



Bear Facts

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist."

-St. Augustine

One of the things the Bethany staff committed to do when this crisis began was to keep track of all the GOOD that was coming from this pandemic. It's hard to see that when we're being slammed by grim statistics day in and day out. But God's Word promises that "He works all things for good for those who love Him."

How have you seen good come from this gigantic mess? Maybe it's a renewed perspective on what is important. Maybe it's a sense of wonder at the creativity and innovation of the American people. Maybe it's the chance to slow down (kinda!) and spend time together as a family. For me personally, the crisis has reminded me how precious it is to be in community with Bethany families and to know that we are all buoying each other up in prayer.

By now, we hope you've had a phone call from a Bethany staff member asking how we can be praying for you and your family. It's our way of keeping us connected in this crisis and letting you know we care! Here are some of the kinds of prayer requests we've seen:

- Prayers for a mom and dad both in the medical field that they can stay safe and healthy and for all the first responders.
- Prayers to ease anxieties for both parents and children
- Prayers for sanity for my husband and I and that the kids still keep learning and growing from us as we navigate it all daily while being stuck at home day in and out.

God bless your Holy Week Journey.

We miss you.

Be safe.

You are loved.

Dr. Fink

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DON'T FORGET

☺April 10: Good Friday, No School

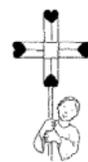
☺April 13-17: Easter Break

☺April 20: E-learning continues

☺April 24: VERY SPECIAL afternoon event...clear your calendar if you can and watch for details on Monday 4/20.

Chapel

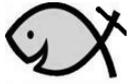
We will post a chapel service each week on Wednesdays so we can be united in worship! This week Dr. Fink will bring us the message.



We will not have online learning this Friday (Good Friday) or next week (Easter break.) Lessons will resume on Monday, April 20.

We do not have a return date at this time.

Please keep Friday afternoon, April 24 OPEN for a **very special Bethany event**....details coming when we return on 4/20!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Parents, 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

The Middle School is participating in an Online Learning "Way of the Cross" activity this year.

The students are invited to walk through Holy Week together as they read passages and then collaborate on a Holy Week timeline using a neat online program where they can add photos and words. Starting on Palm Sunday and ending Easter Sunday, there will be specific activities related to the Bible readings available for each day.

Journey through Holy Week together in your homes!

Way of the Cross Bible

Readings Schedule

Sunday 4/5- *Matthew 21:1-11*

Monday 4/6- *John 2:12-22*

Tuesday 4/7- *Luke 22:14-23*

Wednesday 4/8- *Matthew 26:36-46, Matthew 27:1-5*

Thursday 4/9- *Luke 22:54-62, Matthew 27:27-31*

Friday 4/10- *Matthew 27:11-26, Luke 23:44-46*

Sunday 4/12- *Luke 24:1-12*

"He is not here; He has risen!"



Holy Week

Bethany Lutheran Church Worship

Our church services are pre-recorded and posted online...you can find the links on the Bethany website: www.bethanylutheran.org
Are you in need of pastoral care? Please call the church office: 421-4711



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GOOD FRIDAY ††

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

*"Sometimes I joke about what I'd do if I had one day left to live. Eat junk, go crazy, etc.
Today it hit me: Jesus knew. And He washed feet."*

This lack of regular routine has been wreaking havoc on this house a little – feels a little like school, a little like summer vacation, a little like a weekend – all the time. I feel like we have loose rules, fuzzy boundaries and cookies are acceptable at any time of the day. We're just eating junk sometimes, going crazy sometimes and getting the necessary work done (sometimes!) While I'm grateful for this pause, I'm also annoyed at the whole scenario and feel justified in indulging a little too much. Like I'm owed that. Then I ran across this quote above and it stopped me in my tracks. Wow - when Jesus could have easily justified enjoying his last days, doing what he wanted, He did the most humble of actions – He served others and demonstrated the extent of His love by washing their feet. Perspective change, for sure! If I knew when my last day was, would I spend it showing my friends and family the extent of my love, or would I be more focused on me? As we approach a unique and different Easter this year, perhaps our Lord is giving us a chance to look at priorities and humble ourselves, as he did. May your Easter be filled with family, love and the assurance that our God loves us, humbly and proudly.

*Happy Easter, BearFam!
Jen Carlson, PTL President*



Congratulations to the following students, who earned a spot on the Second Quarter Principal's List with GPAs between 3.7 and 4.0:

***Eli Anema**, Jake Antonio, Norah Vu, Jagger Simon, Ava Hidalgo, Grant Parker, Kaylee Cuizon, Robert Hernandez, Christian Haro, ***JJ Luu**, ***Wyatt Barker**, ***Jamie Long**, Payton Wallace-Caine, Brayden Huynh, Maya Peavler, Miles Jump, Lucas Raya, Charlie Peck, , ***Autumn Knox**, ***Ryder DeLuca**, ***Allyson Richter**, ***Sienna Deeble**, ***Kelli Palacios**, ***Samantha Atkinson**, Cole Medina, Austin Tonsay, Chaz Medina, Jasmine Rambo, Isaac Brooks, Michael Palacios, Aensli Ruiz, ***Emma Olsen**, Alexis Munoz, Gabriella Hernandez, Emma Barker, Marcus Vander Horck, Angelina Attia, Caleb O'Conner, Philip Attia, Isaiah Youngblood, and Mahak Gupta.

***4.0 GPA**

And, congratulations to the following students, who earned a spot on the Second Quarter Honor Roll with GPAs between 3.30 and 3.69:

Nolan Cerulle, Kate Newton, Garret Morgensen, Devin Cordova, Reuben Alvarado, Cooper Ryskamp, Tyler DeJongh, Madison Farley, Grace Porte, Nicholas Roberts, Gianna Hunter-Palomares, Diana Huynh, Carter Wegman, Jake Wallerstedt, Joseph Kabacinski, Jonathan Goebel, Laci Carlson, London Perez, Weston Parker and Isaiah Youngblood.

We will hand out certificates the next time we are together!

Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy "Habits of Mind." 😊 In March, we were watching for students who "Think and Communicate with Clarity and Precision." Congratulations to the following students:

K- Jojo Loehnert

1st-Logan Noble

2nd-Sebastian Zingler

3rd-Jacob Murdock

4th-Benjamin Evans

5th-Cooper Ryskamp

6th-Wyatt Barker

7th-Autumn Knox

8th-Scott DeJongh

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