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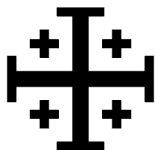
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THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

The Story of *How Time Flies* or *Times Change, Values Don't*

[Excerpts from: Travis J. Scholl, "Marking Time Is Making Time,"
The Lutheran Witness, September 2011: 5-6.]

In this year of *The Story* at Bethany, I thought I would share my least favorite words to say or hear, "**Same old story.**" You know how that goes, "**Here we go again...**" is not what you want to say nor hear when you are saying something; at least not if you are a preacher.

Yet as a preacher I've heard and maybe even been tempted to say or think on occasion, "**Same old story**" in regards to the church year.

- ❖ Didn't we just hear that reading?
- ❖ Wasn't it just the 95th Sunday after Pentecost not that long ago?
- ❖ How can it be Advent already?
- ❖ Here we go again, same old story.

The story below, as found in the September issue of *The Lutheran Witness*, might help put some perspective on that 'same old story' feeling in regards to the Church year.

We celebrate the Church year in part as a celebration of time. Time is God's gift, and God's creation sets the rhythms that make time possible. The Church year is a way of marking time and making time. It is a way of telling time and keeping time. And what is it that we mark and make and tell and keep?

We mark the events of God acting in world history and in our own personal history. We make a place to gather together, to remember and give thanks for what God has done for us. We tell the story of how God is working in our midst. And we keep the vigil for what God will yet do among His people.

The Church Year is for all these things. It is for telling the story of how a God beyond time acts within time to save and restore life. It uses the

months and seasons of the calendar to tell the story. Or rather, it tells the story in the seasons of the year and our own lives.

In this way, part of the wisdom of the Church year's telling of the story is the way it intertwines my life with the life of the whole earth: springtime and harvest, work and rest, life and death...

This is also why the Church year reminds us that time is not a straight line. We revolve through the seasons of the Church year – like the seasons of winter, spring, summer and fall – to remember that time is a circle, a spiral that revolves around the good news that One who was and is God became man. He lived our human life, yet lived it like no one else ever lived. He died a common death, yet died a death only He could die.

The Church year reminds us that we live virtually all our days in seasons. We live by the seasons of nature. We live by the seasons of our favorite sports teams and whether or not they get to celebrate festival days like the World Series or Super Bowl. We live by the seasons of our favorite TV shows or the next must-see summer movie. We even live by the ever-changing Google logo marking the virtual days of the Internet.

We live by marking time any way we can. But the Church Year takes the swift flow of time a step farther. The Church Year takes all these seasons of our lives and envelopes them within the time of God. It reminds us – year in, year out – that God has marked all time in the life of Jesus Christ and that the Spirit of God continues to fill time with His presence.

Yes, we've experienced the 3rd to last, 2nd to last, and last Sunday of the Church year before and are there again as of this November. We have been through the Advent story, just last year...in fact, every year. John the Baptist, Isaiah, same old...or can this same old story be seen and experienced in a new way? "One in which the rhythm of the Church year marks and makes time and connects us to God and each other?" - **Pr. Kevin Kritzer**

Join us for Thanksgiving Worship:

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00PM

Thursday, November 24 at 10:00AM

November Monthly Devotion...

The Story is...

- ✚ A people story.
- ✚ God's story.
- ✚ About who God is!
- ✚ About what God has done!
- ✚ About how God loves
- ✚ Where He is
- ✚ Why He does or doesn't!

The Story is God's story. But make no mistake about it; *The Story* is also a people story!

What do the following New Testament passages say about God's people? (*Click on the text to read the quote.)

[Acts 2:42](#)

[Hebrews 10:25](#)

[1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

[Romans 3:10-18](#)

[Philippians 3:17-21](#)

Or these Old Testament passages:

[Psalm 14:1-3](#)

[Psalm 5:9](#)

[Psalm 140:3](#)

[Isaiah 59:7-8](#)

The Story is a people story. In the above passages *The Story* has told us about who we are, in and of ourselves, and who we're now declared to be.

