



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

Hurricanes, flooding, mudslides...the news from our fellow Americans on the east coast has been truly catastrophic. The level of destruction is both unbelievable and heartbreaking.

Disasters like these tend to make us think about our own preparedness. Do you wonder if we are prepared a disaster here at Bethany? The answer is: yes, we are! One of the storage sheds on the playground holds first aid and search/rescue supplies, food, water and other items. Our staff regularly opens the shed to re-stock the supplies and talk through our disaster plan. (You can read our disaster plan in your parent handbook, which is posted online.)

Are you prepared at home, especially for a major earthquake? Here's a great website to get you started: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Finally, are you in need of some spiritual preparedness? Try reading Psalm 46, a reminder of WHO is always prepared and worthy of our trust!

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

P.S. We are supporting hurricane recovery efforts with our chapel offerings, If you would like to make a direct donation, please visit the [Lutheran Church Disaster Relief](#) site.

Coming Up

- **Oct. 15**-Staff vs. Varsity Volleyball game. 3:30
- **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. 26**-Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee
- **Oct. 27**- Oktobearfest and Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 3**-Daylight Savings ends
- **Nov. 7-8**-Parent Teacher Conferences-Minimum Days
- **Nov. 11**-Veteran's Day-No School
- **Nov. 12**-Parent Education Event
- **Nov. 13**-Operation Christmas Child Packing Event

Leading Chapel this week:

Mr. Ryan Fink

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

Bonus Fest continues Oct. 18 - 20; featured brand - GAP (also includes Old Navy, Banana Republic, Athleta)

New Brands:

- Pinkberry Treat yourself to top quality frozen yogurt and 5% earnings. Whether you're craving the original tart frozen yogurt or classic vanilla bean, or trying something new, there's something to satisfy your sweet tooth. Available as eGift cards in \$5 - \$100 amounts.
- Skechers Get style and comfort combined with 6% earnings. Shop new eGift cards in \$15 - \$500 amounts, then find classic and comfy sneakers, boots and sandals and more for the whole family. Plus, shop Skechers online through RaiseRight to earn even more.
- World Market Discover unique, globally inspired furniture, home decor, food and beverages, and more. Available in eGift cards in \$5 - \$500 amounts with 6% earnings.

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Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to thanking veterans for their service and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of student-created thank you cards to arrive just before the Veterans Day holiday.

Important Note In order to keep the list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names/addresses yearly. If you submitted a veteran in previous years, please submit them again. We will only be mailing to those on the 2024 list.

Please complete this form for one veteran at a time.

Please complete this form no later than Friday, October 25th, 2024.

Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevans@bethanylutheran.org with any questions.

Last year, over 80 envelopes full of thank you notes were mailed around the U.S.A. We hope to do that again! Thank you for your help!



Jog-a-thon

A HUGE shout-out to our Jog-a-thon volunteers and their fearless leader, Hope Osborne, for a wonderful event on Friday! Way to go, Bears!!

Jog-a-thon funds are due THIS FRIDAY, October 18!



Who will win??

Staff vs. Varsity Volleyball Match
Tuesday, October 15
3:30 PM-Bethany Gym

Come and cheer us on!

Cooks' Night Out

It's back!!!

Support our 8th graders and their DC trip by dining out with your Bethany family at **SuperMex** next Wednesday!
Watch for a flyer next week!

Middle School Corner

This week, the 6th grade class will enjoy a three-day outdoor educational experience at Thousand Pines Christian Camp in Crestline, CA. The Genesis Account, a Christian program, will provide a counselor who will lead the group in team building, ecology, botany, survival, astronomy, exploring God's creation, and more!

Bethany's educational overnight trips provide opportunities for students to learn outside of the classroom setting, gain confidence through new experiences, and build life-long memories with their classmates. We thank the Lord for these opportunities and ask for His blessings and protection over this week's trip.

"For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17



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

Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebbox 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!!

Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to these winners of our recent Bethany Lutheran School Spelling Bee!



Grades 4-5:

Zion Ruiz-1st Place
Philip Coutts-Wood-2nd Place
Nikki DeFrance-3rd Place

Grades 6-8:

Eric Vega-1st Place
Jacob Murdock-2nd Place
Hailey Avila-3rd Place

Our first and second place winners will go on to compete in the Lutheran Schools Bee later this month! Good luck, Bears!

Help send Bethany 8th Graders to DC and New York!

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

GREENERY ARRIVES THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER!

ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13
AT 3:00 PM ON THE WEBSITE
<https://bit.ly/Wreaths2425>



ORDER ONLINE AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE 8TH GRADER OR SUPPORT THE WHOLE CLASS!



Sunday, October 27

**Preschool Open House
3:30-4:00pm**



**Trunk or Treat
4:00-5:30pm**

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

**Okto-BEAR-fest
4:00-7:00pm**

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



Costume Cornhole Tournament

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OCTOBER

4:00-5:00 PM

Participants arrive at 3:45 PM

**Every team must
include one
Bethany
Lutheran Middle
School student
or teacher.**



Prizes for best costumes and winning team

Bethany Lutheran Parking Lot