



BEAR FACTS

Issue 2: Sept. 2, 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope your first few days back to school were great and you're easing back into the school routine! (Teachers and principals are easing back in, too!) New-to-Bethany families, I'm looking forward to Zooming with you on Wednesday, and ready to answer any questions you might have about school routines here.

For all of our families: we mentioned in last week's newsletter that we have added additional security cameras to our campus. These cameras are one of the ways we are enhancing student, staff and visitor safety. We want to clarify the purpose and procedures regarding their use.

The gate cameras, which we've had for some time, help us screen visitors to our campus. The new cameras we've added are for emergency situations (not daily monitoring) and are recording video only, not audio. These recordings are private, encrypted and only available to administrators for investigative/evidentiary purposes.

These camera updates are part of a bigger effort our PTL has been supporting over the last two years, including new gates, a buzz-in system, an emergency alert system, and now additional cameras. Parents have told us through our Parent Pulse surveys that safety is a top priority, and we agree. We are committed to reviewing our plans and improving them as needed to best serve our school community.

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God's blessings on your week, Bethany Bears!
Dr.Fink

COMING UP

- **Sept. 2**-7th Grade Catalina meeting-6:30
- **Sept. 3**-New-to-Bethany Parent Zoom-6:30
- **Sept. 4**-8th Grade Launch Party
- **Sept. 10**-
6th Grade Camp Meeting-6:00
8th Grade DC Meeting-6:30
- **Sept. 11**-5th Grade Camp Meeting-6:30
- **Sept. 14**-Trinity-8:00 AM
Troubadour 9:30 AM
- **Sept. 15-19**-7th Grade to Catalina
- **Sept. 23**-School Photo Day!



Need lunch?
Sign up for [Choicelunch](#) using our code:
bethany



Camp/Outdoor Ed Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings:

7th Grade: Sept. 2, 6:30 Room 205

6th Grade: Sept. 10, 6:00 Room 204

8th Grade: Sept. 11, 6:30 Room 203

5th Grade: Sept. 11, 6:30 Room 222



Parents Assemble!!



Not all Heroes wear capes!

**Check out the QR code above
to volunteer for PTL activities!**

Dress Code Reminders

Students should be in uniform dress with red, white or navy polos on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On Wednesdays, everyone (staff, too!) should be wearing their Bethany chapel polo.

On Fridays, students may wear jeans (or jean shorts or skirts) and Bethany theme/spirit shirts.

Students may wear solid-colored (red, white, navy blue or black) cardigans or sweatshirts, or sweatshirts with BLS logo/spirit/camp over uniform clothing in the classroom.

Teachers may choose to offer "free dress" as a class incentive on occasion at their discretion.

The dress code is [outlined here](#) on the Bethany website.



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SNEAK PEEK | THURSDAY, SEPT 11

Plan your shopping list ahead of time with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus —only on the RaiseRight mobile app.



"Remem-bear":

School begins at 8:30 on **Wednesdays** for all grades. Students who arrive at 8:00 should check in at the EDC gate and will be charged for childcare.



School Photos

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for absent students, but they will not be in the class photo.

Your picture package is pre-paid with your registration fee. You may also order additional prints.

Students should be in uniform dress for photos.



Welcome!

New-to-Bethany Parent Orientation is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 PM** by Zoom. (We will email you the link later.)

This informational meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your electronic copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

Middle School Corner

Advisory Teams!

Every middle school student is a member of a multi-grade Advisory Team. Each week in Advisory, the students use Gradelink to check and graph their grade percentages on an online graph. Plus, they will check their school email account to practice building these skills for high school. The teams also focus on building skills in areas like social and emotional development, growth mindset, time management, and test-taking skills.

Throughout the year, the teams will participate in a few team tournaments that provide them with the opportunity to be a part of a team, grow their communication skills, and have a good time.