What did the above passages say about our natures (old and new alike)?

The Story tells us about what we have done and what we are called to do. ***What did the above passages say about our deeds (both those that are good and those for which we are guilty)?***

The Story tells us about how much _____ we deserve, how much _____ we've received and how much _____ awaits us. *Using the above passages fill in the blanks.

The Story tells us where we are headed and why we are here. ***What do the above passages say about our future and our present?***

In being a people story and telling us about ourselves the Scripture proves to be God's story; the more we learn about us, both our corruption and redemption, the more we learn about Him.

-Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Annual Thanksgiving Feast...



THE ANNUAL BETHANY THANKSGIVING FEAST is just around the corner.

This year's feast is on November 13th at 5:00PM in the Gym.

Be sure to sign-up for this special event between Sunday morning services in Friendship Square.

This year please select **two (2)** of the following to bring: salad or vegetable or dessert. The Board of Elders will be supplying the Turkey and Ham for this year's dinner. However, if anyone would like to donate a turkey or ham, please leave a note with the sign-up sheet. Also, please remember to bring your own table settings (plates, napkins & utensils).

Please join us for this event as this is a wonderful time to gather and remember all the daily blessings God gives us!

***Also see article on p. 3 "Something New for Children"**

Bethany's Christmas Concerts...

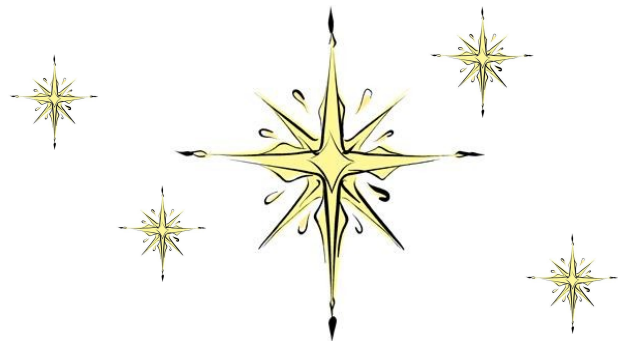
Mark your calendar and please invite your friends, neighbors and family to our annual Christmas Concerts.

Star of Wonder...Star of Light

Sunday, December 11, 2011

1:30PM, 4:00PM and 7:00PM

Bethany's 42nd Annual Christmas Concerts



Ministry of Discipleship News...

*Karl Fink-Minister of Discipleship, ext. 19
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Sunday School and Confirmation News:



The Sunday School led Advent service is scheduled for **Sunday morning, December 18, at the 10:55AM service.** The title is "**Light A Candle**", which is a delightful children's service designed to aid us in our preparation for the Christ-Child. We hope you will consider joining us for this

Advent worship experience!

Confirmation classes are in full-swing and running quite nicely. Year I students are in the middle of studying the Apostles' Creed, while Year II students have finished studying Holy Baptism and Confession/Absolution, and are moving into their preparation of the 95 questions they will be prepared to answer at their Witness service in April 2012. I continue to be grateful for the volunteers who serve our Confirmation students, and the parents who are active in their studies as well!

Please note that our Sunday education classes (Adult, Sunday School children, and Confirmation) will be taking a break Thanksgiving weekend, Sunday November 27.

Something New for Children:

During our Thanksgiving dinner on **November 13**, we will have something new for the children to do during the program portion of the event. Ages 3 through Grade 5 will be able to go to Room 102 for some Thanksgiving activities designed for them as the 30-40 minute program continues in the Gym. There will be

Thanksgiving decorations to make, coloring sheets for the younger ones, as well as Thanksgiving stories read to various ages. Families will be directed when the time is right to send their children off to Room 102! **Please Note:** Child care will also be available for babies through age 2 in the Nursery.

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One of the ministries I am involved in here at Bethany is being Athletic Director of our school. I enjoy all types of sports, and I just need to take this opportunity to tell you of a wonderful thing that happened here this Fall.

