



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week you will be meeting with your children's teachers to discuss their progress for this first quarter. I like to think of it as a "team meeting," because that's really what we are: a team, focused on the goal of helping your child grow to his/her potential.

It might be helpful to consider these questions in preparation for your child's conference:

- What is your child's general feeling toward school?
- What does your child enjoy the most (and the least) and why?
- How do you feel about your child's social and emotional development?
- Do you have any questions about classroom procedures or deadlines?
- How can Bethany better help you and your child?

The teachers will also share test scores and some information about your child's development as part of the conference.

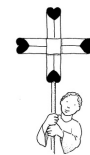
As a former classroom teacher, I can tell you that parent/teacher conferences can be some of the longest days for our teaching staff, but also the most rewarding. If you have a chance, speak a word of encouragement to your team-mate, your child's teacher.

It will make their day, I'm sure!

*Blessings on your conferences,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Nov. 4**-Cook's Night Out-The Habit
- **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. 12**-Middle School Movie Night
- **Dec. 14**-Christmas Concerts
- **Dec. 17-18**-Christmas Program (Grades 3-5)
- **Dec. 19**-Minimum Day
- **Dec. 22-Jan. 2**-Christmas Break



Leading chapel this week:

Mr. Fink

**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
[Operation Christmas Child](#)



RaiseRight™

The RaiseRight Holiday Earnings Challenge is on now through December 26, 2025. Participants who complete all reward qualifications by December 26 will earn a \$10 eGift card. This will also qualify you for entry in the **Grand Prize drawing** - a \$500 gift card of your choice! Five winners will be randomly selected.

To qualify:

1. Sign up to download the "Your Path to \$1000 earnings" PDF <https://www.raiseright.com/m/holiday-challenge>
2. Earn a minimum of \$100 between October 25 and December 26, 2025. Earnings may come from:
 - Purchasing gift cards (physical, eCards, reloads)
 - Shopping online through RaiseRight and completing eligible purchases on brand websites
 - Dining locally at participating locations using a linked debit or credit card
 - Booking hotels, car rentals, or attractions through RaiseRight's travel booking site
 - Raise Days begins next week - great opportunity to increase your earnings with big bonuses!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
562-420-7783 ext. 58

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>

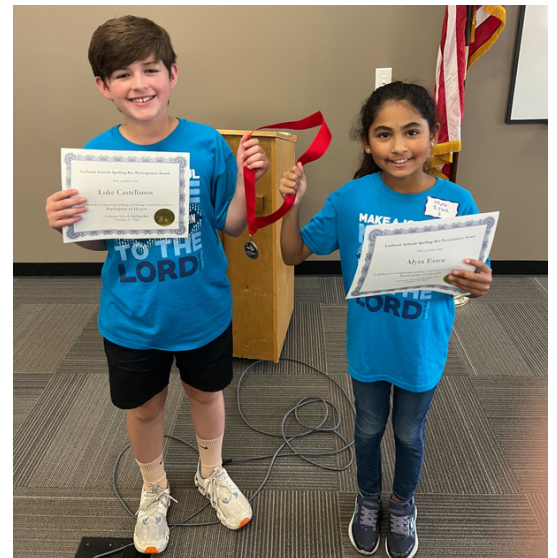
We could also use some help with Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 12. You can help with setup on November 11 (9:00-12:00) or come to help with packing November 12 (7:30-3:30). Thanks!



Bethany Super Spellers!

Eric Vega took FIRST PLACE in the middle school division, and Luke Castellanos and Myra Essoe tied for 2nd in the elementary division at the recent Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee!

Way to go, Bethany Bears!



Middle School Corner

Middle School students are encouraged to give their best efforts when they learn, love, lead, and serve others throughout the school day. The middle school uses a ticket system for acknowledging and celebrating when students go above and beyond in the classroom and around campus.

When students receive tickets, they can then put the tickets into the ticket bins throughout the homeroom classrooms. Approximately once a month, the middle school gathers and uses those tickets for a prize drawing celebration.

We're always looking to keep the prize bin enticing and could use your help. [For FISH service hours, please take a look at the items on this Amazon wish list.](#)

And, [here's the link](#) to log FISH hours with the school office so you get credit for your service hours!

Thank you for your consideration and support!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebbox 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).

Jog-a-thon Winners!!

Way to go, Bears!
Grand Total Raised: \$59,729!!!

Who ran the most laps?

Kindergarten-

1st-Alex DeVreese
2nd-Alyssa Malone
3rd-Chase Fricke

1st Grade-

1st-Abby Guzman
2nd-Caleb Brege
3rd-Wiley Toten

2nd Grade-

1st-Quinn Lee and Jaxson Phillips
2nd-Liam Padilla
3rd-Henry Cupp

3rd Grade-

1st-Anton Mouissat
2nd-Jane DeVreese
3rd-Luke Dicecca and Joey Kosovski

4th Grade

1st-Cristiano Minero
2nd-Logan Jones
3rd-Oliver Koehlinger and John Simmo

5th Grade-

1st-Sebastian Guzman
2nd-Philip Coutts-Wood
3rd-Ivy Osborn

6th Grade-

1st-Liam Colello and Mateo Brown
2nd-Eli Baldwin
3rd-Nicholas Padilla

7th Grade-

1st-Henry Cerulle
2nd-Riley Osborn and Elias Gagne
3rd-Nathan Haro

8th Grade-

1st-Ezra Anema
2nd-Eric Vega
3rd-Luke Gorne



Most Money Raised:

Nick Peralta

Most laps run:

Sebastian Guzman-44!

Class winners (Most \$\$ per student average)

1st Grade, 4th Grade, 8th Grade

Grand Prize Drawing Winner

Vivian Wells

133 students raised at least \$100 and received a Handels Ice Cream card! **Wow!**

FEEL-GOOD FOOD FOR A CAUSE.



JOIN HABIT BURGER & GRILL IN SUPPORT OF **BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 4-9PM

Enter code **GIVEBACK** when placing your order at the in-restaurant kiosk, the Habit Burger & Grill Mobile app, or habitburger.com.

Or, simply present this printed flyer or show this offer on your smart phone to the cashier upon ordering. Habit Burger & Grill will donate **20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization.



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Long Beach, CA 90846



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*For Habit Team Member only

Net sales do not include sales tax, gift card purchases, or tips. Orders placed on third party websites or apps are not eligible for this Fundraiser.



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562-204-6538
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!

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 pinkish leaves and a red maple leaf is next to a large blue pumpkin. In the foreground, there are orange and white pumpkins. On the right, a branch with green leaves is visible. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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
Alissa Brege abrege@bethanylutheran.org





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
LUTHERAN**

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
6:30 PM**

Guest Speaker
Morgan Reed, LMFT

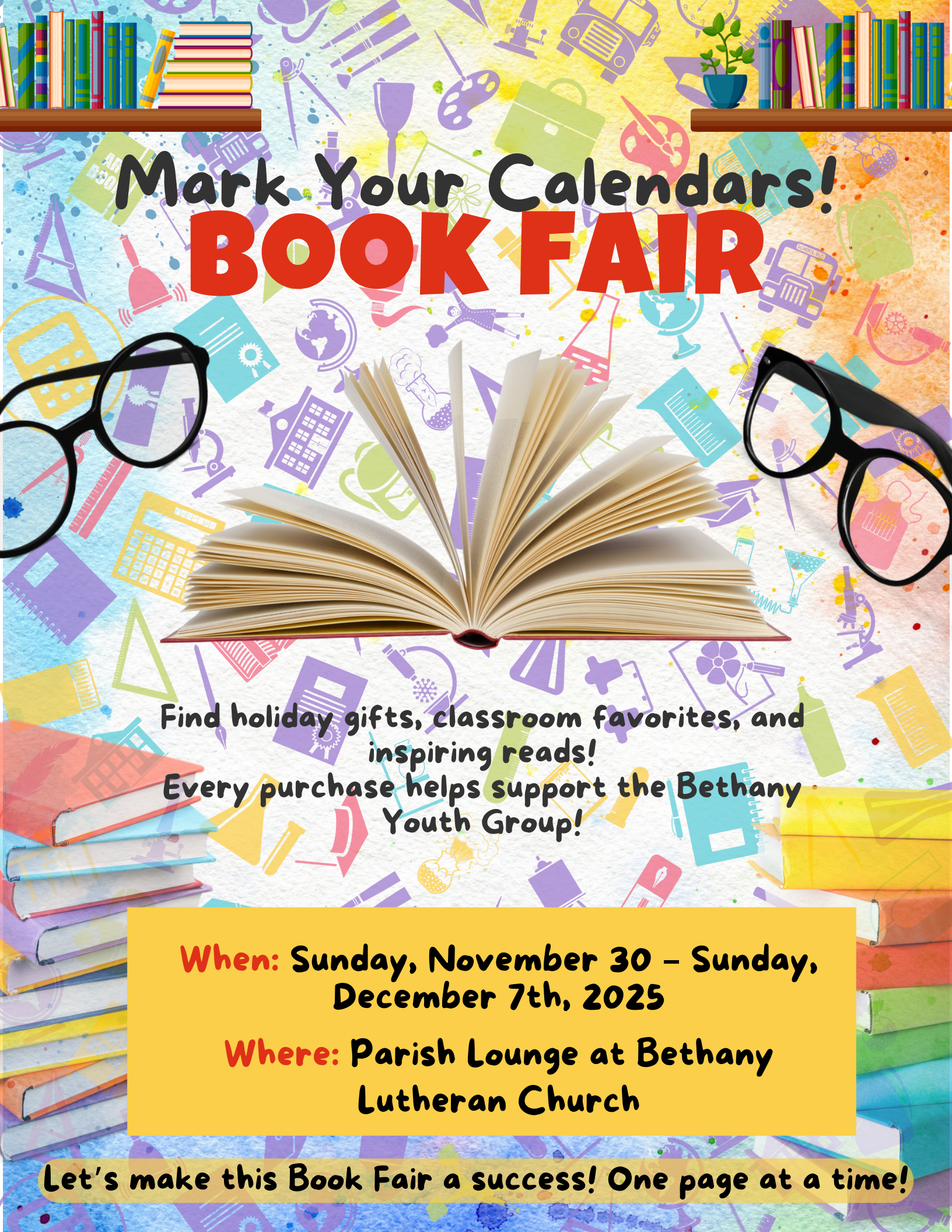
Join us to hear from Morgan Reed, LMFT, who will guide us through how attachment science can help us strengthen our bonds with our children. We'll talk about the "Four S's" (safe, secure, seen, soothed), handling repair, and how our own self-regulation helps us be a steady, supportive "human container." 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.

WWW.SEEDSTHERAPY.ORG



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!



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SEE'S CANDIES



DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR SEE'S CANDIES
WINTER SERVICE!

LET US HELP YOU BRING CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
TO FRIENDS, RELATIVES,
NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS.

BY ORDERING THROUGH OUR STUDENTS
YOU SUPPORT THE BETHANY LUTHERAN PTL,
AND IN TURN OUR PRESCHOOL AND K-8 GRADE CLASSES!

**ALL IN PERSON ORDERS ARE DUE DECEMBER 2ND
PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
BETHANY LUTHERAN PTL**

**ONLINE SHOPPING WILL CLOSE AT
MIDNIGHT DEC. 5TH**