Advisory Team leaders include (and each team has a color as well):

Mr. Royuk (orange), Miss Einspahr (blue), Mr. Brege (red), Mrs. Evans (green) and Mrs. Brege (yellow)

Last week, the 6th graders joined their Advisory Teams! This week, everyone will receive a team-bonding gift in their team color. Now the teams will get to work on choosing a team name and decorating a team flag - **let the fun begin!**



CHAPEL OFFERING

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Vocation-based **OUTREACH TRAINING** where you live, labor, learn, & laugh

equipping & mobilizing the **priesthood of all believers**

TOOLS to win souls, make disciples, & root them in the Gospel

PARTNERING TO PLANT
100 new ministries &
25 churches by 2031

Leader development **PATHWAYS** for those serving in and from your church.
On-the-ground apostolic band to **WORK ALONGSIDE** sending churches & circuits

QR code

Five portraits of ministry leaders

**2025-26 BETHANY BEARS
SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER**



**PLEASE SCAN THE
QR CODE TO
CONNECT**

RAISE RIGHT BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY



1 Ticket

- Show that you have downloaded the RaiseRight App (app must show your name and Bethany Lutheran) Make a purchase
- online or in person between August 26 - September 2. (1 ticket per total transaction, not per gift card)



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2 Tickets

- View the online presentation available on the BLS website on 8/26 and submit the code word to rlopez@bethanylutheran.org



3 Tickets

- Attend a presentation on Wednesday, August 27 at 8:45am - drop your children off and stay to learn how to earn a tuition rebate!
- This option is highly recommended, especially if you are new to RaiseRight.

Winners will be determined based on a random drawing.
Prizes will be awarded from 3rd place to 1st place.



**\$100
Gift
Card**

of your choice



**\$50
Gift
Card**

of your choice



**\$25
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

SEPTEMBER 16th

Permanent Impressions is a child safety company dedicated to providing the most advanced and effective child-safety biometric technology available. Using state-of-the-art, encrypted software, we offer immediate and secure transfer of biometric information to domestic and international authorities like Interpol, the FBI, the Department of Justice, the National Center for Missing Children, and other law enforcement organizations. Our goal is to assist in the quick recovery of children in emergency situations.

1. Committed to Protecting Your Children Through Biometrics

As parents and guardians, we understand that the safety of your children is of utmost importance. If an emergency arises, *Permanent Impressions*' Multimodal Biometric Safety Program offers a solution. Our program gathers essential biometric data in a secure and efficient manner, ready to be accessed or disseminated to law enforcement if needed. We employ highly skilled professionals, including current and former police officers, forensic experts, and investigators, to manage your child's safety packet with utmost care and confidentiality.

2. What is Included in the Child Safety Packet?

The Child Safety Packet provides the most comprehensive identification process available to families. Administered on site, it includes:

- 10-Print Fingerprint impressions including classifications of all pattern types
- Palm impressions and writer's palms; Foot impressions; Photo and optional personal identifiers
- Facial recognition mapping and measurements including image plotting providing unique identifiers
- Retinal Scan and Individual Pattern Recognition Identification
- Iris Scans and Pattern Signature Traits

3. Why We Stand Out

We are the most advanced and knowledgeable in this field. Our experienced law enforcement experts are highly trained in all disciplines of forensics and fingerprint analysis. **Unlike other programs, our approach is rooted in best practices for identifying children quickly and accurately in emergencies. The biometric data we collect is more advanced than traditional ink prints and remains highly effective even as your child grows.**

4. Next Steps for Parents

If you are interested in the *Permanent Impressions Child Safety Program*, please review the enclosed information. Complete the form with all packet choices and return to your child's teacher or school office. Attach payment with the selected amount or call if using a credit card, Zelle or Venmo. On the designated day, *Permanent Impressions* will come to your child's school to complete your child's safety packet. **Families do not need to be present to participate so long as a form is submitted.** After completion, we will send the finalized packet home to you for safekeeping.

Thank you, and we look forward to keeping your family safe!

All information is confidential with no duplicate copies unless requested by parent/guardian

MULTIMODAL BIOMETRICS CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM





Children as young as 2 week old can participate

Yearly updates are recommended as children grow and software changes

Options marked with "🚨" are highly recommended by law enforcement

Child's Name:	Cell Phone #
Teacher's Name :	Parent E-Mail:

Biometric Packet Choices:

