



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every once in a while, I overhear a parent wrestling with whether or not to bring their child's forgotten device/lunch/water bottle/homework to school. They want their child to learn responsibility! (Been there, done that, right?) And they wonder if they are helping or hurting by bringing forgotten items to school. They feel guilty if they do, and guilty if they don't.

We do want our kids to take responsibility for what they do, but also for what they fail to do. We want them to be responsible about their commitments, responsible in their relationships with others, and spiritually responsible to their Creator.

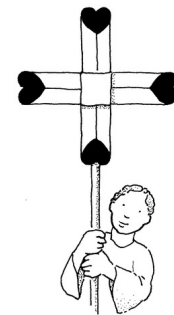
It seems like a daunting task, since most adults fail at one or more of these on a daily basis! It's hard to be responsible for teaching responsibility! But it's so incredibly important, and so incredibly lacking in our world today: we need people who recognize that with freedom comes responsibility/with a right comes a duty.

So when you have to get tough with your kids about personal responsibility, or when you have to admit your own failings in that arena, please know we've got your back, and we thank you for taking your parenting responsibility seriously! (And if you decide to bring items to school, we STILL have your back! We've all been there.)

*Blessings on your week,  
Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **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**-8<sup>th</sup> 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> 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



# RaiseRight™

Summer is just around the corner. Make the most of it with RaiseRight! Enjoy all of your summer activities and keep earning a rebate for next school year - use gift cards to pay for all of your summer fun! There are so many eGift card options you can purchase and use right from your phone on the RaiseRight app making it easier than ever to incorporate gift cards into your purchasing routine.

Don't forget the dining out and travel options as well! So many ways to earn money for Bethany ministries! Rebates aren't just for tuition - you can support Student Success, music, youth, or general ministry.



**Bethany Lutheran  
SCHOOL**

**“FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION”  
HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE WEAR  
DRESS UP DAY**

8<sup>th</sup> Graders,  
Wear a shirt/ sweatshirt showing other Bethany Bears where you will be  
attending high school next year.

Kindergarten - 7<sup>th</sup> Grades,  
Gear up in a shirt/ sweatshirt of your favorite college.

Teachers,  
Represent your college alma mater(s) proudly!

**MAY 22, 2026**

## Middle School Corner

Last week in Advisory, the middle school students took a personality quiz that matched them up with one of four different colors. The students analyzed whether their quiz results matched their self-reflection. The quiz results help students gain a better understanding of who they are right now (with discussion about how we might change and grow over time) and how to work well and understand others. Praise be to God that He created us to be unique! How boring this world would be if we were all the same!

[To continue the conversation at home, check out the page and ask your student what color they scored on the quiz.](#)

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.



**Diaper Drive**

May 11-22, 2026



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

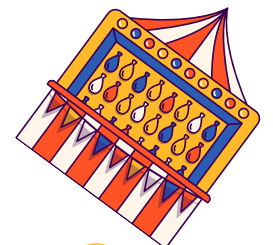
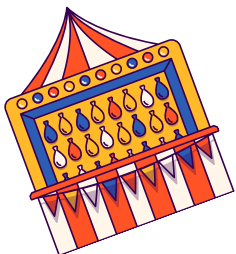
Congregation Members, Please drop off diapers in the designated container in the Narthex during the above dates.

Questions? Ask a member of Student Council or Alissa Brege at [abrege@bethanylutheran.org](mailto: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!*

- We could use more EZ-Ups! [Click here to sign up!](#)
- We will also need LOTS of parent volunteers at the carnival itself. Here's the link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/FunDay2026PTL>
- Here's when students will go to the carnival:
  - Preschool 10:00-11:00
  - K-2: 11:00-12:00
  - 3-5: 12:00-1:00
  - 6-8: 1:00-2:00



# We are hiring!

*Mrs. O'Conner, our math interventionist, is moving out of state and our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, Miss Root, is starting a new professional chapter. We wish both of these team-members God's richest blessings in their next adventures! Their departure means we have two positions to fill here at Bethany:*

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Bethany Lutheran School is seeking a creative, passionate, Christ-centered 4th grade teacher who loves helping children grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

The ideal candidate demonstrates strong instructional practices, creates a structured and caring classroom environment, and partners effectively with families to support student success. Candidates should also demonstrate strong communication, organization, and technology skills, a collaborative spirit, and a commitment to Lutheran Christian education and the mission of Bethany Lutheran Church and School.

