



BEAR FACTS

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FROM OUR SSP ADMIN

We are thrilled to announce that we have begun our first ever **Neurodiversity Week** celebration! This special week is dedicated to honoring the beautiful diversity of human minds and recognizing the unique strengths of every individual.

What is Neurodiversity? At Bethany Lutheran, we believe that God has created each person wonderfully and uniquely. Neurodiversity refers to the many different ways our brains are wired. These differences can include:

- Autism
- ADHD
- Dyslexia
- Dyscalculia
- Dysgraphia
- And other neuro-divergences

Throughout the week, our teachers will be:

- Discussing and reading about neurodiversity with compassion
- Highlighting the strengths and challenges that come with our differences
- Promoting understanding and acceptance of individuals who are neuro-divergent

Our goal this week is to celebrate that our differences are not deficits, but beautiful variations of God's incredible design.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kelsey Cornett, the SSP Administrator, by email (kcornett@bethanylutheran.org) or phone (562) 420-7788 ex. 41

*Blessings,
Kelsey Cornett, M.A. Ed.
Student Success Program Administrator*

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." - Psalm 139:13-14*

COMING UP

- **Oct. 6-8** 6th Grade Camp
- **Oct. 6-10**-Neurodiversity Week
- **Oct. 10-Jog-a-thon!!!!!!**
- **Oct. 7**-SEEDS Virtual Parent Night
- **Oct. 17**-NED Show assembly
- **Oct. 17**-Middle School Dance
- **Oct. 19**-K-2 sings 9:30 AM
- **Oct. 20**-Photo Make-up Day
- **Oct. 24**-End Quarter 1
- **Oct. 26**-Trunk or Treat (4-5) and Okto-bear-fest (4-7)
- **Oct. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Oct. 31**-Minimum Day
- **Nov. 2**-Daylight Savings ends
- **Nov. 5-6**-Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
- **Nov. 11**-Veterans Day-No School



Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Ruiz

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

Our chapel offerings for the month of October will go to [Mission India](#).



RaiseRight™

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Get ready for the second weekend of Bonus Fest!

Earn big with 3 more weekends of 3-day bonuses up to 23%. Shop new bonuses every weekend in October. Earn more on everyday expenses or get a jumpstart on holiday gifting - plus enter to win a \$100 gift card every weekend.

Things to know:

- Bonuses start at 12am ET Friday and end at 11:59pm ET Sunday
- Offers will be announced each Friday via email and on Facebook
- Every purchase from our weekly featured brand earns you an entry to win a \$100 gift card. Featured brands: JCPenney (Oct. 10-12), Total Wine & More (Oct. 17 - 19), GAP (Oct. 24-26)



Sports Schedule



Thursday-

Volleyball away vs. St. Mark's

JOG-A-THON



The Jog-a-thon is THIS FRIDAY!

Do you have your Pledgestar sponsors?

[Have you signed up to volunteer?](#)

Here are the times each class will run:

6-8: 8:20

K-2: 9:00

3-5: 9:40

Veterans Day Letters

Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to thanking veterans for their service and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of student-created thank you cards to arrive just before the Veterans Day holiday.

Important Note In order to keep the list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names/addresses yearly. If you submitted a veteran in previous years, please submit them again. We will only be mailing to those on the 2025 list.

[Please complete this form for one veteran at a time.](#)

Please complete this form no later than Friday, October 24th, 2025.

Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevans@bethanylutheran.org with any questions.



Last year, over 80 envelopes full of thank you notes were mailed around the U.S.A. We hope to do that again! Thank you for your help!

Middle School Corner

This week, the 6th grade class will enjoy a three-day outdoor educational experience at Palomar Christian Conference Center. This faith-based program will provide a counselor who will lead the group in team building, ecology, botany, survival, astronomy, exploring God's creation, and more!

Bethany's educational overnight trips provide opportunities for students to learn outside of the classroom setting, gain confidence through new experiences, and build life-long memories with their classmates. We thank the Lord for these opportunities and ask for His blessings and protection over this week's trip.

"For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17

SPELLING BEE

The winners of our annual spelling bee are:

4th-5th Grade:

- 1st Place: Myra Essoe
- 2nd Place: Luke Castellanos
- 3rd Place: Brendan Alonzo

6th-8th Grade:

- 1st Place- Eric Vega
- 2nd Place- Aaron Castellanos
- 3rd- Luke Gorne and Lily Craft



Our first and second place winners will go on to compete in the Lutheran School Spelling Bee on October 25 at Crean Lutheran High School.

Good luck, Bethany Spellers!

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Two great opportunities to volunteer and take care of some FISH Hours!

Help with the Jog-a-thon on Oct. 12! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/gMjpFfV>

Help with Trunk-or-Treat OR host a trunk for the event! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/uupqMRX>



Planning to attend Trunk-or-Treat/Okto-bear-fest?

We're working with Christian Outreach in Action to provide food for community members in need. COA is requesting the following:

Canned vegetables/yams, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, flour, cooking oil, tortillas, sugar, energy/nutrition bars, snack fruits, or meat sticks/jerky.

We'll collect your items at the check-in gate at Trunk-or-Treat (along with your bag of Halloween candy...one bag per family!)

Help send Bethany 8th Graders to DC and New York!

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

GREENERY ARRIVES THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER!

ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
AT MIDNIGHT ON THE WEBSITE
<https://bit.ly/Wreaths2526>

ORDER ONLINE AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE 8TH GRADER OR SUPPORT THE WHOLE CLASS!

Parent Education Night

GUIDING KIDS TOWARD A HEALTHY IDENTITY



Join us for a powerful Virtual Parent Night with **Dr. Nancy Nguyen** from Concordia University Irvine's Townsend Institute. In a world pulling kids in every direction, Dr. Nguyen will guide parents through the crucial journey of identity formation—equipping you to nurture your child's self-worth, values, and faith from a biblically grounded perspective. Don't miss this opportunity to anchor your parenting in truth and grace.

**JOIN US AT 7PM ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Guest Speaker

Nancy Hiêu Nguyễn, PhD., LMFT is an assistant professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling department at Concordia University Irvine. She researches and teaches about counseling youth and their families. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has a virtual private practice in Orange County California, that focuses on providing culturally responsive treatment to youth, couples and families.



VIRTUAL EVENT



SCAN TO REGISTER



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JOIN US
OCTOBER 26TH
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN

MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY: LADYHOSEN

DRINKS

MUSIC

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

ORDER OF **EVENTS**

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

4 - 5 PM

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! ADMISSION IS 1 BAG OF CANDY + 1 CANNED FOOD ITEM. WANT TO HOST A TRUNK? [SIGN UP HERE.](#)

**FOOD IS
SERVED**

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

**OKTO-
FEST**

4 - 7 PM

THE FUN CONTINUES UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST: LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND PLENTY OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**SCAN TO REGISTER
AND ORDER FOOD +
DRINKS BY OCT. 21**



**4 PM -
7 PM**

