



BEAR FACTS

Issue 29: March 31, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is Holy Week, a time to focus on the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. Your kids will hear about these events here at school, but it's important for them to hear about them from you, too! Talking about them as a family makes them even more real to your children.

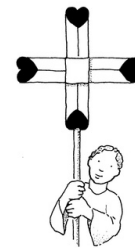
Need a timeline and some Bible verses to go with them?

- Palm Sunday-Jesus rides into Jerusalem. Mark 11:1-11
- Monday-Jesus clears the temple. Mark 11:15-19
- Tuesday-Jesus teaches the people and confronts the church leaders. Mark 11:27-Mark 13:37
- Thursday-Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper (Communion), prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and is arrested.-Mark 14:12-72
- Friday-Jesus is flogged, mocked, and crucified between two thieves. After his death, he is buried in a borrowed tomb. Mark 15:1-47.
- Saturday-The body of Jesus remains in the tomb.
- Sunday-The followers of Jesus discover he has risen from the dead! Jesus speaks with Mary Magdalene in the garden. He is risen! Mark 16:1-11.

*God bless your Holy Week journey
from the cross to the empty tomb!
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Apr. 1** Way of the Cross Service-
Bethany Middle School-9:00
- **Apr. 3**-Good Friday, No School-
School Office Closed
- **Apr. 5**-Easter HE IS RISEN!
- **Apr. 6-10** Easter Break-
School Office Closed
- **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
- **Apr. 27-May 1**-Scholastic Book Fair
- **Apr. 29**-Vision Screening
- **Apr. 30**-Music Spring Concert



Leading chapel this week:

Middle School

"Way of the Cross"

Parents, you are welcome to join us at
9:00 AM at the lunch tables.

Our chapel offerings this month will go
to [Voice of the Martyrs](#)



Happy New Year... new Scrip earning year that is! The new earning period goes from April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027. NOW is the time to get started to make a big impact on next year's rebate! Here are a few suggestions to increase your Scrip purchases in a way that helps you earn more without buying things you don't need.

1. Shop brands with high earnings to score big on purchases - plus watch for limited time bonuses to earn more.
2. Buy gift cards to pay for a month of your family's expenses - you can meet a \$25 rebate earning minimum within a month by being intentional about paying for all your purchases with gift cards. Use brands to pay for Subscriptions like HULU or Paramount+, Apple, Roblox; Food Delivery like GrubHub, DoorDash, Uber Eats, Instacart; Home repairs & Improvements - Home Depot, Lowes, Wayfair, ACE Hardware, The Container Store and more!
3. Take orders from friends and family - they can use gift cards for their monthly spending and you can earn on it. Gift cards also make great gifts for the people you love. Help them celebrate birthdays, holidays, anniversaries and more special occasions with a gift that contributes to your earning minimum.

Middle School Corner

Parents! It was such a joy to connect with you during conferences and continue partnering together in your child's growth. We pray that your family enjoys a wonderful and restful Easter celebration and a refreshing break from the school routine. We are excited and looking forward to a strong and positive fourth quarter together!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him." — Romans 15:13

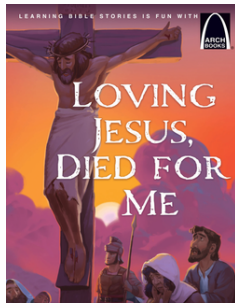
Holy Week Worship



Maundy Thursday:
Thursday, April 2nd
6:30pm on the Long Beach campus

Good Friday:
Friday, April 3rd
1:00pm & 6:30pm on the Long Beach campus

Easter Festival:
Sunday, April 5th
8:00 & 9:30am on the Long Beach campus
11:10am on the Cypress campus



Bethany Reads The Gospel

This week, Kindergarten through 8th-grade students were blessed to use a Thrivent Financial grant to read the children's book, *Loving Jesus, Died for Me*. The grant purchased a copy of this wonderful book for every classroom, including our preschool classrooms, and every kindergarten and first-grade student received a book to bring home!

The book shares that, "It is finished; His head bowed. The sky turned dark and filled with clouds. The curtain tore - now there's no doubt. Loving Jesus, died for me."

After reading the book, the students completed a sequencing thinking map that highlights that Loving Jesus, died for me, rose for me, and lives for me!

Please watch your student's backpack/folder this week for their thinking map and ask them about the Gospel story.

**BETHANY LUTHERAN
ANGELS GAME**

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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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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

Protecting Students' Mental Health

IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SCREENS



hosted by
Bethany Lutheran

**Monday,
April 20**

6:30pm

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Join us for an engaging night with speaker Julie Mengert, APCC, as she guides us through the oftentimes tough topic of parenting in the digital age. From self-worth and social media to escaping into video games, Julie will offer parents practical ways to parent with boundaries, grace and wisdom in a way that supports your child's development.

- **Social Media & Comparison**
- **Gaming & Escape**
- **Parenting With Grace, Boundaries, & Wisdom**

OUR SPEAKER

JULIE MENGERT, MA, APCC

Julie is an Associate Professional Clinical Counselor working in her fourth year as a therapist with SEEDS, following 20 years of experience in Lutheran education. She is grateful for the opportunity to blend her classroom experience with therapeutic techniques and strategies to support children's emotional and mental well-being. As a mother of adult children, Julie brings a personal understanding of parenting challenges and the joys of raising resilient, compassionate individuals.



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