



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week our teaching staff attended the Lutheran Educator's Conference. This annual conference includes nearly 1000 educators from Lutheran schools in California, Arizona, Nevada and even Hawaii. (In fact, the teachers from the Lutheran school in Maui, a group we supported with our chapel offerings in August/September, were there! It was great to have the chance to encourage them as they continue to serve the victims of the fires.)

The conference is a balance of worship, fellowship and professional development. It's also a reminder that Bethany Lutheran School is part of something much bigger than just our campus, a great encouragement.

Our faculty members attended keynotes and PD sessions to grow in their professional practice...here are some examples:

- This is Your Brain on Music
- The Power of Awareness
- Deep Listening
- Digital Storytelling: Using Tech for Good
- Supporting the Wholistic Development of Students
- Building Effective Readers in the Middle Grades
- Early Literacy and the Science of Reading
- Contest Math
- School Expansion and the Micro Movement

Lifelong learning matters....for teachers (and principals!) too!

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Nov. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Dec. 1**-2nd Quarter Progress Reports/Cookie Decorating Event
- **Dec. 4-7**-Christmas Store
- **Dec. 6**-Cook's Night Out-CPK
- **Dec. 7**-PJ Dress-up Day!
- **Dec. 5**-K-2 Sparklers
- **Dec. 10**-Annual Bethany Christmas Concert, 3:00 and 7:00
- **Dec. 10-17**- Book Fair
- **Dec. 12**-Middle School Game Day
- **Dec. 15**-K-2 Christmas Program, 9:00 and 6:30
- **Dec. 22**-Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal
- **Jan. 8**-School resumes
- **Jan. 12**-Middle School Movie Night

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Moorman and guest speaker Ryan Fink from Crean Lutheran High.

Parents, you're welcome to join us! !

Cook's Night Out

Our next Cook's Night Out is next week:
CPK on December 6!

Watch for a flyer next week!

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

Monthly Awards

For November, we are recognizing students who are **connected to the loving** by lifting up others with the love of Christ. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these **Loving** students:

Anya Baca, Hazel Gagne, Madeline Abdo, Avi Daniel, Nikki DeFrance, Riley Osborn, Emilee Torres, Julia Tec and Bryson Edwards



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

FISH Hour Opportunities



WE'RE RECRUITING ELVES!!!
Christmas Store next week: [Sign up here.](#)





Formerly ShopWithScrip

Dazzle Days are happening now through December 8 with 75+ brands on bonus. Take your holiday spending further while earning a rebate for what matters to you - tuition rebate, youth account, SSP or general ministry (Bethany kitchen facelift). Shop bonuses on brands for all your holiday shopping and gift giving. Check the RaiseRight app daily for special one-day flash bonuses - also revealed in your email and on Facebook. The best part is that these bonuses are for all types of cards - physical as well as eCards! Take advantage of these bonuses while they last!

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Middle School Corner

Today, the middle school students enjoyed a unique field trip experience at the movie theater! The Journey to Bethlehem movie proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Savior sent in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies; however, the movie also takes cinematic liberties that stray from the biblical account of Jesus's birth. For example, King Herod's son plays a major role in the movie that does not align with the biblical account of Jesus's birth.

We believe this field trip provides students with the opportunity to do some critical thinking about the truth of Scripture, the role of the entertainment industry, and the intersection of the two in this modern age.

After viewing the movie, students will spend time during the month of December to read and study the Gospel accounts of Jesus's birth in order to analyze and discuss the similarities and differences between the Bible and the movie.

BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC MINISTRY

presents

Joy to the *World*

Noah Freeman, director

Kevin Bowers, accompanist / Robert Bottoms, organist

52nd Annual Christmas Concerts

*featuring the choirs & ensembles of
Bethany Lutheran Church & School*

December 10, 2023 | 3:00pm & 7:00pm

4644 Clark Avenue, Long Beach, CA



THE CLOTHING OF THE KING MID-WEEK ADVENT SERIES at Bethany Lutheran Church

Every morning, the sun rises, alarm clocks sound, foggy eyes open, and then, at some point, we get dressed. Socks, underwear, pants, shirts, and shoes: we don clothing that rightly corresponds to our vocations, our culture, and even the weather outside. Our clothing serves as the marker that sets us apart as a species and as an indicator of societal and individual values and traits.

As Mark Twain once said, “Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.” Twain may have been right on that first part, but his statement excludes the first naked people in history, Adam and Eve.

The biblical authors use both metaphorical and actual descriptions of priestly and royal garments to point us to the one true Priest and King, Jesus. And it’s this King, first wrapped in the rags of a swaddle, who then hangs naked on the cross in order to clothe us in the riches of his righteousness.

You are welcome to join us for mid-week Advent Worship here at Bethany:

December 6th at 6:30 PM in Bethany’s Sanctuary: “The Foretaste of Fashion”

December 13th at 6:30 PM in Bethany’s Sanctuary: “An Envious Style”

December 20th at 6:30 PM in Bethany’s Sanctuary: “Clothed in Conviction”



If you’d like a downloadable daily Advent devotional of this series, go to www.1517.org/advent.