



# BEAR FACTS

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## From the Principal

### Bethany Reads The Gospel

This week, grades Kindergarten through 8th will be blessed to read the children's book Jesus Calling: Easter Prayers written by Sarah Young and illustrated by Katya Longhi and Kristen Humphrey. A Thrivent Financial grant was used to purchase a copy of this wonderful book for every classroom, including our preschool classrooms. The book follows Jesus through Holy Week and provides a short, meaningful prayer for the week's main events, including Easter morning: "Dear Jesus, nothing can stop You- not even death. You are God's Son, and You will live forever. Amen."

Your student's class spent time in this book in their classroom this week and then wrote their own Easter prayers. Please check your student's backpack/folder this week for their Easter prayers sheet and ask them about the Gospel story.

The Thrivent grant also covered 14 additional copies of the book to be raffled off to our own Bethany families. Congratulations to these students and their families:

**Holden Henry, Wiley Toten, Joey Briles, Kumari Fulliove, Gia Vazquez, Joshua Soto, Blake Lee, Bowie Brady, Lizzy Randal, Philip Coutts-Wood, Dylan Bermudez, Liam Quitariano, Aiden Bommarito and James Bready.**

We pray this book is a blessing to your family this Easter and for years to come. (Please watch for these books to come home this week with your student.)

*God bless your journey this Holy Week!*  
Dr. Fink

## Coming Up

- **April 16**-Grades 5-8 Track Meet-St. Mark's
- **April 16**-Cook's Night Out-Yogurtland Fundraiser
- **April 18**-Good Friday-No School
- **April 20-EASTER!!**
- **April 21**-Easter Monday-No School
- **April 22**-PTL Meeting
- **April 22-25**-Health and Wellness Week
- **April 27**-Confirmation Sunday
- **April 30**-Grades 5-8 Track Meet-St. Mark's
- **May 2**-Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal
- **May 2**-Grades 5-8 Track Meet-Los Altos High
- **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
- **May 26**-Memorial Day-No School

*Leading chapel this week:*

**Middle School**  
**"The Way of the Cross"**

Parents, you are welcome to join the journey at 9:00. It begins at the lunch tables.



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## Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students will be leading a special chapel service on Wednesday, April 16th. **"The Way of the Cross"** follows Jesus through Holy Week and His journey to the cross for us.

Guests 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. The walk takes 30-40 minutes.

"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."

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Bethany Lutheran Church

- Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 17th at 6:30PM
- Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 18th at 1:00PM & 6:30PM
- Easter Festival Worship - Sunday, April 20th at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## **VBS is coming!**

During this year's Vacation Bible School, we're taking kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers.

In a world where it's easy to lose sight of what's true, True North VBS will guide your kids to the one thing that never changes — Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.

Get ready for a week of faith, fun, and unforgettable experiences!

If you have any questions, please contact VBS Administrator, Kayleigh Lopez at [klopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org).

### **Registration is open NOW!**

## **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! We will need some before and after school volunteers to work the cash register and help students choose books. This is a GREAT way to take care of some FISH hours!

You can sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/NXxLsMh>



**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

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Summer Camp Administrator: Marvella Soltero  
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**ALL DAY**

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