



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our faculty and staff have a phrase we use often: we are **FAILING FORWARD!** When we are learning something new as a staff (like how to use the new security gate, or our new student information system Gradelink) we often make mistakes. But mistakes are great learning opportunities and help us to move forward in our initiatives. All of us have experienced failure in life, and as adults we've learned how to leverage that failure and move on.

How about our kids? Are we sending the message that "failure is not an option?" or a message that it is a learning opportunity? It's tempting to protect our kids from any type of failure because that's one of our roles: protector. But preparing our kids for their future means letting them fail once in awhile so they learn how to navigate it in a healthy and gracious fashion, learn from it and move on. It's teaching them how to "fail forward."

*Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink*

No school this Friday and the school office will be closed...it's a Fall Holiday!



Jog-a-thon: Sound Running

***Our annual Jog-a-thon is this Thursday, October 3!**

This is our ONE BIG FUNDRAISER for the year and this year some of our money will go toward new sound systems for the gym and square!

The goal this year is \$100 per student.

Take advantage of our online pledge system, Pledgestar, for getting sponsors...check your packet for more information...
it's FUN and EASY!

Run times:

6th-8th Grades: 8:20-8:50

K-2nd Grades: 9:00-9:30

3rd-5th Grades: 9:40-10:10



**Students may wear dress-code appropriate running gear to school on Thursday.*

New Parent Prayer Group!

Would you like to help lift our students, families and staff in prayer with other praying parents? We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the EDC room at 8:35 AM.



School Bulletin #6

October 1, 2019

DON'T FORGET

☺Oct. 3-Jog-a-thon

☺Oct. 4-Fall Holiday-No School

☺Oct. 7-SafeKids Parent Info Night

☺Oct. 8-Author Day with our very own Miss Arzaga!

☺Oct. 9-11 5th Grade to Astrocamp

☺Oct. 20-K-2 sings 8:00 AM

☺Oct. 22-Picture Makeup Day

☺Oct. 25-Middle School Dance

☺Oct. 27-Bethany's 75th

Anniversary, Oktoberfest and Pumpkin Patch Carnival!

☺Oct. 30-31 Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days

Chapel Leaders

Oct. 2-Pastor Blake

Oct. 9-Pastor Seth

Oct. 16-Mrs. Boerrigter

Chapel is at 9:00 on

Wednesdays in the church.

Parents, you are always welcome to join us!

Bethany Bears Sports

Tuesday-

Volleyball matches away at Christ, Covina

Wednesday-

Home football game vs. Shield of Faith

Thursday-

Volleyball matches at home vs. Christ, Covina

*Varsity games at 3:30, JV at 4:30
Go, Bears!*



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

We could use some help picking up a couple of small trees and bags of soil amendment for our class garden boxes, as well as planting the trees in some containers we have on campus.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Col 3:17



CHAPEL OFFERING

Our chapel offerings for the month of October will support Free Wheelchair Mission. You can learn more about this worthy organization here:

<https://www.freewheelchairmission.org/>

This month we will be sending home a coin collection box. Encourage your child to put extra change in the box and bring the box back to chapel on October 30!



Are you an

Amazon.com user? Would you like to increase your Scrip Rebate? Purchase Amazon.com cards from Bethany Scrip to pay for your Amazon shopping, you will earn a rebate every time you shop! It's easy, buy \$25 or \$100 Amazon.com cards from Bethany Scrip, enter the number on the card to add a credit to your existing Amazon account, and the funds will be applied to your purchase at checkout.

Are you an Amazon Prime member, or are you thinking of upgrading to Prime? You can also purchase your Amazon Prime membership from Bethany Scrip and earn a tuition rebate. Our Amazon Prime certificate covers the amount payable for a Prime membership, including tax.

If you do not have Amazon Prime, Amazon offers a 30-day free membership. To continue you would purchase a “Prime Membership for Amazon.com” certificate and your 1 year subscription would begin when your trial membership ends.

Existing Amazon Prime members can order the same Prime certificate from Bethany Scrip, apply the code to your account, and extend your membership.

We hope you enjoyed the Open House on Sunday! Please note that there is NOT another open house on Oct. 18 as originally planned. ☺



Club 35 (Grades 3-5)

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade youth are invited to the next Club 35 meeting on...

Wednesday, October 9th from 6:00-7:00PM

Club 35 will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6-7pm in the Multipurpose Room #215.

Our Upcoming 2019 Dates: October 23, November 13. ***2020 Dates are posted on the Club 35 page Bethany's Website.** –

Katelyn True, ktrue@bethanylutheran.org

Sometimes God give us a lesson via social media. I got my reminder today and wanted to share with you. It was a reminder to me to spill out the good stuff, especially to my children, who need the best of me:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

“Well because someone bumped into me, of course!”

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out.

It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

**So we have to ask ourselves... “what's in my cup?”*

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility?

Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

You choose!

-Jen Carlson, PTL President

Interested in joining Bethany Lutheran Church? Bethany 101 & 201 "New Member Courses"

Bethany 101 and Bethany 201 are courses that explore the key truths of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective and the process and purpose of membership at Bethany.

Attendance at 101 is required for those joining Bethany Lutheran Church, even those who are transferring membership from another Lutheran church. Bethany 201 is for folks who are not coming from another Lutheran church.

Bethany 101 is a one-session face-to-face experience where we talk about the history of Bethany, our vision, structure, the Bethany Blueprint and what membership at Bethany entails.

Bethany 201 is a three session online course that covers the core basics of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will meet individually (or as a family) with either of our Pastors after each session to discuss the material.

The next Bethany 101 sessions will be held on BOTH October 6th and October 13th in the Music Room and begin at 11 am. Child Care will be available right next door in the preschool. Class will run approximately an hour. You need attend ONLY ONE of the two opportunities.

Bethany 201 begins after attendance at a 101. Our hope is that all those going through the 201 process will be finished by the end of November so that we can receive new members in early December.

Please RSVP your attendance for Bethany 101 with Pastor Kevin or Pastor Seth kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org or smoorman@bethanylutheran.org

SafeKids Parent Information Night

October 7

6:30 PM in the church

See attached flyer for details.



Operation Christmas Child

For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They have reached hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, shelter, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Shortly after Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas, a mobile hospital unit was put in place and continues to serve residents with serious injuries and illnesses in the wake of the Category 5 storm. As teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus - first, last, and always.

For the month of October, would you help us collect "Toys and Tools" for our shoebox packing party in November? We have lots of soccer balls and pumps but could use these items: baseballs, yo-yos, jump ropes, small trucks/cars, tops, dolls, beanie babies, small to medium sized stuffed animals, slinky(s), gliders, harmonicas, flashlights, tape measures, small levers, sewing kits, screwdrivers, and small hammers.



Thanks for your support!

Middle School Corner

Eight Conversations to have with your middle school student-

1. Tell me about something that you think is amazing.
2. What family rules do you want to discuss?
3. Do you need a hug?
4. Have you heard any good jokes lately?
5. What is your favorite ...?
6. What is God teaching you at school or at church?
7. What do you need from me as you communicate with your teachers this year?
8. No matter what, I will always love you.

And one bonus idea for allowing your middle school student to start the conversation: "...". (In other words: Allow comfortable silence to be a place they can raise their voice.)

Retrieved from fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/8-conversations-middle-school



September 2019

Dear Bethany Parents,

Our kids have learned important safety procedures like “look both ways before crossing the street,” “stop, drop and roll,” and “duck and cover.” As we are all painfully aware, we now live in a day and age where it has become prudent and necessary to equip them with a new safety procedure: what to do in the face of a violent threat. Fortunately, the science of protection has provided us with effective responses to increase safety and survivability.

This school year Bethany Lutheran School is partnering with Safe Kids Inc., a team of law enforcement and education experts, who have developed a curriculum that teaches these responses in a non-threatening manner: The H.E.R.O. Program.

H.E.R.O. is an acronym for: **Hide! Escape! Run! Overcome!** Our teaching staff has already participated in the training and will be leading students through the curriculum this year.

Your child will learn these safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. Once they have been prepared in this non-threatening manner, the school will participate in school-wide drills that meet and exceed safety mandates determined by government officials.

The H.E.R.O. Program has been vetted by numerous focus groups consisting of students, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, university faculty, law enforcement and most importantly, parents!

We want all parents to be fully informed about this program before we teach the lessons, so the authors of the program, Scott Johnson and Adam Coughran, will be giving a parent presentation here at Bethany:

Safe Kids Presentation
October 7, 2019
6:30 PM in the church
Childcare and homework passes provided

We also encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.’s website at www.SafeKidsInc.com to learn more. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the “Families” tab.

We value the safety of our children above all else and believe the H.E.R.O. Program will create a safer learning environment for our entire school community as well as equip our students for potential threats outside of school.

Please plan to join us on October 7. And as always, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,
Dr. Fink