



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

A couple of weeks ago, I overheard a parent wrestling with whether or not to bring their child's forgotten device to school. They wanted their child to learn responsibility! (Been there, done that, right?) We *do* want our kids to take responsibility for what they do, but also for what they fail to do. We want them to be responsible about their commitments, responsible in their relationships with others, and spiritually responsible to their Creator.

It seems like a daunting task, since most adults fail at one or more of these on a daily basis! It's hard to be responsible for teaching responsibility! But it's so incredibly important, and so incredibly lacking in our world today: we need people who recognize that with freedom comes responsibility/with a right comes a duty.

So when you have to get tough with your kids about personal responsibility, or when you have to admit your own failings in that arena, please know we've got your back, and we thank you for taking your parenting responsibility seriously!

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

Coming Up

- **May 27**-Author Day
- **May 29** -Spring Concert-7 PM
- **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
- **Aug. 20/24**- Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 26** First Day of School

Leading chapel this week:

Kayleigh Lopez

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



PTL Movie Night!

Join us **this Friday at 7 PM** on the field to watch the *original* Lilo and Stitch on a big screen! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dinner (if you haven't eaten yet) and we will provide the popcorn and cotton candy!

Hope to see you there!

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:

**Jackie Cerulle, Violet Cornett, Gia Vazquez, Luka Bubica, Victoria Dicecca,
Alexa Roberts, Abby Rosas, Christian Cortado and Olivia Alvarado.**

Middle School Corner

Calling all current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and parents!

Please check out the REQUIRED summer reading information using the link below.

[2025 Middle School Summer Reading and Enrichment](#)

Plus, several recommended math and reading activities and boredom busters are provided as well.

Mrs. Sandi Skiles is retiring as our first grade aide. She has been a faithful member of the Bethany staff since 2019 and helped *so many students* in so many ways! If you see her, please thank her for her service. We will honor her at the end of our chapel service tomorrow, as well. We're going to miss her!

*We will
miss
you*

As a reminder, put this Sunday, June 1 on your calendar. We will be also be wishing a fond farewell to Pastor Kyle and Mrs. Blake here at Bethany. We will miss them so much, but we know they will have a big impact on their ministries in Texas!

We are also collecting farewell cards for the Blakes throughout the month of May. You can send your cards to the school office and we will deliver them.

"At Bethany He blessed them." Luke 24:50

Fun Day is NEXT WEEK!

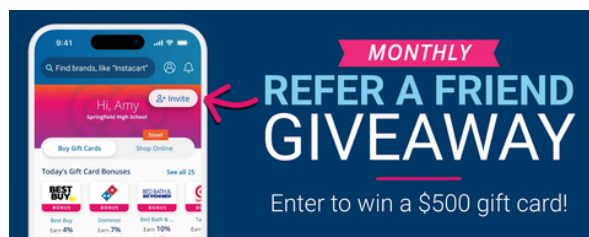


Bethany Fun Day 2025 will be Monday, June 2nd and is an **“All Hands on Deck” volunteer event**. This year in addition to EZ Ups, coolers, and physical help we are asking for donations of food items and prizes as well (please refer to links for specific items needed). So finish up FISH hour requirements here! Sign yourself up, sign up aunties, uncles, grandparents, neighbors!! Anyone who is able, willing, and friendly is welcome, this event requires A LOT of hands.

Sign up here!



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Keep referring all year long to stay in the running! Each month is a new drawing with a new chance to win.

How to participate:

1. Refer friends and family each month

Use the Invite Friends and Family tool to share your invite link via text or email. For each person who signs up through your link, you'll get 1 entry for that month's drawing.

2. Score extra entries

Get an extra entry for each referral who also buys their first gift card in the same month.

3. Entries reset each month

Refer friends each month to stay in the running! The more you refer, the better your chances of winning.

Prize Details:

One lucky winner will be selected at random every month to receive a \$500 gift card of their choice. Winners will be chosen on the first Monday of each month, with the first selected on July 7.



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOMECOMING

MOVIE NIGHT

“LILO & STITCH” (PG)

**FRIDAY, MAY 30TH
7:00 PM**

BETHANY LUTHERAN FIELD

We welcome all Bethany families - past, present,
and incoming - to relax and enjoy a beautiful
evening as we wrap up the school year!

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!
Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a family
night and fellowship under the stars!

Free Popcorn & Cotton Candy available!



JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEK!

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GRADE.

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APRIL 13TH THRU JUNE 20TH

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