



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

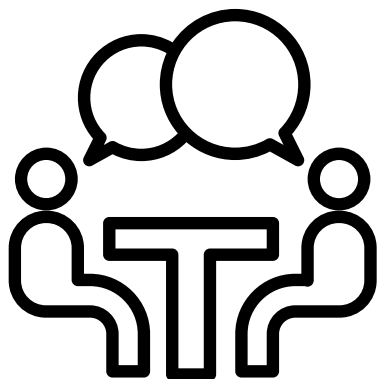
Most of you will be meeting with your children's teachers this week to discuss both academic and developmental progress. I pray your conferences will further strengthen your team relationship and give insight into your children's learning.

It's easy to make the conference all about the grades on the report card, but it can be so much more! Some questions to consider before your conference:

- What is your child doing well and how can you encourage it at home?
- How is your child doing socially? Does he/she have healthy relationships with peers?
- How about your child's spiritual development? Do you have any questions/insights for the teacher?
- Do you have any questions about upcoming projects/tests? Is there something you especially appreciate about your child's teacher? Let them know!

Blessings on your conversations!

Dr. Fink



*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess. 5:11*

Coming Up

- **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
- **May 5-12** MAP Testing
- **May 11** K-2 sings 9:30
- **May 14**-5th Grade State Event
- **May 16-23** 8th Grade DC/NY trip
- **May 21-23** 4th Grade Sacramento trip

Leading chapel this week:

Bonnie Hicks
LuTEC High School

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



New season, new earnings. Spring is a great time to get organized while you earn. Whether it's a closet update, maintenance around the house, or a project you've been saving for warmer weather - earn with every purchase. Lots of choices for your spring projects - Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart, HomeGoods, Container Store and so much more!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
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Middle School Corner

It's time for track season! Bethany students in 5th - 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in our track program. The track season is the perfect time for a student to try something new, build upon previously learned skills, and use his/her God-given gifts and talents to glorify God. The students will participate in many different events including: 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 meter dash, long jump, shot put and jr javelin. The track team participates in three off-campus track meets. Good luck, Bethany Bears!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-3

Battle of the Books Team

Congratulations to our 2025 Battle of the Books team who took 5th place against other 13 other Lutheran school teams last week. (They missed 4th place by only 3 points!)

Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program that has been used in school nationwide for more than 70 years. Throughout the year, these students read and studied 17 books to prep for the battle!

Brendan Alonzo, Isaiah Becerra, Caitlin Chung, Philip Coutts-Wood, Jeffrey Craft, Aviana Daniel, Nikki DeFrance, Sebastian Guzman, Harper Lee, Ure Ndubizu, Donnie Norman and Lana Quitoriano.

We're hiring...

Kindergarten Teacher

Pastor and Mrs. Blake have accepted positions in Texas for next year. We will miss both of them TERRIBLY, but we know they will be blessings to Concordia High School in Tomball and Trinity Lutheran School in Klein.

God has continually blessed Bethany with amazing teachers, and we know He is already preparing the heart of our next Kindergarten teacher. We have started the search process and are collecting names and resumes:

Position Description:

Teach full-day Kindergarten, providing a classroom environment that is Christ-centered, engaging and developmentally appropriate. Develop strong relationships with TK teachers and students/families to build a smooth transition from preschool to K-8 school.

Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills, the desire to work cooperatively with team-mates (including a full-day aide) and a whole-parish understanding of ministry. Teaching credential a must. A LCMS-rostered teacher is preferred.

Contact: Principal Mary Fink mfink@bethanylutheran.org

Director of Finance and Operations

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.



Ready for some fun in the sun?
Bethany offers summer camp
for students entering Grades
K-5...[sign up here](#) by April 25!



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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, 8:30 A.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