



BEAR FACTS

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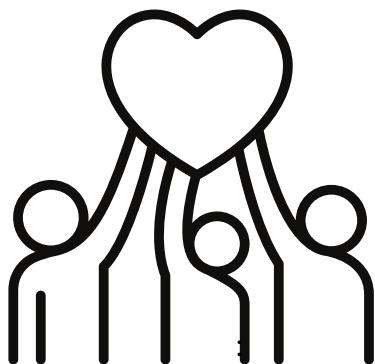
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I read an article once by Ron Reynolds, director of the California Association of Private School Organizations, about why private (or in our case, parochial) schools are successful. The author believes two critical factors surpass all others: community and character.

Mr. Reynolds says most schools work to build a sense of community, but private/parochial schools are a community by definition, because parents, students and staff are choosing to be a part of a school that shares their core values and interests. The best private/parochial schools also have a “tangible sense of character.” They stand for something and it is reflected throughout their school’s activities.

Does Bethany Lutheran School fit this profile? I certainly think so. I think it is reflected in our student goals: Learn. Love. Lead. Serve. We hope these are reflected in everything we do or say here.

We’re so glad you are part of the Bethany community!



*Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **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**-DC Fundraiser Zoom Meeting
- **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
- **Oct. 16-18**-6th Grade Camp
- **Oct. 22**-PTL Meeting 6:30 (in person or Zoom)
- **Oct. 25**-End Quarter 1
- **Oct. 25**-Middle School Dance



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

I asked permission of the top earners to print their names and they all said yes!

I will be starting a monthly Top Earners report to illustrate how much you can earn using the RaiseRight program. It takes a little diligence and planning, but you can use gift cards to pay for almost anything! Once you get in the habit, the earnings start adding up quickly. It doesn't cost you anything extra - you just buy and use gift cards to pay for your purchases. The top earners for August were: (These amounts reflect the 60% that goes towards your rebate.)

Long \$348.12

Fresenius \$216.00

Lopez \$111.22

Reminder: Raise Days are happening this week! Limited time bonuses on eCards and reloads. You will need an online account to participate. Check the RaiseRight app on Wednesday for a sneak peek at what brands are available.



“Remem-bear”:

We are having cooler weather in the morning (whew!) so it's time to make sure all sweaters/sweatshirts/jackets have student names in them! That way they won't end up in Lost and Found!

Camp/Outdoor Ed Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend this mandatory information meeting:

6th Grade: Sept. 17, 6:00 Room 222



CHAPEL OFFERING

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!

**Leading Chapel this week:
Mrs. Morgensen**

Chapel begins at 9:00 AM. Parents, you are always welcome to join us for chapel!

Jog-a-thon

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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES:
“FALL-OWING JESUS”
PUMPKIN DECORATING JAMBOREE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
AT 11 A.M. IN THE GYM

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. SIGN UP TODAY!

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/PUMPKINDECORATING24](https://bit.ly/pumpkindecorating24)

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO ALISSA AT ABREG1@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

Four pumpkins are lined up on a light-colored wooden surface. From left to right: a solid orange pumpkin, a yellow pumpkin, a solid orange pumpkin, and a white pumpkin with orange stripes.

Middle School Corner

This week the 7th graders are taking the classroom to the sea! The 7th grade extra-curricular trip to Catalina Island provides the students with a truly unique learning experience that includes marine biology classes, kayaking, hiking and snorkeling. They always return with amazing stories to share and new knowledge gained. Plus, no white-noise sound machines needed: they will fall asleep to the sound of the Pacific Ocean just outside their cabins! We pray that the Lord blesses their trip!

This year's 8th graders shared the following as some of the highlights from their trip last year:

- Eating algae
- Making plant prints
- The octopus!
- The squid dissection
- An amazing starfish and giant sea slug
- Night snorkeling
- The campfire and skits were unforgettable
- Bonding with each other
- Life changing and one-of-a-kind experiences all week long

We can't wait to welcome back this year's 7th graders and hear their stories!





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



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!



Sunday, October 27

Event Timeline

- 3:30-4pm Preschool Open House
- 4-5pm "Trunk or Treat" in Parking Lot
- 4-7pm Okto-BEAR-fest on the Field
- 4:30-6:30pm Food is Served



Admission to Trunk or Treat
One bag of candy per family
and one canned good

Order Food & Drink by
Sunday, October 20



**FREE Kid's Meal with the
purchase of an Adult Meal**

Adult Meal Includes: Bratwurst w/bun, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Cheese Spaetzle, Pretzel, Water or Lemonade

Kid's Meal Includes: Hot dog w/bun, Chips, Applesauce, Water or Lemonade



Proudly Supporting Our School Communities with the

Families Helping Families Program

Choicelunch partners with communities who want to extend a helping hand



Everyone needs a helping hand every once in a while.

Whether it's dealing with financial hardship or the loss of a job, welcoming a newborn baby home, battling chronic illness or disease, or grieving through unexpected tragedy and loss, every community has families who could use a break.

Taking care of lunch is just one simple way to help out a family with a lot on their plate, and we want to support the families who reach out to help other families through difficult times.

If you know a family who could use a break, help take lunch off their plate.

Choicelunch will match your donation dollar for dollar.

Simply contact our customer support team at
support@choicelunch.com

Our customer support team will assist with transferring funds to the family's account (it takes **less than 1 minute** to complete this). Choicelunch will match your donation dollar for dollar.