



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thank you SO MUCH for filling out the survey we sent last week. We had 95 families respond and the info you shared was very helpful. We will be making some adjustments to our e-learning at some grade levels based on parent input, but some overall “themes” from the survey include:

- Communication from the school office and teachers has been relatively clear.
- The older the students, the more independently they are able to manage e-learning. (Not surprising, right?)
- We need to offer “differentiated e-learning” at home and designate some assignments as “must-dos” and some assignments as optional, because we have home-care situations that are all over the map. That’s one of our goals going forward.
- The connections students and teachers are making in Google Meet is HUGELY important and meaningful.
- Bethany parents are the MOST encouraging group of folks EVER.

It’s our goal to continue to provide excellent Christian education under extraordinary circumstances. Thanks for partnering with us!

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

*Tomorrow is a virtual field trip day and we’ll be sending a link to our chapel worship for the week. ☺*

Parent Teacher Conferences are cancelled, but please contact your child’s teacher if you have concerns!



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/>



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>

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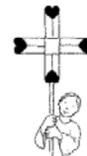
- ☺Mar. 24-PTL Meeting
- ☺Mar. 26-Virtual Field Trip Day...no Google Meets or new assignments other than chapel.
- ☺Mar. 28-Report cards posted to Gradelink (evening)
- ☺Mar. 30-Spring Holiday

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!

## 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!*



We know LBUSD announced that they are staying closed until May 3. We have not changed our end date yet...we will keep you posted about any changes.

Remember: Monday, March 30 is a scheduled spring holiday...no new assignments from teachers and the school office will be closed.

K-2 parents, please watch for an email from Dr. Fink about our delivering needed supplies for students for this next round of e-learning.



The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

Parent, of all the things to stress about right now, FISH Hours should not be on your list. Please don't give it a second thought. ☺

### Middle School Corner

#### Middle School Opportunities!

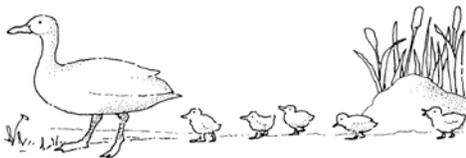
**Recess:** 1:00-1:30 PM every Tuesday and Thursday!

Join recess using the Google Meet link posted in "What's Happening in the Middle School" Google Classroom

**P.E.:** Optional P.E. activities are available in the "What's Happening in the Middle School" Google Classroom. This week focuses on strength.

**Advisory:** The students will be joining their advisory teams in a Scavenger Hunt this week!

*Happy Spring!*



### 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



"Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down."

Guys, this is tough. It's really hard. Keeping the kiddos busy and on task, making sure you have the right supplies and groceries to throw together a meal, having enough toilet paper, keeping your own sanity intact. There are a lot of scary things around us – a very real virus threat, unsettling news, hype about hoarding, wondering if you touched your face again, etc. It's our job, with the help of our friend Jesus, to not let what is happening around us get inside us and sink us. Despite all the difficult stuff happening, we need to be strong inside - for our own mental health, for our kids, for our family, for our community. We need as much positivity as we can muster to make it through this. Lean on each other, on your BearFam, on God, to strengthen you when you feel weak, tired or stir crazy. Pray, laugh, hug those precious kids tight and breathe. We are strong and capable and *This. Too. Shall. Pass.* Love you all! Stay strong!

*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](mailto:jmoorman@bethanylutheran.org)  
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