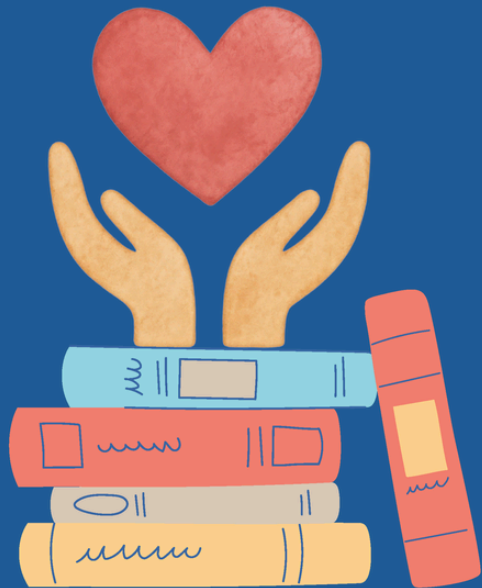
A teaching credential is a must. An LCMS-rostered teacher is preferred. Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact: [mfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mfink@bethanylutheran.org) Bethany Lutheran School is seeking candidates for the position of Math Interventionist. This is a part-time, non-benefitted position, 25 hours per week.

## **Math Intervention:**

We are seeking candidates with a love for Jesus, a love for math and the skills to communicate math concepts to K-8 students who struggle.

Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills. A teaching credential and teaching experience are a plus. Interested candidates should submit resumes to [mfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mfink@bethanylutheran.org).





**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*



scan me to register!



scan me to volunteer!



scan me for the Amazon wishlist!



**JUNE 22 - 26**  
**8:30 AM - 12 PM**

AT OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS

Questions? Please contact

Kayleigh Lopez at

klopez@bethanylutheran.org



**Bethany Lutheran School**  
**2026-2027 Supplies List**

**Kindergarten**

*(Please bring all items to your classroom visit in August)*

- 2 packs of sharpened #2 pencils (*no foil pencils*)
- 1 box of colored pencils 12 or 24 count
- 1 pack of small stickers (flat sheet, no books or rolls)
- 1 six pack of glue sticks
- 1 box Crayons – 24 count
- 2 boxes Crayola Washable Markers, broadline, 8 or 10 count
- 1 adult size t-shirt (to protect clothing) for arts & crafts
- Backpack
- A change of clothes (*uniform pants or shorts, underwear, socks & uniform shirt*) labeled, in a plastic bag.
- A small blanket, twin size fitted sheet for rest (*these items need to fit in a box 14Lx11Wx6.25, box is provided*)
- 1 simple, plastic pencil box (*not labeled*)
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 pair blunt tip 5in scissors
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.



Kindergarten List

*Only label gallon bag with clothes and rest items.*

**Grade One**

- 1 container baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 large box tissues
- 2 lower pocket folders (*different colors/ not plastic*)
- 1 scissors-Fiskars only
- 24 sharpened #2 pencils (NO foil pencils)
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue (not gel)
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 plastic, not metal, pencil box (8x5x2-1/2")
- Crayola colored pencils (24 pack) (*labeled with initials*)
- Crayola classic markers (8 fat) (*labeled with initials*)
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 standard fabric bookcover
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- Water bottle with a hook/handle approx. 8-10 in to hang from desk.

