



# BEAR FACTS

Issue 24: February 24, 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hearts a bit tender on our staff this week. We learned that one of our former Bethany Bears, Jackson Falkner, aged 15, passed away suddenly last week after a lengthy battle with a bone disease. Jackson was a triplet, so our hearts are heavy for his siblings, Maddie and Gavin, and his entire family.

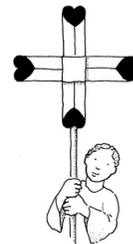
In the midst of processing the sadness of the news, we are re-living so many joyful memories of Jackson as a student here. He had so much grit...we remember him participating in the Jog-a-thon in a wheelchair, then with a walker, then walking it himself. He was filled with joy and laughter and make-believe. And his childlike faith was rock-solid...some of us even kept copies of his writing (on Superkids ice cream paper...!YKYK!) This line of his writing sticks out for me: "Jesus, I love you. I thank you...you guide me to the light." Yes, He does! And now Jackson knows that perfectly. We're so grateful for the opportunity to be part of his educational and spiritual journey.

In the midst of our sadness, we are clinging to the hope found in Jesus, knowing that Jackson is fully restored to perfect health. Please join us in holding the Falkner/Harvey family in prayer, asking the Father to fill them with His peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Blessed to be at Bethany,  
Dr. Fink

## COMING UP

- **Feb. 24**-PTL Meeting
- **Feb. 27**-Dress Like a Teacher Day
- **Mar. 2**-Read Across America Day
- **Mar. 6**-Open House/Science Fair
- **Mar. 8**-Daylight Savings Time
- **Mar. 11**-A Cappella Concert 7 PM
- **Mar. 17**-Battle of the Books
- **Mar. 20**-End Quarter 3
- **Mar. 24**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 26/27**-Minimum Days, P/T Conferences



Leading chapel this week:

**Miss Hinrichs**

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

Our chapel offerings this month will go  
to Phil's Friends.

We are a month out from the end of the rebate period, March 31. The minimum rebate that will be applied is \$25. This amount is calculated based on the 60/40% rebate split. What you see on the RaiseRight app / website is 100% of the rebate. You need to take 60% of that number. This is the number that must be at least \$25 in order for your rebate to be applied to your tuition. You have a whole month to boost your rebate earnings! If you need help checking the status of your rebate, let me know!

A great opportunity to boost your rebate is just around the corner - Raise Days! March 6 - 9 (Friday - Monday) with a sneak preview on Thursday, March 5. Raise Days bonuses are on eGift cards and reloads which means you need an online account to participate.

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Scrip Coordinator  
Bethany Lutheran Church and School  
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## Lenten Worship Services

*Lenten services-6:30 PM at the newly-renovated Cypress Campus*

- Wednesday Lent I (2/25) "Look what I've knitted you." [Genesis 3](#)
- Wednesday Lent II (3/4) "You Look Marvelous" [Genesis 37](#)
- Wednesday Lent III (3/11) "Swaddled" [Luke 2](#)
- Wednesday Lent IV (3/18) "Filthy Rags" [I Peter 2:24](#)
- Wednesday Lent V (3/25) "Garments of Grace" [Revelation 3](#)



## Monthly Awards

For February, we are recognizing students who demonstrate JOY: *"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* Psalm 16:11

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these JOYFUL students:

**Sarah Gorne, Ale Persico, Kasia Kosinska, Hazel Gagne, Myra Essoe, Donnie Norman, Holly Peck, Mia Gorne and Liam Riordan.**

## Middle School Corner

Middle School Families,

As we continue through the season of Lent, we invite you to give Breath Prayers a try. These short prayers help to connect the body physically and spiritually. Focusing on one breath prayer a week could be a great addition to your family's drive to school!

- [Want to learn more about Breath Prayers- check that out here!](#)
- [A list of Breath Prayers to get started](#)

**BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**3 STEP**  
*Re-Registration*  
2026-2027

- 1** **FEBRUARY**  
Confirm and update all family information in Gradelink
- 2** **MARCH**  
Registration/Tech Fees charged - no tuition this month!
- 3** **ANYTIME!**  
Refer a new family and get your Registration Fee credited back on December's tuition bill\*

\*one-time amount of \$330 only, max once per year

THE UNIVERSITY

# *A Cappella Choir*

AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONDUCTOR: DR. KURT E. VON KAMPEN

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MARCH 11  
2026

*Join us!*

7 PM

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Bethany  
Lutheran  
Church  
*Long Beach, CA*

# LAUDAMUS TOUR 2026

DIRECTOR:  
DR. SAMUEL  
EATHERTON

The premier choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



**TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7 PM**

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH LONG BEACH CAMPUS**  
4644 CLARK AVE. LONG BEACH, CA 90808



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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

# BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY  
**MARCH 27**



6:30 AM *CHECK IN*  
7:45 AM *IN CARTS!*  
8 AM *TEE TIME*  
1 PM *BUFFET LUNCH*



**NAVY GOLF COURSE**  
CYPRESS, CA



**\$150 PER GOLFER**  
UNTIL MARCH 2ND



PROCEEDS HELP  
SUPPORT THE VARIOUS  
MINISTRIES HERE AT  
BETHANY, INCLUDING:  
*MISSION WORK, THE 2028  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING,  
STUDENT SUCCESS, AND  
THE STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.*

**SCAN HERE**



**ATTENTION!**

**LAST WEEK TO  
REGISTER AT THE LOWER  
PRICE! NEXT WEEK THE PRICE  
GOES UP TO \$175 PER GOLFER.**



Contact Karl Fink [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org)

# BETHANY LUTHERAN ANGELS GAME

SAN DIEGO PADRES V.  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026  
1:07 P.M. GAME TIME  
AT ANGEL STADIUM  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!  
COST: \$20 PER TICKET

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALISSA BREGE AT  
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# EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

BETHANY LUTHERAN  
LONG BEACH CAMPUS

EGG HUNT, CRAFTS, SNACKS &  
DEVOTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

WE ARE MEETING IN THE GYM.  
THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

PLEASE RSVP BY  
TUESDAY, 3/24

SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR THE  
CORRECT AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO ALISSA ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG