



# Bear Facts

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



I hope you enjoyed your Fall holiday on Friday. It was nice to have a break from the routine and hopefully you didn't experience major crowds if you were out and about. ☺

This is a bit tardy, but I want to give a shout-out to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders for the reports I received about their behavior at marine biology camp. Thank you, 7<sup>th</sup> graders, for setting an example for the other schools that were present, and for representing your school so well. I was so proud to hear about your positive attitudes, your attentiveness and your willingness to actually go to sleep when you were told to do so. ☺  
Way to shine those Gospel lights!!!

I'm looking forward to a similar report for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders this week!

*Blessings on your week,  
Dr. Fink*

"In the same way,  
let your light shine  
before others, that they may see  
your good deeds  
and glorify your Father  
in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)



## Jog-a-thon/ Sound Running

Great job, Bethany Bears, and a big shout-out to our planning/executing crew as well as all our amazing parent volunteers!

**Jog-a-thon funds are due on  
Friday, Oct. 11!**



## Congratulations to our Bethany Spelling Bee Winners:

### 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:

Devin Cordova (1<sup>st</sup>), Gavin Falkner (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
and Norah Vu (alternate)

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:

Isaiah Youngblood (1<sup>st</sup>), Aensli Ruiz (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
and Austin Tonsay (alternate)

These champions will go on to compete against other Lutheran school students at Crean Lutheran High later in the month.

**Go Bears!**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the EDC room at 8:35 AM.



## School Bulletin #7

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## DON'T FORGET

- ☺Oct. 8-Author Day with our very own Miss Arzaga!
- ☺Oct. 9-11 5<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Oktoberfest and Pumpkin Patch Carnival!
- ☺Oct. 30-31 Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
- ☺Nov. 1-No school-Faculty Inservice
- ☺Nov. 3-Daylight Savings Time ends
- ☺Nov. 6-8 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp

## Chapel Leaders

- Oct. 9-Mr. Fink
  - Oct. 16-Mrs. Boerrigter
  - Oct. 23-Mrs. Lange
- Chapel is at 9:00 on  
Wednesdays in the church.  
Parents, you are always  
welcome to join us!*

## Bethany Bears Sports

**Tuesday-**  
Volleyball games away at  
Emmaus, Alhambra

**Wednesday-**  
Varsity football game away at  
Hope, Glendora  
(JV has practice)

**Thursday-**  
Volleyball games away at  
Lutheran High-LaVerne vs.  
Shield of Faith



The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

Did you help with the Jog-a-thon? Please be sure to report your hours by filling out a FISH slip or reporting from our app or website!

*"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*

Bethany Bears, now that we have cooler mornings, just a reminder about our sweatshirt policy:

**Solid-colored (red, white, or navy blue) cardigans or sweatshirts, or sweatshirts with BLS logo/spirit/camp wear may be worn over uniform clothing inside the classroom.**



Our chapel offerings for the month of October will support Free Wheelchair Mission.

You can learn more about this worthy organization here:  
[www.freewheelchairmission.org/](http://www.freewheelchairmission.org/)

**Author Day** was today! It was wonderful to have our middle school science teacher, Miss Alicia Arzaga, share her book with us today. Good news! It's not too late to scoop up your own copy of *There's No Color Like My Color!*

Please visit the following website to purchase the book at <http://colorfulbooks.co/>



**Mark Your Calendar-** for extra Scrip earnings!

Sign up for *ShopWithScrip.com* so you can participate in:

**Fall Flash Bonuses:**

Oct 19-25. Week-long festival of flash bonuses on all card types with different brands each day.

**ThankScrip Day:**

Nov 21. One day of huge bonuses on eGift cards and reloads from many top brands.

**Sign-Up today, start earning today, and be ready for upcoming Scrip bonuses!**

1. Join our program by creating an account on *MyScripWallet.com* or *ShopWithScrip.com*.
2. Enter our organization's enrollment code: 1BL8EE69719L.
3. Link your bank account through *Prestopay* to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Sign up for *ScripNow* today!

**Club 35 (Grades 3-5)**

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

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ktrue@bethanylutheran.org)

One of our best events of the year is just around the corner - our annual Pumpkin Patch carnival, paired with the church Oktoberfest! It's an evening celebrating the harvest season and is perfect for families with kids of all ages. We have games, candy, costumes, music, dinner available (adult beverages as well - pre purchase only!) and a whole lot of fun to get you ready for the season. Please plan on joining us for a really fun time!

- The cost for the Pumpkin Patch Carnival is one bag of candy per family.
- Information for ordering Oktoberfest tickets is here:

<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/App/Form/5adc1f62-2afe-4e16-9ff9-8fd6fa85314d>

As with any event, we can't do it without you and are asking for parent help with running the game booths and staffing the Pumpkin Patch event. **Please sign up for a shift with the link below** and earn some FISH hours for your time, as well as great bonding with your Bethany Bear Family. Thank YOU for all your help to make these events successful. YOU are the best part of Bethany!

- Pumpkin Patch Volunteers: <https://signup.com/go/XEuFCYg>

-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 6<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org) [smorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:smorman@bethanylutheran.org)

### ***Parents, just a safety note for you:***

Please do not double-park on Arbor to let your children out of the car in the morning. We've had a complaint about creating a traffic hazard for folks driving down Arbor Road.

The safest plan takes a few extra minutes, but is worth the effort: please pull into the parking lot to let students out.

Thanks for helping to keep our Bears and neighbors safe!



### **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**

Advisory team games are here! A few times a year the advisory teams participate in group games as a way to interact outside of the classroom, get to know our advisory teammates better, and have FUN! Over the next couple of weeks, the teams will be playing kickball during the morning recess. We have a round-robin bracket leading us to a championship game (which is for a medal!).

### **After much deliberation, team names are:**

Gnarly G's (Fink)  
PeanutButterJelly (Moorman)  
Ramen Noodles (Morner)  
Bofa Da Twix (Einspahr)  
Fire-breathing Rubber Duckies (Evans)

*"Advisory games are a great way to learn good sportsmanship and to bond better with others."* – Philip 8<sup>th</sup>

*"It is a great way to bond with your teammates and it is a fun way to get active."* – Emma O. 8<sup>th</sup>

*"Advisory games are full of fun, excitement, and intensity. Most of all, I get to bond with friends and classmates."* – Isaiah 8<sup>th</sup>



# OKTOBERFEST

**10.27.2019**

PUMPKIN PATCH CARNIVAL OPEN 4:00-6:00 PM

*ADMISSION TO PUMPKIN PATCH = 1 BAG OF CANDY PER FAMILY*

FESTIVAL TENT OPEN 4:30-7:00 PM

*FOOD AND DRINK TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN PERSON ON  
SUNDAY MORNINGS IN FRIENDSHIP SQUARE*

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