



Bear Facts

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



I hope you enjoyed our Open House/Science Fair last week! I absolutely LOVE it when our Bethany family is together in the evening...it's magical! And I was so proud of our students and all their hard work...way to go, Bears!

In other news, we are continuing to monitor the coronavirus outbreak via updates from the CDC, the Long Beach Health Department and our district office. We are also sanitizing classroom desks, door/closet handles and other frequently-touched items nightly, encouraging students to wash their hands thoroughly and avoid touching their face, and sending sick students home. You can help by keeping kids home if they have a fever and encouraging the same hygiene habits.

Our teaching staff is actively engaged in planning home-based education in the event we are forced to suspend operations on campus. (We sincerely hope that doesn't happen!!) We are blessed to have tech-saavy teachers who are willing to learn even more tips and tricks so that students do not fall behind. (I love what one administrator in Seattle said: We are passionate about delivering education to children...it is a SERVICE, not a place! ☺)

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Dr. Fink

It's time to sign up for
Parent Teacher Conferences!

Visit:

<https://pickatime.com/bethanylutheran>

Easter Sees Candy is available from our PTL, saving you a trip to the Sees Store. Order forms came home yesterday and are due MONDAY, March 23 so that we have the candy here before Easter.



Cook's Night Out

Our next event is on Tuesday, March 24 at Raising Canes!
Watch for a flyer... see you there!



Did you know you can support Bethany Lutheran School every time you shop on Amazon? Our families probably make hundreds of purchases each week 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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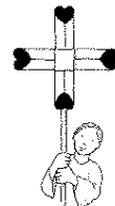
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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Mar. 12-ACappella Choir Concert-7:00 PM
- ☺Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☺Mar. 15 Kindergarten Singing 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
- ☺April 10-Good Friday-No School
- ☺April 12-HE IS RISEN!!
- ☺April 13-17 Easter Break
- ☺April 26-Trinity sings 9:30, Troubadour sings 10:55
- ☺April 28-PTL Meeting
- ☺May 3-8 DC Trip for 8th Grade

Chapel Leaders

Mar. 11-Kayleigh
Mar. 18-Miss Hinrichs
Mar. 25-Mrs. Boerrigter
Parents, you are always welcome to join us!





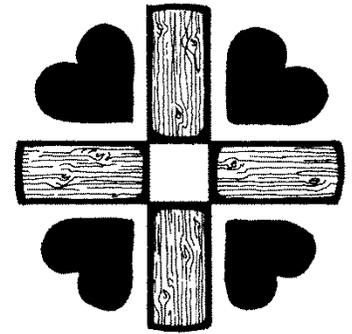
The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We need some volunteers to help with editing some pdf documents. This is a project that could be done from home! Contact Dr. Fink if you're willing to lend a hand. ☺



CHAPEL
OFFERING

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



Middle School Corner

It's time for Advisory Baseball!

The 3rd quarter Advisory team activity will be a baseball tournament! The teams will be competing during morning recess between 3/9 and 3/20 and may have to postpone a little if there's a rain delay.

The goal of the Advisory team activities is to provide an opportunity for every student to participate in a team activity and practice being an encouraging and positive teammate. The teams can sport their Advisory baseball hats and cheer each other on!



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.

Congratulations to our Golf Ball Drop winners:

Closest to the Bear's mouth:

Connie Kritzer

On the Bear's Paw:

Julie Long

Furthest from the Bear's Mouth:

Violet Simon

*We sold \$3500 in golf balls!
Thanks for your support, and
thanks to the fireman from
Station 17 for a fun drop!*

"Being a parent is like folding a fitted sheet. No one really knows how."

Isn't that the truth? Ever feel like you have NO CLUE what you're doing – just winging it and hoping it all comes out okay? Guess what? Everyone feels that way every once in a while! When your child asks one of those really tough questions that you don't know how to answer, when they completely push your buttons and you don't even know where to start your response, when your emotional tank is on empty and the kids need more from you – help with projects, dinner, just attention. How do you do it? You just DO. Parenting isn't an exact science and there most definitely isn't a right way to do it all. We lean on each other, our village, our family, our friends, our God for guidance, strength, help and the knowledge that we are not alone in this journey. When you feel like you don't know what you're doing, just know that there are many others in the same boat – let's just keep rowing together.

Jen Carlson, PTL President