## Reminder

*The remaining Farmers Market dates for Preschool and the Church are June 16 and August 11.*



## Bible Bookmark

ADULT BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR PHIL

**B**ible Gathering will be from 8:30 am–9:15 am each Sunday. Join us in person, we encourage new participants to join us anytime.

**Our new Ladies Bible study, The Chosen,** meets at 9:30 am at the church on Monday mornings. Please contact Liz Barriga for more information. **No Bible Study on June 20.**

**In-person Bible Study:** Immerse Bible Study, in-person at the church, Tuesdays at 2:00pm.

**Wednesday Zoom Series:** Immerse Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

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## Immerse Bible Discussion Groups

Two new Immerse Bible Discussion Groups started May 10 and 11. A new in-person group started Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 pm at church. The Wednesday 7:00 pm Zoom session started on May 11.

Immerse might be considered an easier way of reading the Bible. It's more like reading a novel. We'll be reading through the New Testament in 8 weeks. The discussions are more like you might have at a Book Club than a Bible Study. One of the big pluses is that you are reading more of the Bible and getting a better picture of the whole. For more information and numerous remarkable testimonies go to <https://www.immersebible.com/>

The book that we are using has the entire New Testament with some introductory material on each of the New Testament books. If you are not into reading, you have the option of an audio version. There are also some brief video overviews you can watch. The bottom line: This is a good opportunity to read the Bible and share your thoughts on a weekly basis. Don't miss out on this opportunity, you'll be glad you did.

To fully participate you'll want to get the Immerse book—MESSIAH. Order your book ASAP. You can get it from their website listed above for \$13.50 or you can get it from Amazon. Amazon also offers it for their Kindle. Please let me know if you have questions and what group you would like to participate in. If you can't work either of these in your schedules, but you would like to participate in some way. Please let Pastor know and he will work something out with you.

We had a lot of activities at BLC in the month of May. Thank you for your participation.

We begin the month of June with another Baptism, Eleonor, daughter of Susan Penacho and Kevin Sinats.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled Monday-Wednesday, June 20-22, 9:00-12:00. We can use more kids and more volunteers. Do you know of some neighborhood kids who might benefit from such an experience? This is an ideal opportunity to help BLC connect with children and younger families.

As we come to the end of another school year and move into what some would call a slower paced time of year known as summer, I want to thank the many of you who really pitch in to get things done and to participate in the viability of Benicia Lutheran Church. Life is challenging in countless ways. There are happy times and sorrowful times such as come to mind when we think of the Uvalde tragedy.

We at Benicia Lutheran want to honor our Creator and Redeemer and Sanctifier by blessing others in this life and offering them the victory over death itself. Christ is Risen from the dead is the Easter proclamation. As we recently communicated in a sermon—Nothing Else Matters.

May we work together doing His will. May we work together serving one another and other others with integrity, love and faithfulness.

Thank you, fellow servants.

May our Lord fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

*Pastor Phil*



### Eleanor Sinats Baptism

Eleanor Sinats, daughter of Kevin and Susan Sinats and granddaughter of Juris and Laura Sinats will be baptised on June 5.

### Wednesday Zoom Series

The Zoom Series features the Immerse Bible Discussion.. Please contact Pastor about any questions regarding this series or how to get the special Readers' Bible. We'll read through the New Testament in 8 weeks and discuss it once each week. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026313575?pwd=UmNsdGF4UWxJa3AwcG9SZ1BuV1V1QT09> Meeting ID: 870 2631 3575 Passcode: 697322



### Thursday Prayer on Zoom 12:15–12:45 pm

Take a half hour of your Thursday lunch time to spend on prayer. Email [BLCpastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BLCpastor@sbcglobal.net) to request the Zoom link from Benicia Lutheran Church or contact Pastor Phil at 925-586-2575

## 2022 Update On Some BLC Graduates and Students

**Hannah Church** received her Masters in Global Management at Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University.