 Police Recommended Vaulting -Please indicate if you would like your child's safety packet to be securely vaulted and monitored. Vaulting allows for instant retrieval and dissemination of biometric data-such as fingerprints, iris/retinal scans. And facial recognition-to law enforcement agencies both domestically and internationally in the event of an emergency. Time is crucial in emergencies, and vaulting ensures that no time is wasted in converting raw data. All safety packets below can be vaulted. Without vaulting, law enforcement will need extra time to process and share the information. For the quickest response in an emergency, vaulting is the best option.	For details on pricing and vaulting options, please contact us.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
 Digital Live Scan USB Credit Card containing child photo, all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Wallet-sized and easy to carry in your purse or wallet and formatted for law enforcement agencies in and outside of the US.	\$86.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
USB Key containing all 10-print information, rolled impressions, flat sequence and optional personal identifiers. Includes photo and personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.	\$82.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
 Iris Scan and Facial Recognition. Iris scanning captures both visible & near-infrared light to take a clear, high contrast picture of the iris. Iris scanning is more common in high-security applications because the eye is so unique with over 200 points of reference for comparison, as opposed to 60 or 70 points in fingerprints. The Iris also does not change over time making it ideal for biometric identification. Facial recognition captures facial features/measurements and creates an algorithm by extracting facial landmarks on a face. These unique characters are measured and matched for use in identification. Images will be captured as raw data to be entered and used in an emergency situation where an algorithm will be created from the template. Images will be transferred to a USB drive or added with any of the digital fingerprint packets listed.	\$182.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
 Digital Safety ID Bracelet containing child photo, all fingerprint impressions stored electronically within bracelet & accessible within seconds by law enforcement. Ideal for travel in & outside the US and great for theme parks and everyday use for child/parent/guardian. It is recommended to also have a back-up packet administered in the event the bracelet is lost.	\$86.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Travel ID Cards (set of two ink thumbprint impression cards w/out photo) Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out. ID cards are only recommended in addition to a packet with a full set of prints	\$28.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Foot Impressions right and left foot impression (administered w/ink) Includes personal information card with identifiers for parent/guardian to fill-out.	\$39.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
CHECK PAYABLE TO: PERMANENT IMPRESSIONS	TOTAL	\$

Please call if you would like to pay by Zelle, Venmo or credit card.



A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE

Work with Operation Christmas Child to process gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name.

Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings—from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons of shoeboxes or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



Work from approximately mid-November to mid-December at one of our regional shoebox processing centers:

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Family Ministry Events

**BETHANY LUTHERAN
STEPPING STONES**

Third Grade & Parent: First Bible Event

You will receive your new bible on Sunday, September 7th at the 9:30 A.M. Worship Service. The next step is on Sunday, right after church from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. third graders, with a parent(s) or grandparent or loving adult, will be coming to the Parish Lounge to share in a pizza & salad lunch, grow together in knowledge of the word, and receive a few fun tools to use in their study of scripture! This event is free, yet priceless. We look forward to our time together!

Kindly RSVP to Alissa Brege, DCE of Children & Family Ministries
by Wednesday, September 3, 2025

CONTACT ALISSA BREGE AT ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

Sparklers!



-Our Bethany Lutheran Youth Group for Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades-
We meet the FIRST TUESDAY of the month, starting Tuesday, September 2nd from 3:10-4:30 in the Youth Center, and also occasionally go to the field & gym. During our time together, we have devotions, play games, eat snacks & make crafts. Bethany students will be picked up from their class and must be signed out by a parent at 4:30 (for Bethany students not picked up at that time, we will take them to EDC). Yearlong Permission Forms must be filled out in order to attend; the QR code is above. Questions? Ask Alissa Brege, DCE - Minister to Children & Families - abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Under Grace...

Bethany Lutheran's Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

For our potty trained 3 year olds through 2nd graders, we meet EVERY SUNDAY, except the last Sunday of the month, Starting Sunday, September 14th, 2025, during the 9:30 Worship Service. Kids will be dismissed after the Children's Message from church & pick up will happen across the courtyard (Friendship Square) at the doors of the Parish Lounge.

A new element to Under Grace for 3rd through 5th Graders will be starting on Sunday, October 5th on the FIRST and THIRD SUNDAYS of each month. They will also leave after Children's Message during the 9:30 Worship Service and their pick up will also be in the Parish Lounge.

Please Fill out the yearlong permission form (QR Code) once to attend anytime through out this 2025-26 school year.

Questions? Reach out to Alissa Brege, Minister to Children & Families at abrege@bethanylutheran.org.



Mom Co.

*A time for moms to connect
with one another,
learn & grow together, build one another up,
and grab a
tasty treat or beverage (as desired).*

**We will meet the second Tuesday
of the month
for lunch at 12:30 at LBX.**

Questions? Ask Alissa Brege at
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