



# BEAR FACTS

Issue 3: September 10, 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We experienced a loss in our Bethany family this week with the death of our beloved Ms. Kim Imes, who taught at Bethany for 29 years.

Ms. Imes was “all in” for Lutheran education, dedicating her entire working career to teaching. She was a wonder and the epitome of a lifelong learner. She earned two Masters degrees including one in Education Technology, an area of particular passion for her.

We will remember her as a faithful colleague with a servant heart as big as Texas, a Chicago Cubs fan, a coach, a “cat mom” and a musical theater aficionado. We will also remember her unabashed love for her Savior and her joy in sharing that love with students and families.

As one friend put it, “she was a master teacher, and now is with THE Master Teacher.” We rejoice that she is home in heaven and that we will see her again.

: *Well done, good and faithful servant.*  
*Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **Sept. 10**-Moms in Prayer-Library-8:30-9:30
- **Sept. 11**-8th Grade DC/NY Meeting-6:30
- **Sept. 15**-Trinity and Troubadour choirs sing 9:30
- **Sept. 16-20**-7th Grade to Catalina
- **Sept. 17**-6th Grade Camp Meeting-6:00
- **Sept. 23-Oct. 4** MAP Testing Grades 2-8
- **Sept. 24**-School Photo Day!
- **Sept. 24**-PTL Meeting 6:30 (in person or Zoom)
- **Sept. 25-27**-5th Grade to Astrocamp
- **Sept. 27**-PTL Potluck Dinner
- **Oct. 6**-K-2 sings 9:30 AM
- **Oct. 10**-Private High School Fair
- **Oct. 11**-Jog-a-thon/Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal



# RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

AddRaise Days are coming soon! September 19 - 20. Get ready for two days of big bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Stock up for fall, get a jumpstart on holiday shopping, or make the most of your household budget.

Things to know:

- Limited time bonuses, September 19 - 20 only
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- An online account is necessary to participate

Plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus - only in the RR mobile app on September 18.

Don't have an account yet? Visit [raiseright.com/enroll](http://raiseright.com/enroll) to sign up and get started today!

To learn more or request the enrollment code, contact Ruth Lopez (see below).

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## “Remem-bear”:

Please watch your speed driving in the parking lot...help us keep our Bethany Bears safe!

## Camp/Outdoor Ed Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings:

8th Grade:	Sept. 11, 6:30	Room 203
6th Grade:	Sept. 17, 6:00	Room 222



## CHAPEL OFFERING

Typically we take a weekly offering during our chapel services that is used to support a charity. These offerings teach our students the importance of using our financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our end of August and September offerings will go to SEEDS Therapy, the organization that we will be partnering with here at Bethany. Our offerings will help this organization offer scholarships to families who cannot afford needed therapy for their children.

Chapel offerings are entirely voluntary, but we encourage you to support this worthy aid organization!

## Jog-a-thon

We're sending home **Jog-a-thon** packets this week! It's time to start getting sponsors for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

The Jog-a-thon supports student camp fees, transportation, PTL events, campus safety improvements, teacher discretionary funds, and SO MUCH MORE!

We use **Pledgestar** as our online donation page...that makes it easy for far-flung friends and relatives to send their support!

Our goal this year is \$100 per student...we can do it, Bethany Bears!



## School Photos

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for absent students, but they will not be in the class photo.

Your picture package is pre-paid with your registration fee. You may also order additional prints.

Students should be in uniform dress for photos.

## Parent Pulse

At Bethany Lutheran School, we seek to constantly evaluate our school from multiple perspectives, all in an effort to make this an even better place for your child and your family. Because the parent perspective is so important to us, we've continued to partner with **ParentPulse**, a company that specializes in collecting feedback for schools.

Starting this week, each parent in our school will receive an invitation every few months to respond to a short survey. These surveys will be staggered – parents will receive the invitations via e-mail or text at different times.

We simply ask that you'd take **five minutes** to complete the survey. Many schools only send one (longer) survey each year, but we want to capture your thoughts and feelings in shorter surveys – and at multiple points over the year – so we can understand how things are evolving and how we can best adapt!

New this year, parents will receive just one survey invitation each cycle – even if they have multiple children enrolled at the school. The survey is now designed to allow parents the option to answer select questions differently for each child, if their experience has differed.

**So, please be on the lookout** for an e-mail or text from ParentPulse. The subject line will clearly identify Bethany Lutheran School.

The information you provide is collected solely for our analysis, and your personal contact information will not be used or shared by ParentPulse. There is also an option at the end of the survey to submit your responses anonymously.

**Thank you for partnering with us in education!**

## Getting to know Mr. Brad Royuk!

**Birthplace:** Knoxville, Tennessee

### **Middle School Memory:**

I tried playing basketball in eighth grade. I remember in one of our practices, we were standing across from each other the width of the gym, practicing long-distance passes. I was paired with Mike, who was the tallest, most buff kid in class, and was already growing a mustache. When he threw the ball at me, it was as if time slowed down - the ball headed right for my face, slowly spinning, and I was sure I could hear it making a noise as it tore through the air. Afraid for my life, I screamed and ducked. The ball hit the wall, and I think I saw some of the paint come off the wall. My coach was disappointed in me. I didn't play in the games much that year, but I was one of the best at cheering for our team. Go Lions!

