



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Do you ever get a song stuck in your head? (I read once that those are called "earworms!") Sometimes it's annoying, but sometimes it's a blessing. Right now I have this hymn in my head:

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

This old hymn reminds me of the importance of trust, and the importance of teaching our children to place their trust in the Lord.

To be sure, it is the Holy Spirit that plants faith in our hearts, but we, as Christian parents, have the responsibility-and the joy!- of tilling the soil of our children's hearts.

When parents first enroll their children here, I often hear that they need help and encouragement for this task. And it's always a joy for me to tell them that's what we're all about.

*Trusting in Him,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Mar. 19**-Battle of the Books
- **Mar. 22**-End Quarter 3
Bethany Golf Tourney
- **Mar. 24**-Palm Sunday
Trinity-8:00, Troubadour-9:30
Eggstravaganza EggHunt
- **Mar. 26**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 27-28** Minimum Days-
Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Mar. 29**-Good Friday-No
School
- **Mar. 31-HE IS RISEN!**
- **Apr. 1-5**- Easter Break
- **Apr. 14**-Family Ministry Skating
Event
- **Apr. 19**-Spring Musical
- **Apr. 28**-8th Grade DC/NY trip
begins
- **May 3**-Minimum Day

Leading chapel this week:

Pastor Kritzer

Parents, you are always welcome
to join us at 9:00 AM.



Monthly Awards

For March, we are recognizing students who are **Connected to Creation** by caring for God's creation with wonder and awe.

*"O Lord, how manifold are your works! IN wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."
Psalm 104.24*

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these students who are **Connected to Creation**:

Decklyn Cook, Jane DeVreese, Myra Essoe, Ivy Osborn, Karlie Kacoullas, Mia Gorne, Sebastian Zingler, Hailey Avila and Jaiden Beatty.

Tech Tip

One of the tips from our friends at PYE is to model good digital behavior for our children. An article we read recently puts a "spin" on that idea, because digital tools do make our lives easier and CAN be used to serve our neighbor as Jesus calls us to do, however:

*"Unlike picking up a piece of trash or holding the door open for someone who is carrying groceries, to a kid watching a parent [on their phone] all actions look the same. Whether we're checking email, playing a game, or doing acts of service online, to the observer [we are just "on our phone."] This may not be helpful for modeling good digital behavior.

A simple solution is to learn to be overt about modeling good digital behavior. For example we might take a moment to tell our kids what we are doing..."I'll be right there, I'm arranging a ride to help a neighbor get to her doctor's appointment tomorrow". When possible, we can involve them in our digital acts of kindness and service too; "I'm posting an invitation on Facebook to promote the blood drive next week - how does it look?"

Modeling good digital behavior in this way can help shape our children's responsible use in the future.

**<https://familycenter.meta.com/education/resources/how-parents-can-model-good-digital-behaviors/>*



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Easter/Spring Break is just around the corner! Use gift cards to buy your Easter basket goodies or put gift cards in the basket for your preteens/teens. Target, Walmart, and Amazon are great options for shopping for your Easter goodies. Starbucks, Bath and Body, ULTA, Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, and many fast-food options are good choices for teen baskets. Happy Easter!

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Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students will be leading a special chapel service on Wednesday, April 27th. "The Way of the Cross" follows Jesus through Holy Week and his journey to the cross for us.

Guests/parents are welcome to join the 9:00 AM group which starts at the lunch tables and takes a guided walk around campus while visiting stations from Palm Sunday through Christ's victorious resurrection.

"It's hard to believe isn't it? First a hero in a parade and in a few short days a man hated by all and punished unjustly...for you and me. Let's take a walk down the way Jesus took for us...THE WAY OF THE CROSS."





BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Congratulations to Bethany's Battle of the Books team "Bethany's Apprentice!" They took 6th place out of 13 teams at today's Battle of the Books at St. John Lutheran-Orange. Collectively, this team read all 18 assigned books and nearly 5000 pages!

Team members: Abby Rosas, Aaron Castellanos, Lily Craft, Liam Quitariano, Demi Abdo, Harper Lee, Jeffrey Craft and Caitlin Chung. Coach: Miss Sam Root



Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 24th

8:00 & 9:30AM at Bethany Lutheran
11:00AM at Holy Cross

Maundy Thursday – March 28

6:30PM at Bethany Lutheran

Good Friday – March 29

12:00PM at Holy Cross
6:30PM at Bethany Lutheran

Easter Sunday – March 31

8:00 & 9:30AM at Bethany Lutheran
11:00AM at Holy Cross