



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October 31 is Halloween, but it's also Reformation Day, the day we remember and honor Martin Luther, an important man in the history of the church (and the Lutheran church in particular!) Martin Luther was an amazing preacher, writer and hymn writer, but he was also a *teacher*, and believed in the importance of education. *For example:

- In his writings, he designed an education system that starts with basic schools and continues to universities.
- He showed why schools are important for both the Church and the government and highlighted how valuable teachers are.
- He set the goal of education as helping people become well-rounded Christians, prepared for all parts of life.
- He reminded parents, pastors, and government leaders that they are responsible for educating children.
- He helped improve schools by creating grade levels, better subjects to study, and more effective teaching methods.
- By valuing nature and childhood, he helped shape the beginnings of educational science.
- He made teaching better by matching lessons to a child's ability, making learning enjoyable, encouraging curiosity through questions, focusing on real things—not just words—and using discipline with kindness.
- He supported laws requiring all children to go to school.

Bethany Lutheran School is an echo of all that Martin Luther held dear as a teacher!

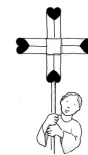


Happy Reformation Day, Bethany Bears!
Dr. Fink

**Franklin Painter, Luther on Education*

COMING UP

- **Oct. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Oct. 29**-Jog-a-thon Awards 8:50 at the flagpole
- **Oct. 31**-Minimum Day
- **Nov. 2**-Daylight Savings ends
- **Nov. 6-7**-Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
- **Nov. 11**-Veterans Day-No School
- **Nov. 12**-Operation Christmas Child Packing Event
- **Nov. 17**-SEEDS Parent Ed Night
- **Nov. 21**-Grandparents' Day-Minimum Day
- **Dec. 14**-Christmas Concerts



Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Brege

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™

Are you a business owner? Do you know a business owner? If your business has a need for gift cards this holiday season, I'd love to help. By purchasing gift cards through Bethany's RaiseRight program, you could save time and effort by placing one order, with hundreds of retailers to choose from. Gift cards are purchased at face value, you receive the full value gift card, and Bethany receives a percentage back from the retail brand. We use the earnings to offset tuition costs and support our Student Success program. It's a great way to support the community, all at no extra cost to you or your business.

We have access to hundreds of popular brands, including Amazon, Starbucks, Target, Walmart, Bath & Body Works, Instacart and Visa. Gift cards from RaiseRight don't have any activation fees like you pay when you buy them at a store, and they never expire!

If you're interested in buying gift cards through our organization or to learn more, please call or email me.

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Sports Schedule



Tuesday-
Volleyball home vs. Emmaus

Wednesday-
Football away vs. St. Mark's

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our Grandparents and Special Friends Day is coming up on November 21! We'll need LOTS of parent help to make the day extra-special. Here's the link to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/BLSGP2025>

We could also use some help with Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 12. You can help with setup on November 11 (9:00-12:00) or come to help with packing November 12 (7:30-3:30). Thanks!

Monthly Award Winners

This month we are recognizing students who demonstrate growth in
Trust

This month's award winners are:

**Alexander DeVreese, Caleb Brege, Quinn Lee, Eden Yu, Izzy Antonio,
Luke Castellanos, Isaac Albers, Lily Craft and Nick Peralta**

We will hand out monthly award certificates at the end of chapel tomorrow.

Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran middle school students have the opportunity to experience different elective classes throughout the school year. Electives are designed for students to enjoy unique experiences that educate them as a whole-child of God. It's always exciting to see which students discover a new skill or hobby they want to continue to develop.

During the first session of electives this year, the 8th grade students focused on public speaking, the 7th grade students tackled real-life math, and the 6th grade students learned first aid and CPR skills.

The second session of electives started this week. This time around, students selected to participate in one of the following options: Balloon animals, card tricks, official four square, musical choreography, clay bobbleheads, sewing, present wrapping, and card games!

