



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our first ParentPulse cycle is complete! Thank you to those who took the time to share your feedback. It really is helpful for us!

Here are some takeaways you highlighted that we want to share back with the community:

2 Positives:

- School personnel are courteous and respectful
- The school keeps you effectively informed

2 Surprises/Challenges:

- Technology use in the classroom
- Parents' sense of belonging

Action Steps:

- Monitor/gather data on assigned screen time per grade level.
- Introduce additional opportunities for parents to connect with the school staff and families.

Parent Pulse is not the only way to reach out with feedback. Feel free to send an email my way any time!

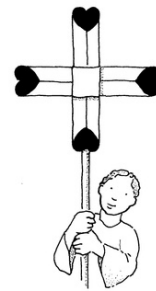
Blessings on your week. I hope you find some moments of *peace* in these busy days leading to Christmas!

Dr. Fink



COMING UP

- **Dec. 12**-Author 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
- **Jan. 16**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 19**-No school-Martin Luther King holiday
- **Jan. 23**-Report cards go home
- **Jan. 26-30**. National Lutheran Schools Week!
- **Jan. 26**. In-n-Out Truck!
- **Jan. 30**-Talent Show!



Leading our Advent service/chapel this week:

Pastor Kritzer

Our chapel offerings for the month of December will go to [Lutheran Social Services](#)



RaiseRight™

Dazzle Days ends this week on Friday, Dec. 12. Bonuses are good on both physical and eGift cards when you purchase online. Pick up physical cards in the school office.

eGift card bonuses start on Dec. 13 - 23. Many eGift cards can be sent as gifts or use them for your own shopping!

My last order for the year will be placed on Monday, Dec. 15 - last chance before Christmas!

Ruth Lopez
Scrip Coordinator
Bethany Lutheran Church and School
562-420-7783 ext. 58



CLEARANCE SALE!

We have a few extra fresh green door swags at clearance prices:
\$20!

Stop by the school office or give us a call to reserve one! 562-420-7783

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks for all your help last week,
Bethany Parents!
You were AMAZING!



Sweatshirt Shenanigans (Final Call!)

Cool mornings make us shiver,
Warm afternoons—we melt!
So sweatshirts get abandoned
Wherever they're last felt.

Now Lost and Found is wobbling,
A navy mountain tall—
I'm pretty sure it's plotting
To topple on us all.

So claim your cozy hoodie
Before it's swept away—
Because any unclaimed sweatshirts
Will find new homes one day!

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Middle School Corner

This year in Advisory, the middle school is focusing on learning and reviewing valuable life skills. Using a colorful, fun sticker chart, students are invited every couple of weeks to prove they possess one of the life skills and celebrate with Lifesaver candy.

Life Skills already covered this year include how to:

- shake hands with eye contact
- introduce two people to each other
- tell time on an analog clock
- blow up a balloon and tie the knot
- memorize two important phone numbers

Coming up later this year: make correct money change, fold laundry, memorize home address, proper table setting and manners, and use basic tools.

What other skills would you add to this list, and how can you support and encourage your middle school student in acquiring these skills before high school and beyond?



Advent Worship at Bethany

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.

