



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I love the idea of living our lives "Coram Deo," which means "before the eyes of God." It's a much different posture than "Carpe Diem" ("seize the day!") or "Veni, Vidi, Vici" ("I came, I saw, I conquered.")

Living "Coram Deo" ties so beautifully with Thanksgiving, because living before the eyes of God means acknowledging that all good gifts come from His gracious hand. So in addition to living "Coram Deo," we want to be living "in gratiarum actione" (sure hope Google translate is correct with that Latin phrase!)

When you gather around your Thanksgiving table next week, what will be on your "thank you" list? I'm grateful for my supportive husband and all of my family (especially my adorable granddaughter Joelle!), for the encouragers in my life, for the amazing staff and faculty at Bethany and for each of our school families. I am truly blessed.

Gratefully,
Dr. Fink



COMING UP

- **Nov. 14**-Vision Screening
- **Nov. 14**-Middle School Game Day
- **Nov. 15**-Operation Christmas Child Packing
(no chapel this day...moved to Friday...chapel shirts not required.)
- **Nov. 16**-Student Council Dress-up Day...wear college tshirts/sweatshirts and *jeans*.
- **Nov. 17**-Grandparents' Day-Class begins at 8:30 for all students, wear chapel shirts, minimum day with noon dismissal.
- **Nov. 17**-Middle School Movie Night
- **Nov. 20-24**-Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Dec. 1**-2nd Quarter Progress Reports/Cookie Decorating Event
- **Dec. 4-7**-Christmas Store
- **Dec. 10**-Annual Bethany Christmas Concert, 3:00 and 7:00
- **Dec. 11-15**- Book Fair

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Brege

Parents, you're welcome to join us! Chapel is on Friday!

Cook's Night Out

Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Don't forget your flyer!!

Bethany Lutheran Church is hiring!

Bethany Lutheran Church is seeking a new Congregational Office Administrator and Worship Service Coordinator. This position serves with Bethany's entire ministry team, supports the ministry staff and is accountable to the Senior Pastor and Worship Leadership Team. The primary function of this position is to oversee the general supervision, management, and operation of the church office of Bethany Lutheran.

This servant represents the ministry through a Christian lifestyle, a respect for confidentiality, and a devotion to the goals and objectives of Bethany Lutheran Church and School. As Worship Service Coordinator, this individual will oversee the schedule of worship services, the preparation of worship bulletins and the schedule of those serving in worship leading volunteer positions.

For a complete job description stop by the church office or contact Pastor Kevin Kritzer: kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org



"Remem-bear!"

We have a "dress-up" day on Thursday! Students may wear college t-shirts and sweatshirts to show support for favorite teams/their parents' alma maters/their "dream schools". Students may also wear JEANS on Thursday.

We have Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday. **Classes will begin at 8:30 for all students** and students should wear their chapel shirts and uniform bottoms (no jeans).

Our Wednesday schedule is not changing this week...classes begin at 8:30 for all students, but **chapel shirts are not required** since we are wearing them on Friday.



For November, our offerings will support Operation Christmas Child, providing postage to mail our shoebox gifts!

FISH Hour Opportunities

Watch this space for some upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Operation Christmas Child packing event (Nov. 15)
- Grandparents' Day (Nov. 17)...sign up here: <https://bit.ly/GPDAY23>
- Christmas Store (week of Dec. 4)



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Raise Days are happening this week! Shop the biggest eGift Card bonus event of the year! Take your budget further and earn on all your holiday shopping with 100+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Don't forget to check your RR app on Wednesday for a sneak peek at what brands will be on bonus. Happy shopping and earning!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org
562-420-7783 ext. 58

Middle School Corner

The middle school students recently participated in a morning recess Advisory Team Kickball Tournament to enjoy an opportunity to get to know each other better. Congratulations to the Blue Raspberry Twix on their first place finish!



Bethany Lutheran Spirit Wear Fundraiser

Orders due Wednesday, 11/15!
(Turn into teacher or school office)

Red T-shirt (\$15)

Indicate quantity:



- ___ 2T
- ___ 3T
- ___ 4T
- ___ Youth Extra Small
- ___ Youth Small
- ___ Youth Medium
- ___ Youth Large
- ___ Youth Extra Large

- ___ Adult Small
- ___ Adult Medium
- ___ Adult Large
- ___ Adult Extra Large
- ___ Adult 2XL
- ___ Adult 3X

Blue T-shirt (\$15)

Indicate quantity:



- ___ 2T
- ___ 3T
- ___ 4T
- ___ Youth Extra Small
- ___ Youth Small
- ___ Youth Medium
- ___ Youth Large
- ___ Youth Extra Large

- ___ Adult Small
- ___ Adult Medium
- ___ Adult Large
- ___ Adult Extra Large
- ___ Adult 2XL
- ___ Adult 3XL

Total cost for t-shirts:

Red T-shirts-\$_____

Blue T-shirts-\$_____

GRAND TOTAL-\$_____

☐ I understand this order will be charged to my
FACTS account.



Student First and Last Name:

Parent Signature:

Teacher Name/Grade:

Date:

* All sales are final * This fundraiser supports
the 8th grade trip to DC/NY

Join the Running Club!

Available for all Bethany Lutheran Students Grades K-5



This running club will be fun for all ages and capabilities! No experience is required! Your student will be given the tools to become a better runner among various other skills. Students will learn running strategies and play games together to work on endurance, speed and strength.

Practices are Wednesdays after school from **3:15-4:00 on The Bethany Lutheran Field.**

Class Dates: November 15th, 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Cost: \$5

If your child is interested and would like to sign up please email or text **Hope Osborn: 713-725-5286**

Sarahhopeosborn@gmail.com

Also, if you would like to be a parent volunteer and watch or help, that is welcome also.



-Bethany Lutheran Family Ministry-

Christmas Cookie Decorating. Devotion & Photos with Santa!



All are welcome!

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:00- 8:00 P.M. in the Gym

Registration Deadline:

Monday, November 27th

<https://bit.ly/christmascookies23>





Thank you for participating in our

Bethany Lutheran Spirit Day!

People like you make our community a great place to live...and to learn!

Please stop by Chick-fil-A in Lakewood and present this card when you purchase your meal to support our program and provide a better future for our Students!

Based on the Days sales from our families, Chick-fil-A will make a donation to our programs!!

Again, THANK YOU!

VALID @ LAKEWOOD Chick-fil-A ONLY

Valid only, Wed. Nov. 15th, 2023

6:30AM-9PM

Chick-fil-A is closed on Sundays

Mobile Order? Give receipt to team member for credit!!



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