Got skills? We're always looking for new electives courses to offer! Elective courses happen once a week on Monday afternoons from 2:30- 3:10 PM. Each session is approximately 5- 6 weeks in length. Some elective courses offered in the past include: square dancing, official baseball scorekeeping, ping pong, finger-knitting, and life-hacks. *The sky's the limit!* We'd love to hear from you! The next round of electives starts after the Christmas break. For more information, please contact Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevens@bethanylutheran.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Season is HERE, which means we once again have the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and delivers them via local believers to children around the world in over 100 countries.

Our Bethany students will be packing shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 12. We could use crayons, small calculators, toothbrushes, hair brushes, fun adhesive bandages, and quality toys like hot-wheels, magnatiles, dolls, and harmonicas. Items can be placed in the OCC box in the school office. If you prefer, you can donate funds to help cover the \$10 cost of shipping each box. School chapel offerings during the month of November and on Grandparents day will also be used to offset our shipping costs.

Set-up for the packing party will take place on Tuesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day holiday) between 9:00 and noon in the school gym. If you can help with set-up or help monitor the packing process on the 12th, (between 7:30 and 3:30), please contact Kahana Smith (310-387-0728), Ruth Lopez (rlopez@bethanylutheran.org) or Cory Steele (csteele@bethanylutheran.org).



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11943 Rosecrans Ave, Norwalk, CA

OPEN HOUSE

SAVE THE DATE

NOV 18 TUE

6:30^P_M



LUTEC.ORG/RSVP

\$2,000 off tuition for incoming 9th-grade students who enroll and submit a \$500 deposit by **December 15, 2025**.

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!



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Oct 29, 2025

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

**11101 183rd Street Cerritos,
CA 90703 562-467-0850**

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
and friends while earning funds in support of:

Bethany Lutheran School

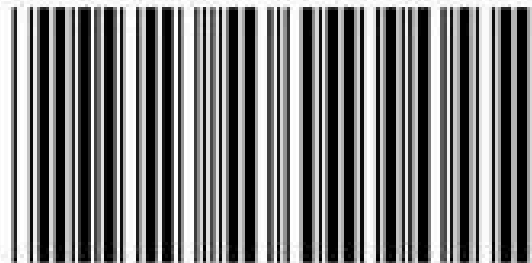
**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.

A watercolor illustration of autumn foliage and pumpkins. At the top, a branch with yellow and orange leaves arches over the text. On the left, a branch with pink and orange leaves curves upwards. At the bottom, there are three pumpkins: a large blue one on the left, a smaller orange one in the center, and a white one on the right. A red maple leaf is also visible on the left side.

BETHANY LUTHERAN
FAMILY MINISTRIES
Pie, Play & Pray

November 16, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Meet on the playground & activities will take place on the field at Bethany Lutheran.

This is a free event.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 12th, so that we have enough pie & supplies.

DCE Fieldworker, Kaley Ross will be leading us through our devotion time and family activity.

Questions? Please direct them to
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Parent Education Night **STRENGTHENING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

How to maintain connection with your child while being the sturdy stronghold they need.

HOSTED BY
**BETHANY
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**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
6:30 PM**

