



# BEAR FACTS

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## From the Principal

Will you have guests in your home for Christmas? We will, and we're looking forward to it! My house and my heart will be full as we get ready to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

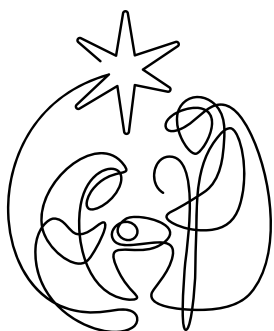
A line from an old Christmas carol based on a poem by Christina Rossetti has been ringing in my head these past couple of days. I hope it touches your heart and reminds you of the Reason for the season:

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love shall be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and to all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.



*Merry Christmas to my Bethany family,  
Dr. Fink*

## Coming Up

- **Dec. 18**-Middle School Advent Service, 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- **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:

### Middle School

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

Wrap up your holiday shopping with bonuses on eGift cards - the perfect last-minute gift! Now through December 23. On the RaiseRight app or the website you can choose the option to “send as a gift by email”. You can send right away or schedule delivery for a future date. OR save to print and deliver it personally. We have lots of cards on hand in the school office as well.

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## Middle School Corner

The middle school students are excited to share Christmas at the Beach, an Advent service, with you tomorrow.

### **Bethany Lutheran Church**

**9:00 AM Chapel Service**

**6:30 PM Advent Service**

Students need to arrive between 5:45-6:00 PM in the evening and report to their homeroom classrooms. Thank you!



### **“Remem-bear”:**

- Missing a jacket/sweatshirt/lunch bag/water bottle? Check the lost and found cart by Dec. 20! We will be donating the leftover items over Christmas break!
- Students may wear Christmas sweatshirts/sweaters/hats, etc. on December 20. (Jeans are ok, too!)
- The school office will be open 9-1 on the following days during Christmas break: Dec. 23, 27, 30, 31 and Jan. 2

### **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.



# 12 Christmas PRAYERS

## Joy

May the joy  
of Christ be felt  
through us. **Luke 1:44**

## FAITH

Increase our faith so we fully trust in  
Your promises. **Matthew 1:24**

## LIGHT

May the light of Christ  
shine from within us.  
**Isaiah 9:2**

## PROMISE

Thank you for the promise  
of eternal life through Jesus.  
**John 3:16**

## SIMPLICITY

You came as  
a baby in a manger,  
help us find value  
in the simple things.  
**Luke 2:7**

## GENEROSITY

Show us what gifts we have  
to offer and help us  
give them generously.  
**Matthew 2:11**

## TOGETHERNESS

Thank you that the gift  
of Jesus makes us one family  
together in Christ. **John 1:12**

## LOVE

Help us see ways to turn  
love into action this Christmas.  
**Matthew 25:40**

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ  
cover the busyness  
of this season.  
**Isaiah 9:6**

## GRATITUDE

Thank you for all of our blessings,  
not just the gifts under the tree.  
**Luke 1:49**

## OBEDIENCE

Help us to be obedient  
to You even when we  
don't fully understand.  
**Luke 1:38**

## HOPEFULNESS

Fill us with hope for  
the coming of our savior,  
Jesus Christ. **Daniel 2:44**

AMEN!

ST. MARY'S LOW VISION CENTER  
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Vision Evaluation Authorization Form

Location: BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Date: TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025 Time: 8:30am

Do you know how your child sees?

Everything looks right to a child, and children often cannot tell if anything is wrong with their vision.

The incidence of eye problems increases at each grade level in school.

1 in 4 children has a vision problem.

SCREENINGS TO BE PERFORMED:

We use the latest technology, the Titmus II Vision Screening equipment, to evaluate:

1. Binocularity Levels
2. Color Perception
3. Farsightedness
4. Distance Visual Acuity

The test takes just a few minutes and is non-invasive. Test results will be sent home with each student!

WHO WILL CONDUCT THE SCREENING?

The screening will be performed by the staff of the St. Mary Low Vision Center.

PLEASE NOTE:

**We need the signed consent form to be returned to the student's teacher PRIOR to the screening date.**

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WITH GLASSES OR CONTACT LENSES WEAR THEM TO THE SCREENING.

SCHOOL NAME: BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL DATE: TUESDAY 1/7/25 TIME: 8:30AM

STUDENT NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN HOME PHONE # / CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE GRADE K / 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8

**THE EVALUATION IS PROVIDED AT NO COST TO YOU OR THE SCHOOL!**

# NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

# DRESS UP DAYS

GRADES K-8

JANUARY

**27**

MONDAY

## NEON DAY

COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR BRIGHTEST OUTFIT. SHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS - THE BRIGHTER THE BETTER!

JANUARY

**28**

TUESDAY

## WESTERN DAY

EMBRACE THE RUGGED, OUTDOORSY STYLE OF THE WILD WEST. BREAK OUT YOUR JEANS, COWBOY HATS, AND BOOTS.

JANUARY

**29**

WEDNESDAY

## DRESS TO IMPRESS

WOW YOUR CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS BY WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST.

JANUARY

**30**

THURSDAY

## WACKY TACKY DAY

FORGO ALL FASHION RULES! BRING ON THE MISMATCHED CLOTHES.

JANUARY

**31**

FRIDAY

## SPORTS DAY

WHICH TEAM DO YOU ROOT FOR? WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY OR SPORTS APPAREL.

DRESS UP DAYS ARE OPTIONAL. IF YOU CHOOSE TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN A THEME DRESS UP DAY, YOU MUST WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM. ALL CLOTHING MUST FOLLOW DRESS CODE.