Our program was blessed to welcome back four former students of our school (or Confirmation class) who decided to give of their time and energies in our sports programs. I think that is an important happening on many levels, one of which is raising up the next generation of leaders here. This might seem to be a small thing, but I know how important it is to give opportunities to those who have attended here in the past, who wish to serve now. These individuals did a tremendous job in working with our boys' and girls' teams, and I am very thankful for their time and energy.

I am most thankful to our Heavenly Father who has called me to this place, during this time, to be of service to you! May all of your Thanksgiving times be blessed...in Him!

Karl Fink
Minister of Discipleship

Adult Bible Studies for NOVEMBER...

SUNDAY Morning:

- † Lessons of the Day—Every Sunday morning with John Schinnerr at 9:30AM in the Conference Room. This study highlights the readings/lesson of the day.
- † Pastor's Class—The pastors continue with the Parish Theme Bible study "**The Story...His Story**" and will meet throughout the year, **Choir Room**, 9:30-10:30AM. Please be sure to get your books, which have been made available since August. Please plan to join us anyways even if you do not have a book. Please be sure to bring a Bible!

WEDNESDAY Evening:

- † Living Way—This mid-week study meets at **7PM in the Parish Lounge**. We will continue in our study of the Book of Acts **through November 16th**.
- † Griefshare Group—Continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the Multi-purpose room **through November 9th**. Questions contact Karl Fink.

- † The Heart of the Story—Join Pr. Seth Moorman at 7PM in the **Multipurpose Room 215** to go over the book, "**The Heart of the Story**". This study meets **through November 16th**.

THURSDAY Morning:

***Both Thursday morning studies will take a Thanksgiving break on November 24th.**

- † Men's Bible Study meets from **6-7AM in the Parish Lounge**. We'll be studying **The Story...His Story**. *If you need to leave earlier for work, no problems! We're always looking for new men to join us, so as your schedule allows consider meeting with us as we study God's Good Word, fellowship, & pray together.
- † Women's Bible Study meets from **9:15-11AM in the Parish Lounge**. We're studying **Joseph: Beyond the Coat of Many Colors**. All women are invited to attend. Child care is provided. Questions? Meg Velez, (562) 426-4262.

Ministry of Outreach News...

Pr. Seth Moorman-Minister of Outreach, ext. 13
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There's a wall in front of you. Behind you is a past you are running from. Beyond the wall awaits the promise of a new life. But you're not moving because there is this "wall." You feel trapped. No way out. This is just the sort of situation in which God does some of his finest work.

You need only ask the Israelites. Behind them was a life of back-breaking work and slavery. Ahead of them was a life in the land of Promise. Behind them was the fierce army of a fanatical Pharaoh coming towards them. Ahead of them was a wall. Their obstruction was made of water.

Your "wall" may be a fear of failure. Or maybe it's a lack of confidence that has grinded your progress to a halt. Or it could merely be too many problems that have piled up in front of you at the same time. You have no clue which one to tackle first. So you stopped. You aren't sure if there is a way over, around, or under this imposing impediment.

At this point many people panic. Anxiety courses its way through the body, atrophies the movement muscles, and rigor mortis overtakes their resolve. Eyes which once had clear focus now only focus on the wall just inches away. But some look elsewhere. The Israelites looked to Moses. They began belting him with blame. Have you done the same? Blame the boss. Blame a co-worker. Blame your dog. Blame God. Maybe even blame yourself? Blame all you want but the wall remains.

While the Israelites were body punching Moses, he opted to look elsewhere. His options? He could have looked at the enemy's army. He could have looked at the ungrateful people he led. He could have looked at the wall of water spread out before him, sat down, and given up. Instead he looked to God. God opened an unlikely route through the wall of water. Safely on the other side, the very wall that had halted their steps closed in on and covered the sources of their fears.

