



# BEAR FACTS

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## From the Principal

When I speak with prospective school families, I often tell them that in addition to being a great place to learn, we are also a “workshop for Christian living” for children and adults alike. There’s so much more going on here than just the 3 R’s.

Think about what happens in a workshop: Building, molding, shaping, repairing, fixing mistakes and more. Living together on this campus gives us this opportunity day in and day out.

God’s Word gives us some direction for what “Christian living” looks like:

- “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8
- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27
- “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:14-1

We’ve tried to reflect these concepts in our goals for students, our “student learning outcomes”: Learn, Love, Lead, Serve. And these aren’t just great goals for students: they’re great goals for all of us.

*I’m so grateful to be in the workshop with all of you!*  
Dr. Fink

Congratulations to the following students who publicly confirmed their baptismal faith in Jesus last Sunday:

**Olivia Alvarado**  
**Aiden Bommarito**  
**Alice Kienitz**  
**Reenie Long**  
**Sophia Uliano Erdman**

*“Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is heaven.” Matthew 28*

## Coming Up

- **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 13**-Author Assembly: Barney Saltzberg
- **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
- **May 30**-PTL Movie Night
- **June 1**-8th Grade Graduation-4:00
- **June 2**-Fun Day
- **June 3**-Field Day
- **June 4**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 5**-Last Day of School-K Graduation-Minimum Day

*Leading chapel this week:*

### Fourth Grade

Parents, you are welcome to join the journey at 9:00.

# Middle School Corner

A glimpse at the middle school curriculum...

## 8th Grade

History: The Constitution

English: Career Research Projects & Presentations

Math: The Pythagorean Theorem and Quadratic Functions

Science: Just finished up weathering and erosion, and are headed into the atmosphere

Literature: The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Spanish: Vocabulary building and writing

Spiritual Formation: The beginning of Jesus' ministry

## 7th Grade

History: Medieval China - the Ming Empire

English: Career Research Projects & Presentations

Math: Solve Problems involving positive and negative integers

Science: Returning back to the human body for another set, right now - muscles & skeleton

Literature: Holes by Louis Sachar

Spanish: Vocabulary building and writing

Spiritual Formation: God Leads His Nation and Raises up Leaders Samson, Samuel and David

## 6th Grade

History: Alexander the Great and Hellenistic Culture

English: Persuasive writing techniques

Math: Numerical & Algebraic Expressions

Science: Periodic table and the use of the items it contains

Literature: Analyzing literary elements in the short stories from the class anthology

Spanish: Vocabulary building and writing

Spiritual Formation: The story of Ruth



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Mother's Day is just around the corner... don't forget to shop the bonus events going on now! Surprise mom with a weekend getaway, a spa day or an evening at her favorite restaurant.

## Author Day

### Author Day is coming on May 13!

We are excited to welcome author and musician Barney Saltzberg to our campus to share about writing, illustration and creativity. Mr. Saltzberg is the author of nearly 50 children's books including "The Beautiful Oops!"

If you'd like to purchase one of Mr. Saltzberg's books, you'll find them [here](#). **If your children bring their books on May 13, he will be happy to sign the books for them!**

We are grateful to Bethany's PTL for funding this visit....your Jog-a-thon dollars at work!

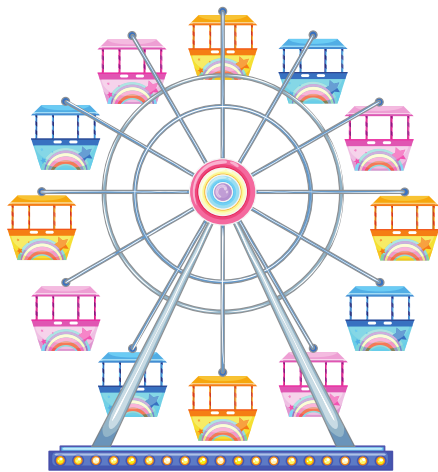


## Monthly Award Winners

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:

**Martin Koehlinger, Henry Cupp, Oliver Loya, Cristiano Minero, Christopher Street, Alex Joanes, Justin Armstrong, Noah Wegman and Sophia Uliano Erdman.**



## Share your love for Bethany Lutheran School with the community!

We have a booth at the Pan Am Fiesta at Mayfair Park on Saturday, May 10. We could use some volunteers to help Sara Cerulle, Admissions Director, for 2-hour shifts to share personal experiences about Bethany Lutheran School with interested families! [Sign up here!](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Scholastic Book Fair **NEXT WEEK!** 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! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/NXxLsMh>

This Friday, the PTL is having a craft night to create teacher appreciation posters. Feeling crafty? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/PTLCraftNight>

Would you like to help serve or donate items for Teacher Appreciation Week? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/PTLTAW2025>

*Bethany Parents, we appreciate YOU!*



MOMS IN PRAYER moves to Thursdays for the last four meetings of the school year!  
WHERE? Upstairs Youth Room  
WHEN? May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 8:30 - 9:30 am

Join other moms (aunties, grandmas...) in prayer! Moms in Prayer is an international ministry and our prayer time is loosely structured praise, silent confession, thanksgiving, and intercession for our children, students, teachers/staff, and school concerns. Contact Julie at [julieflute@gmail.com](mailto:julieflute@gmail.com) with questions or prayer requests.