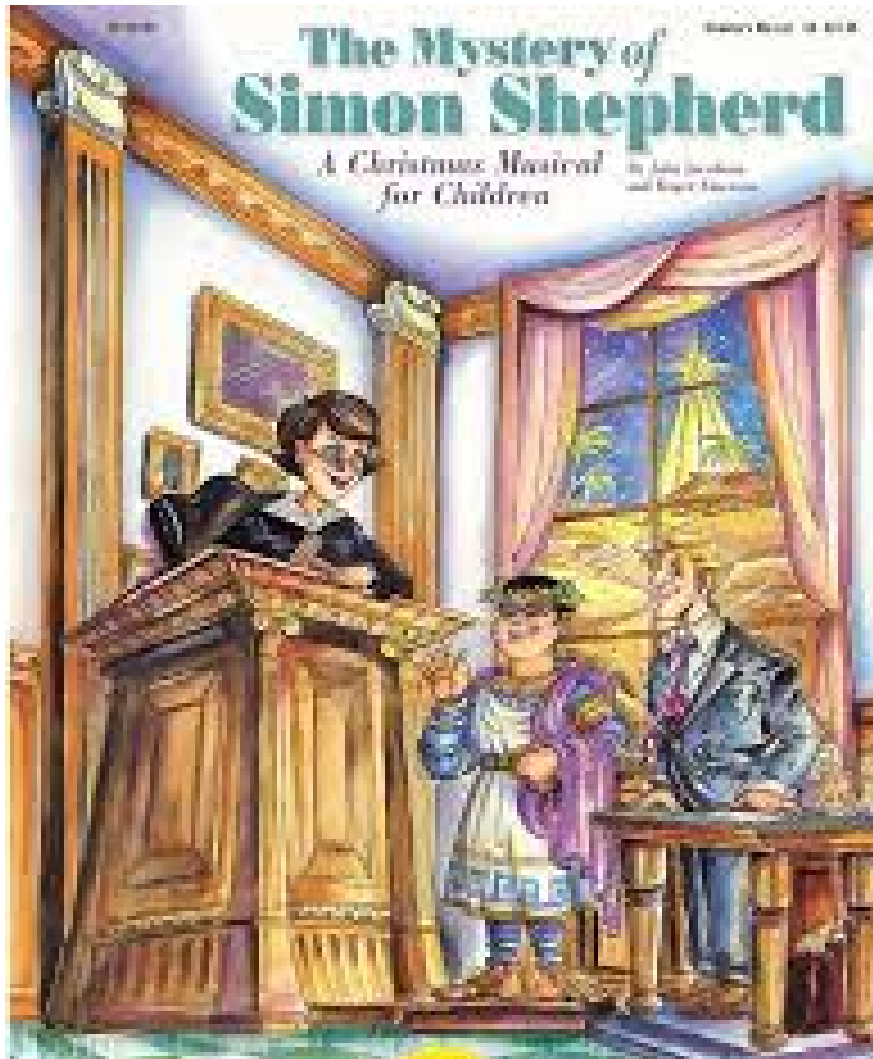
A Cozy Christmas with Tanner Olson & Blake Flattley - Friday, December 12th:

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.

Join us!
Bethany's Christmas Program
presented by Grades 3-5
Wednesday, Dec. 17 2:00
Thursday, Dec. 18. 6:30
Bethany Gym



Simon Shepherd is missing! It's census time in Bethlehem and Simon is nowhere to be found. Bethlehem's best Judge Trudy Justice is the only one who can preside over such a baffling case, while lawyers Matt Hemlock and F. Lee Maybe fight it out to find out whodunit. There's a suspicious Innkeeper and Caesar Augustus himself is summoned away from his palace as a witness to solve the riddle. Clever and touching songs are woven together with entertaining dialog and a plot with some surprise twists...with a beautiful conclusion which really brings the heart of the Christmas story to the center.



Bethany Lutheran Serves

HYGIENE KITS



WE ARE PARTNERING WITH LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
TO BLESS THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY
DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

SCHOOL STUDENTS PLEASE BRING THE ITEMS ASSIGNED TO YOUR CLASS:

KINDERGARTEN- WASHCLOTHS

1ST- HAND SANITIZER

2ND- BAR OF SOAP

3RD- TRAVEL SIZE SHAMPOO

4TH- TRAVEL SIZE CONDITIONER

5TH- GALLON SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS

6TH- TOOTHPASTE

7TH- TOOTHBRUSHES

8TH- HANDSANITIZER



**CHURCH MEMBERS, IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A HYGIENE KIT, PLEASE ASSEMBLE
ONE OF EACH OF THE ABOVE ITEMS INTO A
GALLON SIZED ZIP LOCK BAG.**

**BRING TO THE YOUTH CENTER ENTRYWAY BETWEEN
DECEMBER 1-15, 2025**

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE REACH OUT TO
A MEMBER OF STUDENT COUNCIL OR ALISSA BREGE**





BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

El Pollo Loco will donate 30% of the proceeds to us!

Visit the El Pollo Loco location listed below on the designated date and bring this flyer. Please order through cashier, not the kiosk machines. Participants must present this flyer to the cashier at the time of purchase.

Flyers cannot be distributed in or around the restaurant.

DEC 10, 2025

2727 E Carson St, Lakewood, CA 90712

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thank you in advance for your support! Interested in fundraising?
Contact Minerva Del Villar at (562) 821-4020 or minerva.delvillar@wksusa.com

Bethany Lutheran School's
Annual

Talent Show



AUDITIONS OPEN!

January 8 - 9 at 3:40 in the
Parish Lounge



audition guidelines

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any student who can sing, rap, dance,
play instruments, make people laugh, etc.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Auditions will be on January 8 to 9
from 3:40PM to 4:40PM, and will be held
in the Parish Lounge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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