### **Education:**

K-8 First Lutheran School, Knoxville, TN

9-12 St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, MO

Bachelor's Concordia University, Seward, NE

### **Favorite Bible Verse:**

I love the first sentence of Mark 10:21 - "Jesus looked at him and loved him." It's the story of the rich man who asks Jesus how to get to heaven. Jesus' initial answer is that he should follow all the commandments. The man says that he has done that since he was a boy, and that's when this phrase is written - "Jesus looked at him and loved him." Even though the man was deluded, and perhaps arrogant, and in denial about his addiction to wealth, Jesus loved him. I think it says everything there is to say about Jesus, and it makes me happy to know that in spite of all my faults and errors, Jesus looks at me that way too.

**Lives:** Torrance

**Favorite Hobby:** I love gardening, and I'm excited to be only two years into my time in Southern California, because I'm still learning about all the kinds of plants I can grow here. But my current favorite plants are actually indoor plants: I love begonias! I have a hard time resisting buying them whenever I see them in stores.



Moms in Prayer *invites you* to have a profound impact on your children and their schools, from preschool to young adult.

## **BLS Moms in Prayer**

Weekly meetings begin Tuesday, September 10th

8:30-9:30 am • BLS Library

• Starting in October we join MomCo in the Youth Room every 2nd Tuesday •

Join Bethany moms in praying for our children, staff and school.

Meetings are structured and confidential.

Can't commit weekly? That's ok - come when you can!

*\*earn FISH hours for attending Moms in Prayer in person\**

**"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12**

Questions or prayer requests: contact Julie Long [julieflute@gmail.com](mailto:julieflute@gmail.com)



For information about Moms in Prayer International,  
visit **MomsInPrayer.org**

**Text: GROUPS to 51555**

BETHANY LUTHERAN'S

# International Potluck and Bingo Night

PLEASE JOIN PTL FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD,  
GAMES, AND PRIZES. BRING YOUR APPETITE  
AND YOUR FAVORITE INTERNATIONAL DISH  
TO SHARE.

Please use the QR code to sign up for  
what you would like to bring.

Donations for prizes would be greatly  
appreciated.



7pm-10pm

September 27

Bethany Lutheran Gym

Get ready to eat and play!



# Permanent Impressions

A CHILD SAFETY COMPANY

SEPTEMBER 17th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

*Permanent Impressions* is a Child Safety Company with the most advanced and effective child-safety biometric technology available today. We use state-of-the art encrypted software, designed to assist in an expedited recovery during a lost or abducted child emergency. Our service allows for the immediate transmittal of biometric information to domestic and international authorities, Interpol, FBI, Department of Justice, National Center for Missing Children and other Law Enforcement Organizations.

*Details include:*

## 1. DEDICATED TO THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN THROUGH BIOMETRICS:

Knowing that our children are safe can be a stressful situation, especially when we, the parents/guardians, aren't with them. To expedite an emergency situation, *Permanent Impressions* Multimodal Biometrics Safety Program eases our concerns knowing that our children can be quickly identified, and located through this state-of-the art process. Our highly trained off-duty police officers, court-certified fingerprint/forensic experts and former law enforcement will administer your Child Safety Packet properly, thoroughly and confidentially. (Please go to our website: [www.fingerprintsforlife.com](http://www.fingerprintsforlife.com))

## 2. WHAT IS THE CHILD SAFETY PACKET?

Our Child Safety Packet is the most comprehensive identification process available to families. Administered on site, it includes:

- 10-Print Fingerprint impressions including classifications of all pattern types
- Palm impressions and writer's palms; Foot impressions; Photo and optional personal identifiers
- Facial recognition mapping and measurements including image plotting
- Retinal Scan and Individual Pattern Recognition Identification
- Iris Scans and Pattern Signature Traits

## 3. HOW WE COMPARE TO OTHER PROGRAMS:

We are the most advanced and knowledgeable in this field. Our experienced law enforcement experts are highly trained in all disciplines of forensics and fingerprint analysis. Our Child Safety Packet is superior to other, less complete programs, which offer only a thumbprint on a license-type ID card.

- In an emergency, a thumbprint alone is not sufficient. A full-set of prints and other biometrics are imperative to give the Officer every opportunity to locate the child in any situation.
- Fingerprints are often not properly administered and therefore not searchable through the DOJ or Interpol databases.

Our digital live scan fingerprints are superior to ink prints that other non-law enforcement companies use. Ink prints can break down over time with no visible, individual detail.

## 4. WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you are interested in the *Permanent Impressions* Child Safety Program, please review the enclosed information. Complete the form with all packet choices and return to your child's teacher or school office. Attach payment with the selected amount or call if using a credit card, Zelle or Venmo. On the designated day, *Permanent Impressions* will come to your child's school to complete your child's safety packet. Families do not need to be present to participate so long as a form is submitted. We will give the teacher or administrator the completed packet on the same day, to be sent home.