**Jennifer Church** completed her Junior year at University of Portland, Bachelors of Science in Nursing .

**Christian Collins** is completing his first year at DVC.

**Eathan Collins** is graduating from Benicia High School.

**Alexandra Grant** is completing her Sophomore year at Benicia High School. She was selected as the 2022 MVP on the BHS swim team.

**Justine Haarberg** graduates from Cal Poly this June.

**Gabriel Haarberg** graduates from Benicia High School. He plans on attending Cal Poly.

**Shane Irwin** completed his first year at DVC.

**Sam Irwin** graduated from UC Davis in 2021 and is pursuing a Masters in Education at UC Davis.

**Kimberly Williams** graduates from Cal Poly this June.



### WINGS Knitting Group

WINGS will meet June 1, June 15 and June 29 at Sally's house. Our BLC Knitting Group is knitting hats for preemie/baby hats to be donated to a local hospital and hats and scarves for adults and kids to be given to the Benicia Police to give out to the homeless. Please contact Sally if you are interested and she will provide you her address. Cell 415-250-6728 or Sally.Engbrethson@sbcglobal.net.

We have a few spots available in our current BLC **Book Club**. For more information and if you're interested in joining, please contact Sally Engbrethson.

## CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

You know the statistics—about one half of the homeless have been in foster care at some point in their life. There are a lot of foster care children that Judges and others involved in their care have determined could benefit from having another caring adult in their life. What are you doing with your life for others? Could you not consider being a CASA volunteer, someone helping children who are lacking meaningful adult people in their life? Maybe God wants you to consider being a CASA Volunteer as part of the fulfillment of your calling as a Christian?

Maybe your involvement would mean the difference between someone ending up homeless or not, a disturbed gunman or a productive citizen and parent. Are all the things that you are currently doing more important than being a CASA Volunteer?

Check out their website. <https://casasolano.org> They have one hour no obligation orientations the first Wednesday of each month. June 1 at 12:00 Noon is in-person at Fairfield. June 1 at 6:00 pm it is a Zoom orientation.

Thanks for considering this opportunity of being a blessing.



A new GriefShare series started on Sunday, May 15, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Laura Sinats and Jeanne Walker are the primary facilitators. New people can join the group any week. Please keep this important care giving ministry in mind as you hear about people who are grieving the death of someone. Talk to Pastor Kohlmeyer or one of the facilitators if you know of someone who might be interested or if you have any questions. There are flyers available in the Narthex to be posted where you think is appropriate and to share with others that you think might be interested.

## Parkinson Support Group

Meets every second Saturday of the month, in-person at the church! If you or someone you know is interested in joining, contact Brad Miller, 707-515-9216 (Brad's Cell) or e-mail at [bradfordmiller807@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordmiller807@gmail.com).

## 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

## Church Cleaner Needed

We are looking for someone to clean the church on a regular basis for a small stipend. If you are interested, please contact any council member.

### ASSISTANCE NEEDED?

Call the church and leave a message on the answering machine if you need assistance 707/746-0201



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 6/4 John Padua
- 6/6 Tyson Noska
- 6/8 Juris Sinats
- 6/14 Casey Noska
- 6/15 Kim Gentle
- 6/18 Liz Barriga
- 6/23 Laretta Lewis
- 6/23 Tricia Grant
- 6/30 Diane Church

## Meetings Reminder

### Every Monday in June

Ministry/Idea Team Meeting:  
6:30 pm

### Tuesday, June 7

Worship Committee: 6:30 pm

### Thursday, June 9

Elder's Meeting, 1:30 pm

### Tuesday, June 14

Church Council: 6:30 pm



### June 5

#### "A Place in the Choir"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing.  
(Colossians 1:15-20)

### June 12

#### "God Comes with a Community"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "God wasn't and isn't a hermit. From eternity, God is the God of community and conversation."  
(Acts 2:38-39)

### June 19

#### "What's on Your Playlist?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
The Book of Ecclesiastes offers perspective on life's alternating seasons of joy and sadness, gain and loss, war and peace.  
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

### June 26

#### "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



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