



From the Principal

Hang on, folks! It's December! Is your calendar filling up like mine? Is the to-do (or to-buy, or to-plan) list growing by the minute? Does your calendar and endless list-making put you in panic mode?

I am guilty of all of the above, as well as the temptation to let the world-inspired pressures of the season take over my celebration of the Savior's birth.

When this realization sinks in, I know I need to slow down, simplify, take stock, repent and return to the manger, where I will find full forgiveness and perfect peace.

My prayers are with all our Bethany families during this busy season, as we endeavor to keep Christ in our Christmas!

*Journeying to the manger with you,
Dr. Fink*

P.S. They add to the calendar, but they help us to "Focus on Jesus": you are welcome to join us here at Bethany for our evening Advent services on Wednesdays Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 PM.



Coming Up

- **Dec. 2-6**-PTL Christmas Store
- **Dec. 6**-Family Ministry Christmas Cookie Decorating Event
- **Dec. 8-13** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Dec. 15**-Annual Bethany Christmas Concerts
- **Dec. 18**-Middle School Advent Service
- **Dec. 20**-Minimum Day/Noon dismissal
- **Dec. 23-Jan. 3**-Christmas Break
- **Jan. 6**-School resumes
- **Jan. 7**-Vision Screening
- **Jan. 17**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 20**-No school-Martin Luther King Holiday
- **Jan. 26-31**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 31**-Talent Show! 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 3-14**-MAP Testing
- **Feb. 14**-Minimum Day-noon dismissal
- **Feb. 17**-No school-Presidents' Day

Leading chapel this week:

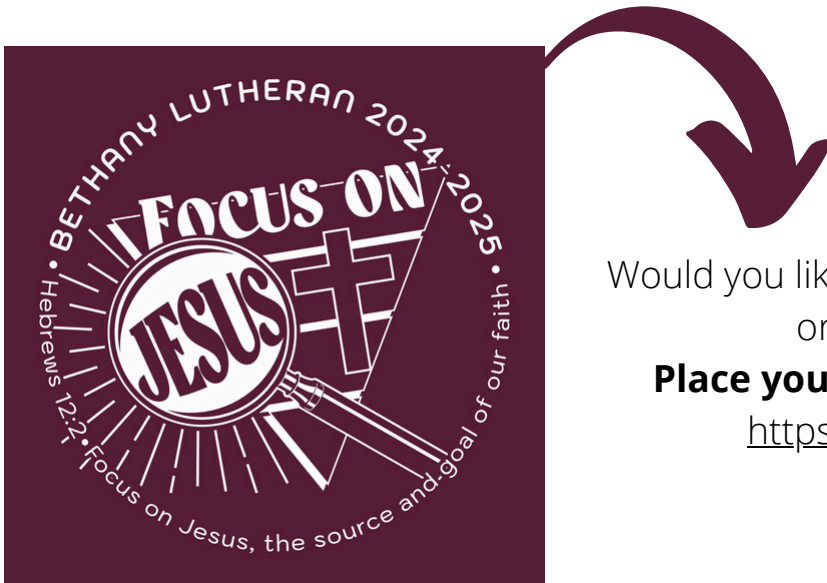
Mrs. Lange

Parents, you are welcome to join us at 9:00 in the church.

Dazzle Days are in full swing, now through December 13. Shop bonuses on 150+ brands. Bonuses are good on both eCards and physical cards. Take your holiday budget further and earn even more on popular brands for holiday shopping. Watch your email and Facebook for daily flash bonuses too!

Jingle all the way to extra earnings with this pro tip: Shop online through RaiseRight AND use gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your online purchase. You can earn both ways at once!

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Would you like one of our school theme tshirts or hooded sweatshirts?

Place your order here by December 8:

<https://bit.ly/BLSFocusOnJesus>

Middle School Corner

Parents, You are invited to check out this week's Food for Thought article, "[When Your Teen Faces a Tough Time, Lead With Compassion Instead of Empathy.](#)"

*"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made"
Psalm 145:8-9*

Volunteer Opportunity

We need more ELVES!! Parents, can you lend a hand?

December 3-5: PTL Christmas Store

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/Elves2024>

THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers for Grandparents Day and to Jen Dicecca for organizing a wonderful experience for our guests!

God hears our prayers!

Join other Bethany moms at Moms in Prayer as we offer God our PRAISE, silent CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION for our own children, and prayers for STUDENTS, TEACHERS/STAFF and SCHOOL CONCERNS.

We meet on Tuesdays in the Youth Room from 8:30-9:30am. Parents and students are welcome to leave prayer requests in the boxes at EDC, the preschool, and in the school office. Come weekly or occasionally. (You can even earn FISH hours!) If you'd like to learn more about this international prayer group, check out momsinprayer.org.

*"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise."
James 5:13*

Chapel Offerings

This month our chapel offerings will go to [Lutheran Social Services](#), the same ministry where our Christmas hygiene kits will go!

Lutheran Social Services operates a food pantry on Pine Avenue in downtown Long Beach and provides so many more services to people in need all over Southern California.



Bethany Lutheran

HYGIENE KITS



PARTNERING WITH LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES TO BLESS THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS SEASON



PLEASE BRING THE ITEMS ASSIGNED TO YOUR CLASS:

- KINDERGARTEN- WASHCLOTHS
- 1ST- HAND SANITIZER
- 2ND- BAR OF SOAP
- 3RD- TRAVEL SIZE SHAMPOO
- 4TH- TRAVEL SIZE CONDITIONER
- 5TH- GALLON SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS
- 6TH- TOOTHPASTE
- 7TH- TOOTHBRUSHES
- 8TH- HANDSANITIZER

BRING TO THE YOUTH CENTER ENTRYWAY
BETWEEN DECEMBER 2-16, 2024

QUESTIONS? PLEASE REACH OUT TO
YOUR BLS STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES OR ALISSA BREGE

BETHANY LUTHERAN FAMILY MINISTRIES

A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

06
DECEMBER

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS
COOKIE DECORATING, SIPPING COCOA, A
DEVOTION, AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA
IN THE BETHANY LUTHERAN
GYM AT 6:00 P.M.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND
CLOSES ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 2ND AT MIDNIGHT.
[HTTP://BITLY/BLCOOKIES2024](http://bitly/blcookies2024)
QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALISSA BREGE-
[ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:abrege@bethanylutheran.org)

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

Bethany Lutheran 8th Graders

DATE & TIME:

December 04, 2024 from 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

LOCATION:

**4634 Candlewood St., Lakewood, CA 90712
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