*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20*



**MONDAY**

Bring a flower to  
your teacher!  
(real or made)



**TUESDAY**

Wear your  
teachers  
favorite color!

# Teaching IS A Work OF HEART

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the  
desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

**Bethany Lutheran**

*Teacher Appreciation Week*

**May 5 - May 9**

Write your  
teacher a  
heart felt  
note!

Bring your  
teacher a  
tasty treat!

Bring your  
teacher their  
most wanted  
supplies!

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**



# 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**

[Register today!](#)



# Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS



**Loyola Marymount  
University  
Extension**

Taught by instructors from the  
Institute of Reading Development  
Offered in cooperation with Loyola  
Marymount University Extension



**Phonics  
Fluency  
Comprehension  
Love of Reading  
Study Skills  
Reading Speed**

## **CLASSES OFFERED IN CARSON, CYPRESS, HUNTINGTON BEACH, and LAKEWOOD VILLAGE**

### **Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners**

Your child will learn to read in this exciting program! Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words while developing a real love of books. By the end of the program your child will read simple words and sentences and be confident about reading.

### **Program for Entering 1st Graders**

Your child will learn to read independently in this fun program. Children learn the most important first grade reading skills—phonics, sight words and comprehension—and develop a love of reading. Your child will start the school year confident, enthusiastic, and ready to succeed!

### **Program for Entering 2nd Graders**

In this fun program your child will become a confident, enthusiastic reader! Children build strong phonics skills and improve reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

### **Program for Entering 3rd Graders**

In this fun program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader who loves books. Children improve decoding skills, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, so they start third grade confident about reading and excited to learn!

### **Program for Entering 4th and 5th Graders**

In this fun and effective program, your child will become a more skilled, confident reader! Students improve comprehension and fluency in fiction and nonfiction and expand their vocabulary. As a result, your child will complete homework more easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

### **Program for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders**

In this program, your child will become a stronger reader and a more confident, motivated student. Students double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. Your child will expand vocabulary and learn note-taking, test-taking, and study strategies that result in higher grades and test scores!

### **Program for Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders**

This program will set your son or daughter up for academic success in high school! Students learn to read twice as fast and increase comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. They expand vocabulary and develop effective study and test-taking strategies, leading to better exam scores and higher grades.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER  
Call 1-800-903-0162**

Mon.-Fri. 5am-7pm, Sat. 5am-4pm, and Sun. 7am-3pm

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE**

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## Class Schedule

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by grade level. Please ask about our family discount.

Programs meet in **Carson (CN)** at First Lutheran Church of Carson, 19707 South Central Avenue,  
in **Cypress (C)** at Neighborhood Church, 6143 Ball Road,  
in **Huntington Beach (H)** on campus at Golden West College,  
and in **Lakewood Village (LV)** at Bethany Lutheran School, 5100 East Arbor Road.

**Additional programs available at other locations and online.**

### **4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 9:00am-10:15am (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 9:00am-10:15am (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 9:00am-10:15am (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 9:00am-10:15am (LV)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (LV)

### **Entering 1st Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 10:30am-11:45am (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 10:30am-11:45am (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 10:30am-11:45am (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 10:30am-11:45am (LV)

### **Entering 2nd Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 12:45pm-2:00pm (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (H)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 12:45pm-2:00pm (LV)

### **Entering 3rd Graders:**

Fri. June 6-July 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (C)  
Mon. June 16-July 14, 2:15pm-3:30pm (CN)  
Mon. July 14-August 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 9:00am-10:15am (LV)

### **Entering 4th and 5th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 9:00am-10:15am (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 9:00am-10:15am (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 9:00am-10:15am (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 10:30am-11:45am (LV)

### **Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 10:30am-11:45am (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 10:30am-11:45am (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 10:30am-11:45am (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 12:45pm-2:00pm (LV)

### **Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders:**

Thu. June 12-July 10, 12:45pm-2:00pm (C)  
Wed. June 18-July 16, 12:45pm-2:00pm (CN)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 12:45pm-2:00pm (H)  
Fri. July 18-August 15, 2:15pm-3:30pm (LV)

Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. The Institute has been teaching these programs in cooperation with **Loyola Marymount University Extension** for the past 28 years.



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**INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.**