



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

One attribute and value I'm sure we all hope to instill in our children is *integrity*. A person of integrity is honest and self aware, consistent and dependable, trustworthy and selfless. A daunting list, to be sure (and we're all certainly a work-in-progress), but an article published in the journal *Lutheran Education* tied the notion of *integrity* to the phrase "to do the best I can with what I've got."

Isn't that a great motto? To do our best with what we've "got": brains, brawn, finances, futures, talents, to-do lists. It seems like the world could use more people with *integrity*, doesn't it?

Yes, we're a work in progress. Thankfully, our God promises to refine us daily and help us to become His people of integrity:

"...Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us..to purify for himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good."

Titus 2:14

*Also a work-in-progress,
Dr. Fink*

We're hiring...

Bethany Lutheran Church and School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director of Finance and Operations. This position will oversee the financial and human resources responsibilities of our organization for both the church and the school, along with overseeing some of our operational functions. This is a full-time benefitted position with an anticipated start date in late Spring 2025. A full job description is available here: <https://bit.ly/BethanyDPO>. If you are interested in this position please submit your name, email address, and a brief summary of your qualifications to jobs@bethanylutheran.org.

Coming Up

- **March 18**-PTL Meeting
- **March 21**-End Quarter 3
PTL Dance Party-2:30
- **March 24-28 SPRING BREAK**
- **April 2**-Cook's Night Out at The Stand
- **April 3-4**-Minimum Days-Parent Teacher Conferences
- **April 13**-Palm Sunday-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 9:30
- **April 18**-Good Friday-No School
- **April 20-EASTER!!**
- **April 21**-Easter Monday-No School
- **April 22-25**-Health and Wellness Week
- **April 27**-Confirmation Sunday
- **May 2**-Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal
- **May 2**-Middle School Dance

Leading chapel this week:

Student Council

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



Last two weeks to earn big before the end of the rebate period. Be sure to use gift cards for all your Spring Break purchases. Whether you are traveling, staying home or working on home improvement projects, RaiseRight has gift cards for all your needs: ARCO, Dave & Busters, Top Golf, AMC, Disney, Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware, Wayfair and so much more!

Reminder: the minimum rebate that will be applied is \$25 (According to your earnings on RR from April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025, the total rebate must be \$42 or more to make the \$25 minimum / 60% of 42 is 25.20). If your earnings are less than that amount, the rebate will be absorbed back into the Scrip program.

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org

Middle School Corner

As part of our recent Fine Arts Fair, the middle school students used Canva to create Psalms Songs. The students selected a Psalm that was meaningful to them and used Canva to create a presentation that combined the words of the Psalm with music. For the majority of the students, this was their first experience using Canva, and they learned many new skills within the program. The final products are as unique and special as the students who created them!

[Click here to enjoy the students' creations!](#)

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 ESV

Monthly Award Winners

This year we are recognizing students who demonstrate growth in
Bethany Lutheran's Student Goals to
Learn, Love, Lead, Serve.

This month's award winners are:
**Isabella Sanchez, Olivia Joanes, Kennedy Pringle, Theo Zingler,
Scarlett Kremer, Nicholas Padilla, Vivian Wells,
Ethan Lo and Hailey Avila**

EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

BETHANY
LUTHERAN

EGG HUNT,
CRAFTS, SNACKS & DEVOTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
11:00 A.M.

WE ARE MEETING IN THE GYM.
THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

PLEASE RSVP BY
TUESDAY, 4/8
SO THAT WE PREPARE FOR THE
CORRECT AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO ALISSA
ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

TAKE ME OUT TO THE ANGELS GAME WITH BETHANY LUTHERAN

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025
1:07 P.M. GAME TIME
AT ANGEL STADIUM
TICKETS ARE LIMITED
COST: \$20 PER TICKET

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/BLCBASEBALL25](https://bit.ly/blcbaseball25)



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See's at Bethany Lutheran

HOP INTO SPRING WITH US!
ORDER DELICIOUS TREATS THAT EVERYONE WILL
ENJOY!

Dear Parents and Friends:

We are excited to begin our See's Candies Spring Service!

Let us help you bring Easter blessings to
friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers.

By ordering through our students you help out our
program here at Bethany Lutheran in our
Preschool and K-8 grade classes!

**ALL IN PERSON ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 2ND
PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS!
ONLINE SHOPPING WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT
ON APRIL 4TH**

SHOP HERE



**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
BETHANY LUTHERAN PTL**

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEK!

The Easy VBS®



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4644 CLARK AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808

JUNE 23-27, 2025, 8:30A.M.-NOON

THIS **FREE** VBS IS FOR AGES
3 YEARS OLD AND POTTY-TRAINED THROUGH ENTERING 6TH
GRADE.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
APRIL 13TH THRU JUNE 20TH

Bethany Lutheran School 2025-2026 School Calendar

August 20 and 24	Family Classroom Visits
August 26 (Tuesday)	Opening Day, Minimum Day
September 1	Labor Day (No School, No EDC)
September 15-19	7 th Grade to Catalina camp
September 26 (Friday)	1st Quarter Progress Reports
September 22-October 3	MAP Testing
September 24-26	5 th Grade to Astrocamp
October 10	Jog-a-thon
October TBD	6 th Grade Camp
October 24 (Friday)	End of 1st Quarter (43 days)
October 31	Minimum Day; Faculty In-service
November 6-7 (Thursday and Friday).....	Minimum Days/PT Conferences
November 11 (Tuesday)	Veterans Day Holiday (No School, No EDC)
November 21	Grandparents' Day/Minimum Day
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Vacation (No School, No EDC)
December 5 (Friday)	2nd Quarter Progress Reports
December 19 (Friday)	Final Day of 2025-Minimum Day
December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Break (No school, No EDC)
January 5 (Monday)	1st school day in 2026
January 16 (Friday)	End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)
January 19 (Monday)	MLK Jr. Day (No School, No EDC)
January 23 (Friday)	2 nd Quarter Report Cards go home
February 2-13.....	MAP Testing
February 13 (Friday).....	Presidents' Day holiday (No School, No EDC)
February 16 (Monday)	Presidents' Day (No School, No EDC)
February 20 (Friday).....	3 rd Quarter Progress Reports
March 20.....	End of 3 rd Quarter (43 days)
March 26-27 (Thursday-Friday).....	Minimum Days/PT Conferences
April 3	Good Friday (No School, No EDC)
April 6-10.....	Easter Break (No School, No EDC)
May 1 (Friday).....	4 th Quarter Progress Reports
May 1 (Friday).....	Minimum Day, Faculty In service
May TBD.....	8 th Grade DC Trip
May 4-15	MAP Testing
May 20-21	4 th Grade Sacramento Trip
May 25 Monday)	Memorial Day (No School, No EDC)
May 31 (Sunday).....	8 th Grade Graduation, 4:00 p.m.
June 4 (Thursday).....	Closing Day
June 4 (Thursday).....	End of 4th Quarter (46 days)

Note:

- School is dismissed at noon on minimum days and EDC is available.

176 school days