



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This week I'm using my column to encourage you to attend a very special concert by the A Cappella Choir from Concordia University-Nebraska here at Bethany on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM.

"The A Cappella Choir strives to perform music at a high artistic level – music which inspires, instructs and entertains the listener," said Dr. Kurt E. von Kampen, conductor. "But the mission of the choir goes beyond mere artistry. The University A Cappella Choir exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in song and to honor God with the musical talents the students have been given."

The A Cappella Choir has toured the U.S. each year, and internationally approximately every four years since its inception in 1939, performing throughout Europe, the Middle East, Australia, Asia, Mexico, and most recently South Africa. It also has participated in international choral festivals in Australia and Austria, placing first and third respectively while under the direction of Dr. von Kampen.

Several Bethany staff members were members of this choir in the past...we know you and your family will be blessed by their music!

*Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Fink*



Science Fair

It's finally here!

**Open House/Science Fair
Friday, March 6
6:00-7:30 PM**

All classrooms will be open,
Preschool-Grade 8.
Invite your friends!

Our **5th Annual Golf Ball Drop PTL Fundraiser** is scheduled for the beginning of the **Science Fair THIS FRIDAY (5:45)**. Proceeds support Bethany Lutheran School and Preschool programs!

Our goal is for each family to sell at least 10 balls. See the order form attached to today's Bear Facts!



Our faithful Scrip coordinator, Carol Grudt, has retired after 25 years of service. In addition to selling and promoting Scrip, Carol was a friendly face in the school office and applied more than her fair share of band-aids and ice packs to injured students. We will be thanking Carol for her faithful service on Sunday, March 8. If you would also like to thank her, you may send a card to the office!

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DON'T FORGET

- ☉Mar. 3-CUI Choir Festival
- ☉Mar. 6-Open House/Science Fair
- ☉Mar. 8-Daylight Savings Time begins
- ☉Mar. 12-A Cappella Choir Concert-7:00 PM
- ☉Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☉Mar. 15 Kindergarten Signing Day!
- ☉Mar. 15-K-2 sings 10:55
- ☉Mar. 20-Bethany Golf Tournament
- ☉Mar. 20-End Quarter 3
- ☉Mar. 22-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 9:30
- ☉Mar. 24-PTL Meeting
- ☉Mar. 26-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences-minimum days
- ☉Mar. 30-Spring Holiday-no school
- ☉April 5-Troubadour sings 9:30, Trinity sings 10:55
- ☉April 8-Stations of the Cross-Middle School leads Chapel

It's time to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. See the attached letter for details!

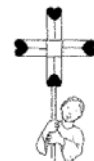
Chapel Leaders

Mar. 4-6th Grade

Mar. 11-Kayleigh

Mar. 18-Miss Hinrichs

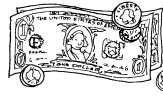
Parents, you are always welcome to join us!





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Did you help drive for one of our MANY basketball games? Don't forget to log your FISH hours!



CHAPEL OFFERING

March's chapel offerings will support Heifer International! More about this organization here:
<https://www.heifer.org/>

BAKE SALE

Bethany's Student Council is holding a bake sale all week to raise funds for a tetherball set. Bring your quarters and help support! (Love to bake? Bring in some items for the Council to sell! Items should be individually-bagged and ready for sale.)



Middle School Corner

The middle school choir and handbell students will be participating in two really neat events in March!

Today, March 3rd, both the Trinity (grades 3-5) and the Troubadour (grades 6-8) choirs are visiting Concordia University Irvine for their annual Choir Festival. The choirs will have the opportunity to sing for the guest director and receive feedback, tour the campus, eat lunch and play games with the Concordia student leaders. It is always a wonderful day!

A little later in the month on Saturday, March 14th, our Advanced bell choir will be attending the Handbell Festival at Concordia University Irvine. They will also have the opportunity to play for a guest director and receive feedback, tour the campus and participate in a mass ring with bell choirs from other schools.

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”
Ephesians 5:19



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.

Please bring your gently-used accessories (jewelry, scarves, handbags, belts, etc.) to Bethany and drop them off for Jill Moorman. 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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts travel to the ends of the earth. Many children around the world have never heard the Gospel message of eternal life in Jesus Christ. They live in hard-to-reach, poverty-stricken communities, where parents struggle to provide for basics. Rarely, if ever, do children receive a present that's just for them. This year, more than 10.5 million children in more than 100 countries and territories received shoeboxes full of special gifts. And for the first time, many of these children heard that God loves them.

In preparation for our November 2020 school packing party, would you help us collect combs and hairbrushes during the month of March. Items can be dropped in the school office. During the months of January and February, we collected bars of soap (no liquids), washcloths, and toothbrushes. We could use more of these items, as well.

It's Golf Ball Drop Week! It's also Science Fair and Open House week!

Lots going on in our home – and probably yours too. This will be one of those weeks that I will be glad to just make it through my long list of tasks and events scheduled. So, let's collectively decide to be easy on ourselves and our kiddos and enjoy the madness and rush, because that means that we are blessed to be growing our brains in education and spirit (and patience!), to have a school family that is active, thriving and healthy and to have family and friends that will join us this week to see our campus and achievements.

Enjoy an easy dinner while wrapping up the science fair board, listen to your child rave about the fun time they had at the choir festival, and put off a chore or task until the weekend.

Whatever it is, know that we WILL make it - so breathe easy, friends! And, a week that ends in firefighters and a possible big money win can't be bad either! Am I right? See you Friday!

Jennifer Carlson, PTL President