



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we're excited for our fourth annual Local History Week, a week where each class will learn about a unique aspect of the great city of Long Beach or the surrounding South Bay.

This curriculum was written by our former 8th Grade teacher, Mr. Morner, and his wife (also a teacher) as a summer project for our school. Their intro to the curriculum states: "The K-8 Local History Curriculum at Bethany Lutheran School aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the vibrant and complex area they call home. By integrating local themes, history, culture, and civic engagement, this curriculum aligns with our school mission of "Love, Learn, Lead, and Serve." It fosters a sense of pride, belonging, and active participation among students, empowering them to become compassionate leaders who positively impact their community."

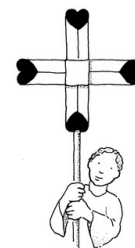
Here are some local history spots we'll be learning about this week:

- K-Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden
- 1st-El Dorado Nature Center
- 2nd-Korean Bell/Point Fermin Lighthouse
- 3rd-Rancho Los Alamitos
- 4th-Lomita Railroad Museum
- 5th-Long Beach Airport
- 6th-8th-USS Iowa

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **Apr. 13-17**-Local History Week
- **Apr. 15**-Track Meet-St. Mark's
- **Apr. 16**-DC Trip Meeting 6:00 PM
- **Apr. 17**-Bethany Bingo Night
6:00-7:30
- **Apr. 20**-SEEDS Parent Night
- Apr. 24-Blue/Gold Dress Up Day
- **Apr. 27-May 1**-Scholastic Book Fair
- **Apr. 29**-Vision Screening
- **Apr. 30**-Bethany Lutheran School
Spring Concert
- **May 1**- 4th Quarter Progress Reports
- **May 1**- Track Meet (all day)
- **May 1**-Minimum Day-school
dismissed at noon
- **May 1**-Middle School Dance



Leading chapel this week:

Kayleigh Lopez

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

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



RaiseRight™

New season, new earnings. Spring is a great time to get organized while you earn. Whether it's a closet update, maintenance around the house, or a project you've been saving for spring - earn with every purchase. Lots of choices for your spring projects - Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart, HomeGoods, Wayfair, Container Store and so much more!

Be sure to check out the Spring Gift Guide in today's newsletter to get inspired with new ways to earn a rebate all season long! So many giftable moments are coming our way - Mother's Day, Father's Day, Teacher Appreciation, weddings, graduations... oh my!

Ruth Lopez
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Middle School Corner

It's time for track season! Bethany students in 5th - 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in our track program. The track season is the perfect time for a student to try something new, build upon previously learned skills, and use his/her God-given gifts and talents to glorify God. The students will participate in many different events including: 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 meter dash, long jump, shot put and jr. javelin. The track team participates in three off-campus track meets.

Good luck, Bethany Bears!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-3

Congratulations to these 8th graders who publicly confirmed their Christian faith this past Sunday here at Bethany:



**Elizabeth Albers
Audrey Kienitz
Nick Peralta
Liam Riordan
Eric Vega**



*“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for He who has promised is faithful.”
Hebrews 10:23*

**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**



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.



Need childcare? Sign up here!



Bethany Lutheran School
Honor Roll and Principal's List 3rd Quarter, 2025-2026

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Liam Colello
Nicholas Padilla
Isaac Albers
Zion Ruiz
Nikki DeFrance

7th Grade

Liam Quitoriano
Vivian Wells
Aaron Castellanos
Daniel Evans
Mia Gorne
Jameson Steele
Mateo Benard

8th Grade

Elizabeth Albers
Luke Gorne
Sarah Kibe
Audrey Kienitz
Nickolas Peralta
Christian Cortado

Principal's List

6th Grade

Caitlin Chung4.0 GPA**
Harper Lee

7th Grade

Nathan Haro4.0 GPA**
Lily Craft4.0 GPA**
Riley Osborn, Ariadne Coutts-Wood,
Elias Gagne, Henry Cerulle,
Justin Armstrong

8th Grade

Ethan Lo4.0 GPA**
Alex Cuizon4.0 GPA**
Ezra Anema4.0 GPA**
Eric Vega, Nixon Szych,
Noah Wegman, Ethan Attia

Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum

Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum

Certificates will be awarded at the end of chapel tomorrow.

Earn With Your Spring Gifting

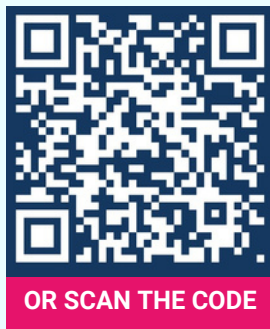
Celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, weddings and more while you earn for your organization. Get inspired with new ways to fundraise all season long.

The 2026 Spring Gift Guide is Here

Find great gifting brands, shop by category, use the shopping list for inspiration, and much more.

Get the guide at

raiserright.com/resources/SpringGuide



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