The very name of the book where we find this story serves as a reminder when we face our "walls." "Exodus" is a compound Greek word meaning "the way out." In case you might have missed it, the way out was not a better job, a different spouse, or a victim mentality. No, the way out is God. Next time you find yourself up against a wall try looking to Him.

Perhaps getting involved in service can be a way for you to break through the walls that have stopped your progress. Here are some ways you can get involved and break through the walls of apathy.

Christian Outreach In Action: COA is the largest provider of meals and food to downtown Long Beach community members in need and is a nondenominational, 501c nonprofit organization that has been serving the community for 27 years. Mark your calendars now to help COA at their annual Thanksgiving meal on **November 26th** and their Children's Christmas Party on **December 17th**. Call Eileen at COA to volunteer (562) 432-1440.

Greeters Needed: *Welcome! Bienvenue! Willkommen! Bienvenidos! Aloha!* Bethany Lutheran Church seeks to be a place where people feel welcome. One way we do this is by having a friendly face greet people at the door as they come to worship. We are looking for individuals and families who would like to offer a hand of welcome to members and guests alike. Interested? Contact the church office to sign up.

Invite the Neighborhood to Church: On **Saturday, December 3rd** we will be delivering invitations to our neighbors to come to Bethany for our annual Christmas concerts and to join us for worship on Christmas Eve. Get some exercise and spread the good news at the same time. **Bring a water bottle and meet in Friendship Square at 9:00 AM.**

-Pastor Seth Moorman



Operation Christmas Child...

Since 1993, more than 77 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced the joy of receiving the gift of a shoe box filled with simple treasures. Yet, the impact of **Operation Christmas Child**, goes far beyond smiles and laughter. These simple gifts become Gospel opportunities demonstrating God's love in a tangible way and introducing needy young people to the Savior, Jesus Christ. Every shoebox contains material that shares the Good News of Jesus Christ in a child's own language.

Then local churches and ministry partners invite children to attend a follow-up program using lesson materials supplied by **Samaritan's Purse**. (www.samaritanspurse.org)

This Christmas, you can share the love and hope of Jesus with a needy child by filling a sturdy plastic box or shoebox with small items of clothing, books, toys, school supplies and toiletries. You can also help by praying that these simple gifts will become Gospel opportunities, opening hurting hearts to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ. For additional details, pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochure, prayer guide and shoebox at the table in Friendship Square on October 30, November 6 or November 13. Please return filled shoeboxes to the table in Friendship Square on or before **Sunday, November 20, 2011**. If you have questions, please contact Louana Dean, 562-4225-0897, Ted and Randa Pearson at 562-429-2129, or Kahana Smith, 562-377-3673.

Bethany Lutheran School News...

*Dr. Mary Fink-School Principal, ext. 17
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It's hard for me to believe our first quarter is nearly over. What a whirlwind of activity we've had already, and the Christmas holidays aren't even here yet! Wow.

Grandparents Day: Our students, K-8, will be celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends Day on **November 18** in the afternoon. Students are encouraged to invite grandparents or special friends to come, meet their teachers, and visit their classrooms. It's one of the highlights of our school year! If you would like to volunteer to be a student's "someone special" for the day, give us a call in the school office: 420-7783.

Conference: We're looking forward to our annual Lutheran Educators and CAPSO (California Association of Private School Organizations) Conferences, which will be held in Long Beach this year.

Farm Fresh Produce: Support local farming, your family's health AND Bethany Lutheran School's Garden of Eatin! We are partnering with Tanaka Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program to bring farm-fresh produce directly to you! This program is open to both school AND church families.

