



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, surely you have days when you feel like you've repeated directions to your kids AT LEAST a million times. "Don't talk with food in your mouth." "Please make your bed." "Put things away when you're finished with them." We know that messages don't sink in with one telling, don't we?

Our Heavenly Father knows this as well. In Deuteronomy 6:6-9 He reminds us, "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Pretty much covers the whole day, doesn't it? God also knows that we need to be continually reminding our children of His teaching, both in what we say and in what we do. In fact, the Hebrew word translated "impress" implies the idea of sharpening a knife on a whetting stone. It's not something we do just once, but repeatedly.

It's nice to know we're not alone in our task. We have each other and we have God's promise that He will be with us and bless our efforts!

*Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **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
- **Oct. 27**- Oktobearfest and Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 3**-Daylight Savings ends

Part Time Position Available

We have an opening for a part-time caregiver in our EDC program, 3:00-5:30 each school day. This is a great position for a college student who needs gas money!!

Contact Carlota Brown, EDC Director:
edc@bethanylutheran.org or 562-420-7783,
ext. 51.



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- Quince (6%) Sustainable luxury at an affordable price. Shop clothing, furniture, home decor and more.
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“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!

Monthly Awards

This year we are recognizing students who demonstrate growth in Bethany Lutheran's Student Goals to

Learn, Love, Lead, Serve.

This month's award winners are:

McKinley Krol
Kasia Kosinska
Giada Persico
Jacob Levitus
Philip Coutts-Wood
Isaac Albers
Jake Jainoor
Adam Marentez
Robert DeFrance



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.

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

Leading Chapel this week:
Pastor Kyle

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 and to encourage students, we're adding some additional prize opportunities! **For every \$100 raised, students will receive 10 raffle tickets to include in a drawing for one of these prizes:**

- A silly string fight with Pastor Kyle and Mr. Freeman
- A free dress day option
- A credit towards the book fair (we are considering \$25 or \$50)
- Lunch with two friends and your favorite teacher (or your own teacher)

These prizes are in addition to the class ice cream parties, Jump for Joy Day, Handels Ice Cream cards and "Get Air Party" grand prizes! Go Bears!

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 CLOSSES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/PUMPKINDECORATING24](https://bit.ly/pumpkindecorating24)

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO ALISSA AT ABREG@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG



Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran offers team sports as one avenue for building problem-solving strategies, practicing effective communication skills, and exploring and developing God-given gifts. All while getting some exercise!

Sports available for students in grades 5-8

Fall Season: Girls Volleyball and Boys Football

Winter Season: Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball

Spring Season: Girls and Boys Track and Field

·Come cheer on the football and volleyball teams at their next home games!

Volleyball: Tuesday, 9/24 Varsity at 3:30 / JV at 4:30

Volleyball: Thursday, 9/26 Varsity at 3:30 / JV at 4:30

Football: Wednesday, 10/2 at 3:30

Go Bears!



Shoebbox Season is HERE, which means we once again have the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of fun gifts.

Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them to children around the world through churches and other ministry partners in over 100 countries. These local believers tell boys and girls about Jesus Christ - God's Greatest Gift.

Our Bethany students will be packing shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 13. We could use pens, small calculators, fun adhesive bandages, and quality toys like hot-wheels, magnatiles, dolls, and yo-yos. Items can be placed in the OCC boxes in the narthex and school office. If you prefer, you can donate funds to cover the \$10 cost of shipping each box.

Please drop off cash or checks (payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with OCC written on the memo line) to Mrs. Maraley Shaeffer, Financial Administrator. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the packing event, please contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez, or Aleina Aiello.

OCC SHOEBBOXES: GOOD NEWS!! GREAT JOY!!



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.