



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's student travel season at Bethany! The fourth graders flew to Sacramento yesterday. One of our stellar students, Blake, ended up sitting by California's Senator Richardson who was so impressed by her manners that she invited the fourth graders to visit the senate chambers! Way to go, Blake!



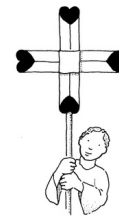
In honor of their trip, today's column includes some California trivia questions. How well do you know our state? (Answers are on page 4.)

1. What California lake lies more than 200 feet below sea level and is one of the saltiest bodies of water in the state?
2. Which California city was once known as the "Cow Capital of the World"?
3. Which California national park contains moving rocks that mysteriously slide across the desert floor?
4. Which historic California mission is known as the "Queen of the Missions"?
5. Which California city became famous for producing most of the world's garlic?

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **May 11-12** 4th Grade to Sacramento
- **May 13-5th** Grade State Project Fair
- **May 15** Trinity, Troubadour and TrebleMakers to Knotts
- **May 22**-High School/College Dress-Up Day
- **May 25** Memorial Day-No School
- **May 26**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **May 29**-Spring Concert 7:00 PM
- **May 31-8th** Grade Graduation 4:00
- **June 1**-Fun Day!
- **June 2**-Field Day!
- **June 3**-Park and Pool Day!
- **June 4**-Last Day of School
Kinder Graduation 10:30
Minimum Day
- **June 22-26**-Vacation Bible School
- **Aug. 26/30**-Family Classroom Visits



Leading chapel this week:
2nd Grade

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

Our chapel offerings this month will go
to the Long Beach Rescue Mission



Lots of upcoming opportunities to earn big with bonuses!

- Grocery bonuses / May 16 - 22
- Summer travel bonuses / May 23 - 29
- Memorial Day Online Shopping Bonus Event / May 22 - 25
- Father's Day gift card bonuses / May 30 - June 12

Don't forget - every purchase of a gift card on bonus (or reloaded gift card on bonus) = 1 entry to win the May Monthly Earning Challenge and a chance to win a \$500 gift card of your choice!

Middle School Corner

The 8th graders trip to Washington D.C. and New York was a success!

Here are a few of their statements about the experience.

"Times Square was spectacular. The lights were beautiful!" - Ethan Lo

"The game at Yankee Stadium was exhilarating, like a party! I loved it!" - Eric Vega

**"The New York architecture was interesting and eye-catching. It was fun to see the city up close."
- Christian Cortado**

"Central Park was stunning! The views were impeccable and the scenery was enjoyable. I can't wait to go back." - Luke Gorne

"The views from the World Trade Center were amazing. It was incredible to see the city from so far up." - Sebastian Zingler



Bethany Lutheran

partnering with Long Beach Rescue Mission, who supplies diapers for Lydia House to help mothers, babies, and toddlers in our community who are in need.



May 11-22, 2026



Students, Bring diapers to your classroom; diapers will be collected at the end of the drive.

Congregation Members, Please drop off diapers in the designated container in the Narthex during the above dates.

Questions? Ask a member of Student Council or Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Fun Day Coming Soon!

Our annual PTL Fun Day Carnival is scheduled for Monday, June 1! Watch this space for volunteer/FISH Hour opportunities!

Can you donate some goodies/prizes for the carnival? How about lending your EZ-Up or a cooler? [Click here to sign up!](#)



Bethany Lutheran
SCHOOL



"FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION" HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE WEAR DRESS UP DAY

8th Graders,

Wear a shirt/ sweatshirt showing other Bethany Bears where you will be attending high school next year.

Kindergarten - 7th Grades,

Gear up in a shirt/ sweatshirt of your favorite college.

Teachers,

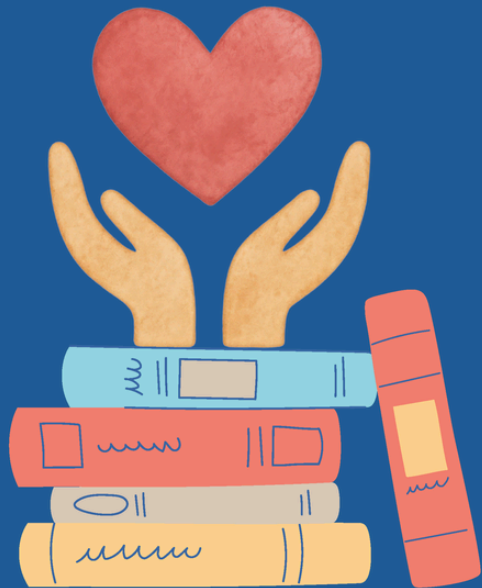
Represent your college alma mater(s) proudly!

MAY 22, 2026



California Trivia Quiz answers:

1. Salton Sea
2. Modesto
3. Death Valley National Park
4. Mission Santa Barbara
5. Gilroy



TEACHER

Appreciation MONTH

MAY 2026

Celebration Schedule

Gracias Teachers!

Tues. 5/5



Taco Bar Lunch for Staff!
Give your teacher a
handmade card or sweet
note!

In Full Bloom Because of You

Tues. 5/12



Staff, enjoy a Garden Party
themed lunch!
Bring your teacher their
favorite flower!

Thanks a Latte!

Tues. 5/19



Coffee cart and continental
breakfast for staff!
Students, bring your teachers
their favorite snacks!

Mahalo for all you do!

Tues. 5/26



A luau lunch for staff!
Students, bring your
teachers their favorite
sweet treats!

*Thank you Teachers and Support Staff for all that you
do for our children and families!
Love, Bethany Lutheran PTL and Parents*

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

VACATION

bible school



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JUNE 22 - 26
8:30 AM - 12 PM

AT OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS

Questions? Please contact

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