



# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Learn. Love. Lead. **Serve.**

Recently I received a note from Christian Outreach in Action. If you remember, we collected food for them at our Trunk-or-Treat/Okto-bear-fest event back in October. In their message, they shared that our donations helped provide hot meals for more than 180 people and groceries for over 400 families.

What a powerful reminder that even simple acts of generosity can have a far-reaching impact.

Our students may never meet the individuals who received those meals or groceries. They may never hear a personal "thank you." But my prayer is that they learn something far greater: we do not serve for recognition or praise. We serve because Jesus first served us.

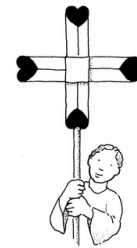
Whether it is a food drive, Operation Christmas Child, our weekly chapel offerings, the service hours our middle school students complete or any of the many ways we serve, each opportunity reinforces the same truth—faith is not merely something we discuss. It is something we live.

Thank you for partnering with us in helping our children put their faith into action.

*Blessings on your parent/teacher conferences,  
Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **Mar. 24**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 26/27**-Minimum Days, P/T Conferences
- **Mar. 27**-Pajama Day!!
- **Mar. 29**-Palm Sunday
- **Apr. 1** Way of the Cross Service- Bethany Middle School-9:00
- **Apr. 3**-Good Friday, No School
- **Apr. 5**-Easter HE IS RISEN!
- **Apr. 6-10** Easter Break
- **Apr. 12**-Confirmation Sunday
- **Apr. 13-17**-Local History Week
- **Apr. 15**-Track Meet-St. Mark's
- **Apr. 17**-Bethany Bingo Night
- **Apr. 20**-SEEDS Parent Night



Leading chapel this week:

**Ryan Fink**

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

Our chapel offerings this month will go to [Free Wheelchair Mission](#)



This is the final full week to earn for this rebate period. As a reminder, the current rebate period is from April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. Rebates will be distributed late April early May as follows:

- 1.) Last tuition payment for the current school year;
- 2.) First tuition payment for the next school year;
- 3.) Banked for DC (starting in 5th grade).

For non-school families, your rebate will be distributed to your chosen ministry. Thanks for supporting the Scrip program!

## Middle School Corner

Way of the Cross Chapel Invitation - all middle school students have an important role on this day!

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students will be leading a special chapel service on Wednesday, April 1st. "The Way of the Cross" follows Jesus through Holy Week and His journey to the cross for us.

Guests are welcome to join the 9:00 AM group, which starts at the lunch tables and takes a guided walk around campus while visiting stations from Palm Sunday through Christ's victorious resurrection.

*"It's hard to believe, isn't it? First, a hero in a parade, and in a few short days, a man hated by all and punished unjustly...for you and me. Let's take a walk down the way Jesus took for us...  
THE WAY OF THE CROSS."*

## Monthly Awards

For March, we are recognizing students who demonstrate **COURAGE**:

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1*

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these COURAGEOUS students:

**Aashni Khanna, Abby Guzman, Lyla Maillet, Legend Wallace, Tristan Levye, Noah Lopez, Nicholena DeFrance, Aaron Castellanos, Cooper Fransen**

# 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  
ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

# 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



**BETHANY  
FAMILY**

**BINGO NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

*in THE gym*



*Bring a sweet treat to share!!!*

*If you have any questions please email Cory Steele [csteele@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:csteele@bethanylutheran.org)*

# 2026-2027 School Calendar



Bethany Lutheran School

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DATE	EVENT/HOLIDAY
<b>August</b>	
26	Family Classroom Visit 6:30 PM
28	Bethany Bonfire at Bolsa Chica Beach
30	Family Classroom Visits 3:00 and 4:00 PM
<b>September</b>	
1	First Day of School
7	Labor Day-No School
21-25	7th Grade to Catalina
30	5th Grade Astrocamp
<b>October</b>	
1-2	5th Grade Astrocamp
5-7	6th Grade Camp
16	Teacher Inservice-No School-EDC Available
25	Okto-bear-fest/Trunk-or-Treat
30	Jog-a-thon
30	Minimum Day-EDC Available
<b>November</b>	
5	Minimum Day-P/T Conferences-EDC Available
6	No School-Morning P/T conferences and EDC available
11	Veteran's Day-No School
20	Grandparents Day
20	Minimum Days-EDC Available
23-27	Thanksgiving Break-No School
<b>December</b>	
18	Minimum Day-EDC Available
21-31	Christmas Break-No School
<b>January</b>	
4	Christmas Break-No School-EDC Available
5	First Day of School in 2027
18	Martin Luther King Holiday-No School
<b>February</b>	
12-15	Presidents Holiday-No School
<b>March</b>	
25	Minimum Day-EDC Available
26	Good Friday-No School
29-31	Easter Break
<b>April</b>	
1-2	Easter Break
8	Minimum Day/PT Conferences-EDC Available
9	No School-Morning P/T conferences and EDC available
<b>May</b>	
1-7	8th Grade DC Trip
7	Minimum Day-EDC Available
26-27	4th Grade Sacramento Trip
28	Teacher Inservice-No School
31	Memorial Day Holiday-No School
<b>June</b>	
6	8th Grade Graduation 4:00
10	Last Day of School-Minimum Day-EDC Available

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