



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day, a day to honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It's a time to show our gratitude for their courage, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting our country and preserving our freedoms. We remember their service—whether in times of peace or conflict—and thank them for the sacrifices they and their families have made.

We appreciate the veteran's addresses you shared. Our Bethany Bears were pleased to send out over 100 thank you letters! We also made copies of all the thank you letters where were handed out to veterans at the celebration on the USS Iowa in San Pedro this past weekend. You can see their letter of thanks at the end of today's edition.

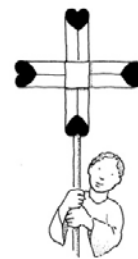
In honor of Veteran's Day, we will not have school tomorrow.

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink



COMING UP

- **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:

7th Grade

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

Our chapel offerings for the month of November will go to [Operation Christmas Child](#)



Did you know that purchasing physical gift cards from our Scrip program RaiseRight is safer than buying them in the store?

We've all seen those big gift card walls in stores. Scammers have figured out how to tamper with these cards by physically manipulating gift cards on store display racks before they are purchased. They then wait for an unsuspecting customer to buy and activate them, at which point they can quickly drain the funds.

So, buy your gift cards here at Bethany! You can purchase them in the school office Monday - Friday from 9 - 4 and between the 8 and 9:30 church services on Sundays. Some cards are kept on-hand, but there are hundreds of cards you can choose from on RaiseRight. Order early to make sure you get your cards in plenty of time for Christmas. And don't forget to shop with gift cards as well!

Raise Days begin this week! November 13 - 14 & 20 - 21. Earn up to 23% with 175+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. You need an online account to participate.

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. You can help with setup tomorrow, November 11 (9:00-12:00) or come to help with packing on Wednesday, November 12 (7:30-3:30). Here's when your child will be packing their box:

- 8th Grade: 9:30-10:05
- 4th Grade: 10:10-10:40
- 3rd Grade: 10:45-11:15
- 6th Grade: 11:20-11:55
- 7th Grade: 12:00-12:35
- 2nd Grade: 12:40-1:10
- 1st/8th: 1:15-1:40 (buddies)
- 5th: 2:00-2:30
- K/7th: 2:35-3:05 (buddies)



"Remem-bear":

We're expecting rain later this week.

If your child wears rain boots to school, please send a pair of gym shoes in their backpack for recess and PE time. No rain boots allowed in the gym.

Thanks!

Middle School Corner

Bethany's buddy system provides middle school students with the opportunity to be a positive role model, to act responsibly, and to be uplifting, while giving the younger students a friendly face to see around campus and a helper at school events.

Here's the buddy breakdown!

- 8th Grade and 1st Grade
- 7th Grade and Kindergarten

Our 7th and 8th grade students accompany their buddies to chapel weekly where they participate and worship together. These buddies are also on the same Bear Teams, so they see each other at monthly Bear Team events. Additionally, buddies are invited to Sunday worship services when their buddy is singing, and they also participate in other special events planned throughout the year.

Bethany Bears LOVE their buddies!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Advent Worship at Bethany

Advent Devotions in Hymnody - Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30PM:

Join Director of Music Ministry & Worship Arts, Noah Freeman for a night of singing popular Advent & Christmas hymns accompanied by Scriptures, personal reflections, and devotions that correspond with each one. Come be refreshed and renewed by Word and song as we wait for the King's coming.

Advent Worship - Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30PM:

Enter a quiet, reflective space this Advent season. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and meditative music, we'll prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us as we wait in hope, rest in stillness, and rediscover the deep peace and promise of Christmas in this contemplative evening of worship.

A Cozy Christmas with Tanner Olson & Blake Flattley - Friday, December 12th:

Join poet Tanner Olson and songwriter Blake Flattley on Friday, December 12th at 7:00PM for A Cozy Christmas at Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach Campus—an evening of storytelling, poetry, and music to warm your heart this holiday season. Gather with friends, sip something festive, and celebrate hope, joy, and wonder through words and songs that capture the true spirit of Christmas.

One Service on Sunday, December 14th!