*Please label all items except pencils and glue sticks.*

*Please no rolling backpacks... they are difficult to hang on our closet books. Thank You!*

**Grade Two**

- 1 bottle white Elmer's glue & 5 glue sticks
- 1 large box tissues
- 1 each green/red ballpoint pen
- 1 box Crayons (limit 24)
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- #2 pencils - 2 boxes of 24 (sharpened) Ticonderoga brand preferred.
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- Plastic pencil box
- 1 in. 3-ring view binder w/pockets
- 12 pack colored pencils (*labeled with initials*)
- 10 count thin markers (*labeled with initials*)
- 2 folders with lower pockets, three-hole punched ( paper, not plastic)
- 1 standard fabric book cover
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

*Please label all items (except pencils)*

**Grade Three**

- 2 pink pearl erasers/ 40 pencil top erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's all glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large OR 2 small boxes tissues
- 1 box crayons, 24 count
- 1 box colored pencils, 12 or 24 count
- 2 pens (blue & red ink)
- #2 pencils, 3 boxes of 24 count, sharpened (*no foil pencils*)
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- 3 wide-ruled composition notebooks (100 pgs)
- 1 sturdy inch/centimeter ruler
- 2 sets washable markers, Thin & Thick (not permanent)
- 4 yellow highlighters
- 1 set of headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*
- 1 pack of 3 x 3 post-its
- 1 1/2 in " view binder (sturdy, durable)
- 1 – 3 ring pencil pouch w/zipper
- 1 pencil box (small)
- 8 plastic bold pocket dividers w/write tabs
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 2 packs 3 x 5 Index Cards
- 6 dry erase markers
- 1 dry erase eraser
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- 2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish
- 1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

*Please label markers, colored pencils, glue, comp notebooks, headphones, ruler*

## Grade Four

3x5 index cards  
Sturdy inch/centimeter ruler  
24 sharpened #2 pencils (*no foil pencils*)  
3 ballpoint pens (blue, red & black)  
3 glue sticks  
1 box crayons – 16 or 24 ct. (*Not fluorescent*)  
2 sets markers-8-12 ct. – Thin & Thick (*Not fluorescent*)  
1 box colored pencils - 12 to 24 count  
4 highlighters – Different Colors (pink, yellow, blue, green preferred)  
2 pink pearl erasers  
Notebook paper – wide rule only - no spiral  
Small sharp scissors - Fiskars type  
1” view binder  
8 plastic pocket dividers w/write on tabs  
Headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*  
3 wide rule spiral notebooks – Plain or colored cover  
2 wide ruled composition notebook – plain or colored  
1 boxes tissues  
2 pocket folders  
1 pencil box  
6 Expo dry-erase markers, fine tip, black  
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.  
1 box of tissue  
1 container Clorox wipes  
2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish  
1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

*Please label items.*

## Grade Five

2 glue sticks  
1 box crayons, 24 count (not fluorescent)  
2 highlighters  
Pencils, #2(mechanical OK)  
Pink Eraser  
4 ballpoint pens, red or green  
1 pair sharp scissors  
1 packages colored pencils, 24 count  
1 package colored markers, 12 count  
Pencil box (8-1/2”x5”)  
2 packages Wide Rule notebook paper  
8 plastic pocket dividers with tabs  
**1 – 1-1/2” 3 ring notebook with front pocket inside**  
3 large boxes of tissues  
Headphones or ear buds  
3 large containers of Clorox wipes  
Faith Alive Bible (*Received in Grade 1, 3 or 4. New students will receive one at school.*)  
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.  
2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish  
1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

*Please label all items.*

## Middle School Supplies (Grades 6-8)

2 or 2.5 inch 3-ring binder  
3 jumbo bookcovers  
1-subject spiral notebook (math)  
12-tab plastic divider set (with pockets)  
2 composition notebooks (1 science, 1 English)  
1 large boxes of tissues  
1 container disinfectant wipes  
Plenty of #2 pencils w/erasers  
Ballpoint pens (black, blue, red)  
Colored pencils & markers  
Notebook filler paper – **College Rule**  
Ruler (*inches and metric markings*)  
4 glue sticks  
Scissors  
1 100-pack of 3x5 index cards  
Zipper pouch(es) for storage (**no pencil boxes**)  
Ear Buds (required)  
Computer mouse (Bluetooth or wired) (required)  
P.E. Uniform (*available from Vicki Marsha website...3 PE classes per week*)  
1 school logo shirt (*available from Vicki Marsha website*)

Grade 6 and new students: plastic shoe box

Grades 7/8: Scientific calculator

*No permanent markers, Sharpies or liquid paper.*

*Backpack needs to fit in classroom cubby (13” wide by 23” deep)*