Guest Speaker
Morgan Reed, LMFT

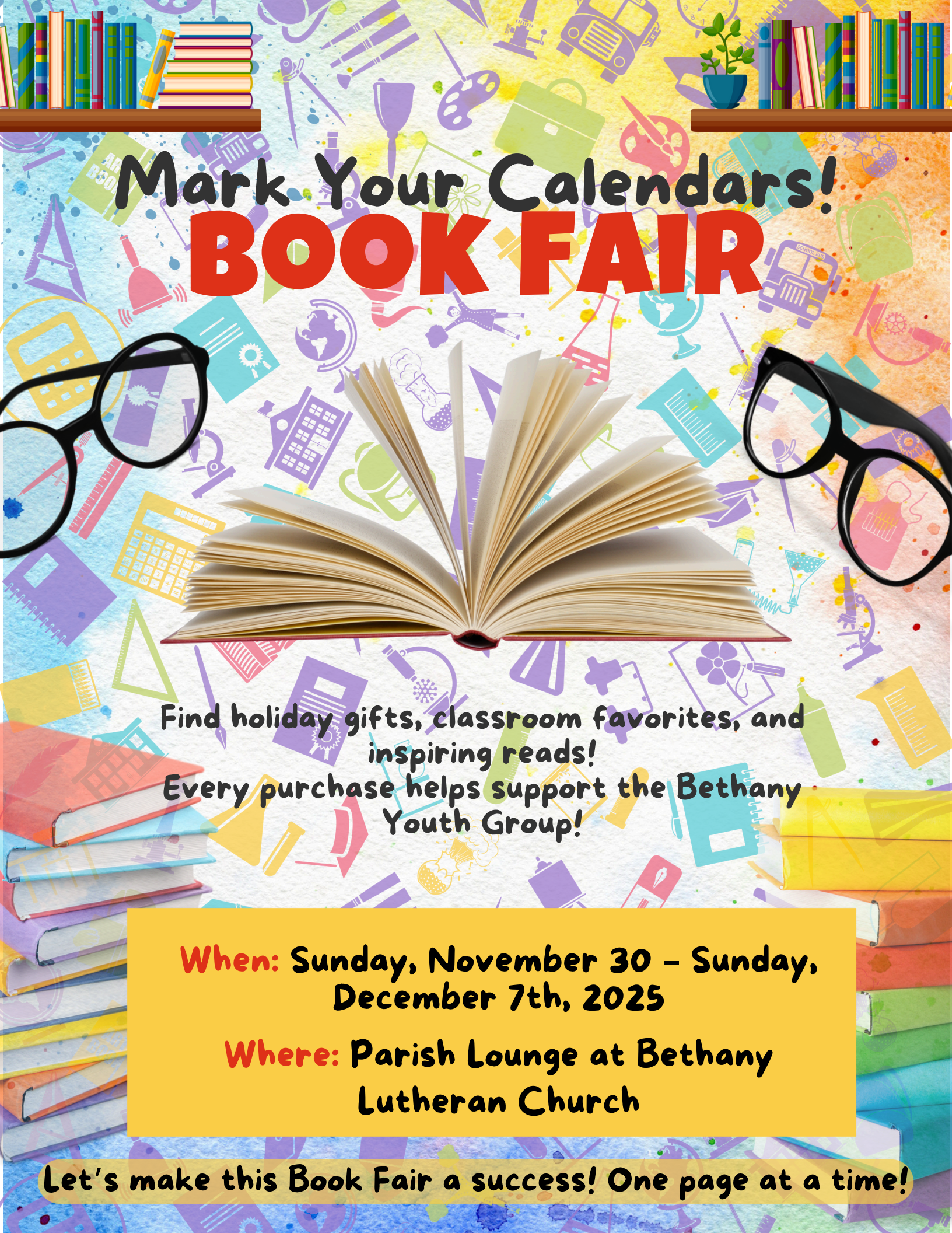
Join us to hear from Morgan Reed, LMFT, who will guide us through how attachment science can help us strengthen our bonds with our children. We'll talk about the "Four S's" (safe, secure, seen, soothed), handling repair, and how our own self-regulation helps us be a steady, supportive "human container." Don't miss this informative and relatable info to help you along your parenting journey!

ABOUT US

SEEDS Christian Counseling offers a variety of accessible mental health services to students in K-12 Christian Schools and the community.

Morgan Reed, is passionate about supporting individuals and families through an attachment-based lens. With experience in private practice, schools, churches, and foster care, she creates a safe space for growth and healing. A graduate of Chapman University and Azusa Pacific, Morgan now serves as a licensed therapist in Orange county.

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Mark Your Calendars!

BOOK FAIR

Find holiday gifts, classroom favorites, and
inspiring reads!
Every purchase helps support the Bethany
Youth Group!

When: Sunday, November 30 – Sunday,
December 7th, 2025

Where: Parish Lounge at Bethany
Lutheran Church

Let's make this Book Fair a success! One page at a time!