



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Parents and Students,

As I sit in my office on a very quiet campus (because all the teachers are behind doors teaching and observing social distancing!) I am wrestling with the enormity of what is before us. These past few days have been a whirlwind of information and communication overload, some helpful, some not-so-helpful.

So what do I want to add to all that noise today? Just this:

In these frantic days, take time to note all the ways God works through His people to bring life and light and healing to the hurting. Decide how He can be using you and your talents to serve your neighbor. Then when all of this is over, give Him all the glory.

We miss you.
Be safe.
You are loved.
Dr. Fink

Parent Teacher Conferences: Stay tuned!!!
We'll let you know our plans.



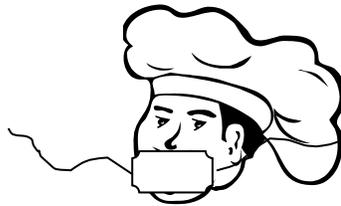
Our Easter Sees Candy Fundraiser is cancelled. ☹️

But if you want to support the Sees chocolate bunny-makers during this crisis, you **can** order Sees online:
<https://www.sees.com/customer-service/ordering/>



Cook's Night Out

Our Raising Canes Fundraiser is cancelled.



School Bulletin #27

Mar. 18, 2020

DON'T FORGET

- ☺️ Mar. 20-Bethany Golf Tournament-CANCELLED
- ☺️ Mar. 20-End Quarter 3
- ☺️ Mar. 22-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 9:30-CANCELLED
- ☺️ Mar. 24-PTL Meeting
- ☺️ Mar. 26-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences-minimum days-STAY TUNED
- ☺️ Mar. 30-Spring Holiday

We will keep you posted regarding plans after March 30. As you know, things are changing day-by-day, hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute!



E-learning: How's it going?

Parents, we'll be sending you a survey this Friday to get your feedback on our first few days of online learning. Your opinions/suggestions are welcome as we navigate these new waters together.



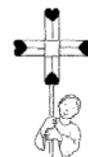
Did you know you can support Bethany Lutheran School every time you shop on Amazon? You may be making LOTS of Amazon purchases during this crisis and every purchase could be supporting our school! Use this link to get started!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2111043>

Chapel

We will post a chapel service each week on Wednesdays so we can be united in worship!

Parents, you are always welcome to join us!





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We need some volunteers to help with editing some pdf documents. This is a project that could be done from home! Contact Dr. Fink if you're willing to lend a hand. ☺

Middle School Corner

In two short days, Google Meets have proven to be a blessing! The teachers and students have enjoyed having face-to-face time together. We are social creatures that enjoy being together, and the middle school students are used to spending a great deal of time together so this transition has been an adjustment.

We are encouraging middle school students to try to join at least one Google Meet every day. The Google Meets are not required, but joining at least one a day is recommended to see a teacher, say "hi" to a classmate, and enjoy some social time.

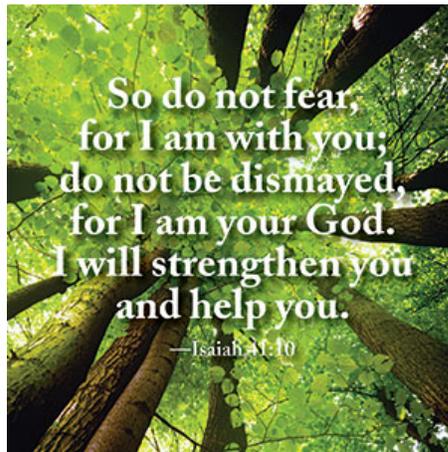
Please continue to use the Online Learning Conference Schedule to join Google Meets this week!



Bethany Lutheran Church Worship

Our church services will be online for the next two weeks. Watch for links to recorded services on the Bethany website for Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

Are you in need of pastoral care? Please call the church office: 421-4711



Hi Bethany Bear Family –

This week I'm reminded that unexpected circumstances bring unexpected pains and unexpected blessings. Most of us are home with our kiddos full time right now, which can be both a lot of fun and a lot of stress too (God bless you, teachers!) We're taking on new roles of helping instruct, fill hours with activities, manage indoor stir-craziness, but guess what? We're doing it! You are super people and CAN do hard things! Remind yourselves, and your kids, that during these trying times, to look for the good, look for the helpers and BE the good and the helpers when you can.

One of my favorite reminders is from Mr. Rogers:

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

In the days and weeks ahead, I encourage you to look for chances to help, whether it be with a neighbor, a FaceTime meet up of support with another parent, or having your kids find an activity to support those who need us most. And above all, be silly, hug those kiddos hard and know that your BearFam loves you and is here for you! We will get through this together!

Jen Carlson, PTL President

Seeking gently-used jewelry and accessories!

Student Success will once again be hosting our gently-used accessories sale on **Saturday, May 16** during the Bethany Block Party and Sunday Morning, May 17 between services.

Are you cleaning closets while you are sheltering in place? Please save your gently-used accessories (jewelry, scarves, handbags, belts, etc.) and drop them off for Jill Moorman when school is back in session. Separately-bagged items are greatly appreciated. (Items remaining after the sale will be donated to a worthy cause.)

If you would like to help with this sale, please contact Jill Moorman: jmoorman@bethanylutheran.org 562-307-6123