*Thank you, and we look forward to keeping your family safe!*

# MULTIMODAL BIOMETRICS CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM

*Yearly updates are recommended as children grow and software changes*

*Options marked with “🚓” are highly recommended by law enforcement*

Child's Name:	Cell Phone #
Teacher's Name :	Parent E-Mail:

## Biometric Packet Choices:

<p>🚓 <b>Police Recommended Vaulting</b>-Please mark if you are interested in having your safety packet vaulted and monitored. Fingerprints, iris/retinal scans, and facial recognition can be instantly retrieved and disseminated by law enforcement to all agencies both domestic and international in the event of an emergency, when time is crucial. <b>All safety packets below can be vaulted. Without Vaulting, critical time will be used by law enforcement to convert the raw data and disseminate. Please contact us regarding cost and vaulting options. Vaulting is the best option in an emergency and when time is crucial.</b></p>	<b>Please call for costs and details.</b>	..
<p>🚓 Digital Live Scan USB Credit Card containing child photo, all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Wallet-sized and easy to carry in your purse or wallet and formatted for law enforcement agencies in and outside of the US.</p>	<b>\$86.00</b>	No .. Yes ..
<p>USB Key containing all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Includes photo and personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.</p>	<b>\$82.00</b>	.. No .. Yes
<p>🚓 <b>Iris scanning</b> captures both visible &amp; near-infrared light to take a clear, high contrast picture of the Iris Scan and Facial Recognition.</p> <p>iris. Iris scanning is more common in high-security applications because the eye is so unique with over 200 points of reference for comparison, as opposed to 60 or 70 points in fingerprints. The Iris</p> <p><b>Facial recognition</b> identification. Images will be captured as raw data to be entered and used in an emergency situation where an algorithm will be created from the template. Images will be transferred to a</p>	<b>\$182.00</b>	No .. Yes .. No
<p>🚓 <b>USB drive or added with any of the digital fingerprint packets listed</b></p> <p>Digital Safety ID Bracelet containing child photo, all fingerprint impressions stored electronically within bracelet &amp; accessible within seconds by law enforcement. Ideal for travel in &amp; outside the US and great for theme parks and everyday use for child/parent/guardian.</p> <p>It is recommended to also have a back-up packet administered in the event the bracelet is lost.</p>	<b>\$86.00</b>	.. Yes ..
<p>Travel ID Cards (<b>set of two ink thumbprint impression cards w/out photo</b>)</p>	<b>\$28.00</b>	No .. Yes ..
<p>Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.</p>		..
<p>ID cards are only recommended in addition to a packet with a full set of prints</p> <p>Foot Impressions right and left foot impression (<b>administered w/ink</b>)</p> <p>Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.</p>	<b>\$39.00</b>	No .. Yes
<b>CHECK PAYABLE TO: PERMANENT IMPRESSIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
	<b>\$</b>	No

**Please call if you would like to pay by Zelle, Venmo or credit card.**

**\*All information is confidential with no duplicate copies unless requested by parent/guardian\***



You are cordially invited to attend our 2024-2025 season of:

# Burgess Cotillion

## of Long Beach

Boys and girls will enjoy refreshments, games, and prizes during our 90-minute fun-filled classes of ballroom dancing, etiquette, and manners instruction!



**Burgess Cotillion** is held once a month, on **Monday** evenings, in the **Catalina Room** of **The Grand** at 4101 E. Willow Street in Long Beach. Parents are welcome to observe.

### Our 2024-2025 Season:

September 23, 2024	Harvest Hop - get acquainted dance	Party Dress
October 21	Ghost Gallop - Halloween - guest night	Costume Contest
November 18	Presidential Promenade	Party Dress
December 16	The Snow Ball - Picture Night	Party Dress
January 13, 2025	Boot Scootin' Boogie - guest night	Western attire
February 3	The Hearty Party - Swing Contest	Party Dress
March 10	A Salute to Disney - Guest Night!	Party Dress
April 7	Spring Fling - Waltz contest	Party Dress

### The schedule:

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**Tuition for the 2024-2025 season is \$344. Early registration discount \$309 if paid by September 10th. Single classes are \$50 apiece. Tuition will be prorated for late joiners.**

**\*\*\*Please contact Kristie Burgess: 323.874.7393 to receive an invitation.\*\*\***

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[www.bobbyburgesscotillion.com](http://www.bobbyburgesscotillion.com)

**Burgess Cotillion is conducted by Mr. Bobby Burgess.** Mr. Burgess, a native of Long Beach, was an original Disney Mouseketeer, a ballroom dancer on the Lawrence Welk Show, and an instructor with the legendary Call's Cotillion of Long Beach.

**Teaching manners and social dance to children for over 30 years!!**

**\*\*Face masks are optional for all students and observers.**

**\*\*Girls wear white gloves.**