On Sunday, December 14th, we will have a single Advent service at 9:30AM at Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach Campus, a time of reflection and anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Through prayer, scripture, readings, and song, we'll rest in God's presence and embrace the hope, peace, joy, and love of the season.



Bethany Lutheran School Honor Roll and Principal's List 1st Quarter, 2025-2026

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Isaac Albers
Holly Peck
Alexander Joanes
Dylan Bermudez
Mateo Brown
Zoey Castillo

7th Grade

Abigail Rosas
Aaron Castellanos
Vivian Wells
Jessie White
Dominique Marshall
Justin Armstrong
Elias Gagne
Daniel Evans

8th Grade

Madison Lott
Samantha Baldwin
Samuel Salazar
Sarah Kibe
Luke Gorne

Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum

Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum

Principal's List

6th Grade

Caitlin Chung4.0 GPA**

Harper Lee, Zion Ruiz, Liam Colello,
Eli Baldwin, Nikki DeFrance,
Nicholas Padilla

7th Grade

Nathan Haro4.0 GPA**

Ariadne Coutts-Wood, Lily Craft,
Mia Gorne, Riley Osborn,
Henry Cerulle, Jameson Steele,
Liam Quitoriano

8th Grade

Ethan Lo4.0 GPA**

Ezra Anema4.0 GPA**

Ethan Attia **4.0 GPA

Nixon Szych, Eric Vega,
Noah Wegman, Elizabeth Albers

Certificates will be awarded after chapel this week.



Mendocino Farms

EAT HAPPY. GIVE BACK.



FUNDRAISER FOR
Bethany Lutheran School

November 12, 2025 | 2PM - close
4201 McGowen St. #205, Long Beach, CA 90808

Order online for pickup or delivery using the promo code or show this flyer in restaurant, and we'll donate **30%** back to your cause.

promo code:

GIVEBACK

Discounts, coupons or offers are not valid during the fundraiser. For orders to count towards fundraiser, supporters must show flyer at register or enter code at checkout for online orders at order.mendocinofarms.com. Gift cards, catering, and 3rd party delivery orders are not eligible. Tax, tip, and delivery fee will not be included in donation. \$250 minimum event net sales required to receive any donation. All orders must be placed for pickup between 2PM - close on event date.



www.LuTEC.org
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.**

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 Bregger abrege@bethanylutheran.org



BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS

O HOLY

Night

NOAH FREEMAN, DIRECTOR

KEVIN BOWERS, ACCOMPANIST | ROBERT BOTTOMS, ORGANIST

54TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

FEATURING THE CHOIRS & ENSEMBLES OF
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 3:00PM & 7:00PM

4644 CLARK AVE. LONG BEACH, CA

This concert is a FREE TICKETED EVENT, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Bethany Lutheran Music Ministry and the Music Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are available beginning Wednesday, November 12.

To get tickets and more information about Christmas at Bethany, visit

www.BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/Christmas



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

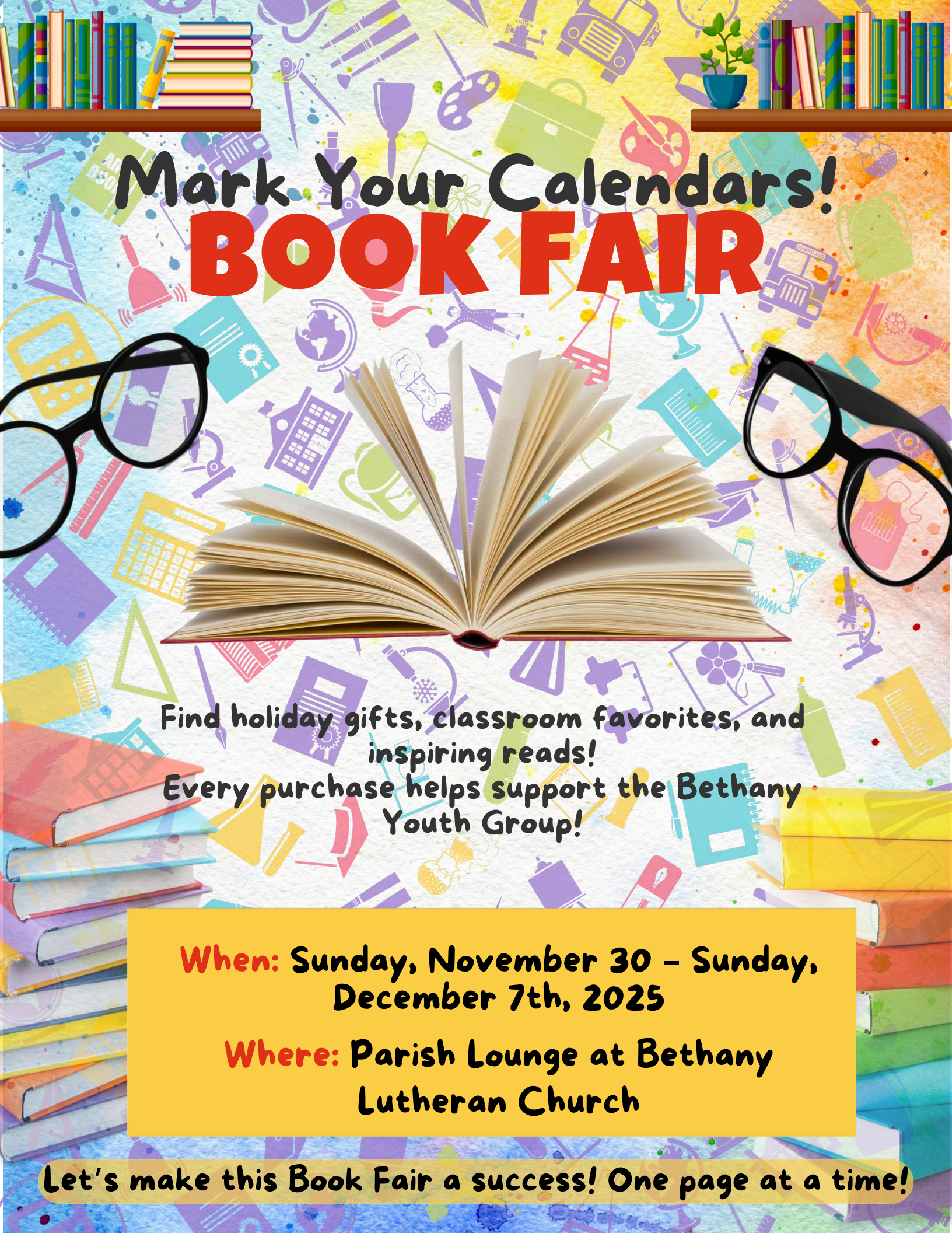
Join us to hear from Morgan Reed, LMFT, who will guide us through how attachment science can help us strengthen our bonds with our children. We'll talk about the "Four S's" (safe, secure, seen, soothed), handling repair, and how our own self-regulation helps us be a steady, supportive "human container."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





National Museum
of the Surface Navy
at the Battleship IOWA

250 S. Harbor Blvd
San Pedro, CA 90731

November 10, 2025

Bethany Lutheran School
4644 Clark Ave
Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear Dr. Mary Fink and Bethany Lutheran School Students,

On behalf of the National Museum of the Surface Navy at Battleship IOWA, thank you for the heartfelt thank-you cards your students created for the veterans who visited the ship on Veterans Day. Your kindness and care were felt immediately—many of our guests paused to read every word, often with visible emotion, grateful that young people took the time to honor their service.

These notes did more than brighten a holiday; they built a bridge between generations. Your students' messages reminded our veterans that their sacrifices are remembered and appreciated, and they demonstrated the values of gratitude, empathy, and service that Bethany Lutheran School clearly instills.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to your faculty, staff, parents, and—most importantly—your students for making Veterans Day aboard Battleship IOWA especially meaningful this year. We are proud to count Bethany Lutheran School among our ship's friends and community partners.

With gratitude,

Mike Nguyen
Director of Programs
National Museum of the Surface Navy at Battleship IOWA