Here's how you can participate:

- ✓ Visit www.tanakafarms.com
- ✓ Click on 'CSA Program' and then click on 'New Subscribers'

- ✓ Choose your box size (\$20 or \$30)
- ✓ Pick up your produce at Bethany Lutheran School. Boxes will be delivered to Bethany every other Wednesday.
- ✓ A portion of every box supports the **Garden of Eatin!**
- ✓ Questions? Contact Carlota Brown: cbrown@bethanylutheran.org

Christmas Greenery: Again this year our 8th Graders will be selling fresh Christmas wreaths & greenery to help raise money for their DC Trip. If you bought one last year, you know how wonderful the wreaths are and how long they last. Students will be taking orders in Friendship Square after services on Oct. 23, 30 & Nov. 6. You can also stop by the school to place your order. We expect delivery right after Thanksgiving and we'll have a few extras to sell after that. Thanks for your support!

Giving Thanks: I am so thankful for my Bethany family and your prayerful support of our school ministry!

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

- *Philippians 1:4-6*

Dr. Mary Fink, Principal



Bethany's Preschool: Tricycle Tidings

*Nola Seaman, Preschool Director, ext. 22
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MISSION STATEMENT: Bethany Lutheran Preschool exists, "To provide quality Christian early childhood education in a safe, loving and caring atmosphere; daily teaching God's forgiveness and love through our Savior, Jesus Christ."

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!" - Isaiah 43:1 NASB

Thank you, God for making me yours!

This is the month for being thankful. Of course we are not thankful ONLY in November, but we do seem to be more intentional about giving thanks during the month of Thanksgiving. With that in mind, I thought I would take this opportunity to say some "Thank you" thoughts.

- ♥ Thank you to those members who decided to start a preschool at Bethany almost 37 years ago! What a blessing Bethany Lutheran Preschool is to those we serve.
- ♥ Thank you to today's members who support us with prayer, donations, and other support! We could not exist without you.
- ♥ Thank you to all of the parents who bring and who have brought their children to us! Words cannot express the joy we receive as we tell His little ones about Him and His wonders.
- ♥ Thank you to the children for being so delightful! (As I write this I am listening to Mrs. Raya's young 3's sing [in the bathroom and to the tune of "Are You Sleeping"] "Top and bottom, top and bottom. In between, in between. Now you wash the soap off. Now you wash the soap off. It's all clean. It's all clean.")

- ♥ Thank you to the staff members of the church and day school for being such great co-workers!
- ♥ Thank you to the preschool staff for being you!
- ♥ Thank you to God for church, parent and staff partners! Bethany is a wonderful place to serve!!!
- ♥ And always, thank you to God for sending Your Son to die and rise again so that we can live with you forever in heaven. Thank you for giving us "The Story...His Story" that we love to tell!

The children will show their thankfulness for all they have on **November 16** when we participate in the Pacific Southwest District's Second Annual School Service Day. Last year the children painted red, white and blue Thank You cards that were sent to military service personnel and multi-colored God Loves You cards that were taken to an assisted living facility. The teachers are busily planning for this year's service project.

*Bethany's preschool teachers will be attending the annual Lutheran Educator's Conference **Sunday, November 20. On Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22** four of our staff will be attending CAPSO (California Association of Private School Organizations). Both conferences are in Long Beach this year. School will be open for full-day students.*

Preschool is a fun, busy time!!!

We still have a few spaces in our program. If you know of a family with young children, tell them about Bethany. Invite them to visit our web site at www.bethanylutheran.org or to call the school at (562) 429-7335.

♥ **THANK YOU!** ♥

BLC Youth Ministry News...

ALL YOUTH...check out Bethany's website, www.bethanylutheran.org. We will be posting event details, pictures, and if you need a permission/medical release form for an event...this is the place to find it! Go to "Ministries," then to "Youth" and click on the group you are interested in!

High School (grades 9-12):



This month's HS Event is the **Senior High District Youth Gathering (DYG)** in San Diego, **November 18-20**. Info on what to bring and times of departure/return will be sent directly to registered attendees. -Diana Orr

High School Sponsored Scholastic Book Fair SAVE the DATES

Set-up will be **Friday, December 2** and the fair will run **Sunday through Friday, December 4-9**. Make plans now to volunteer and help run the book fair!

November - HS Birthdays

11/2 Joshua Lange	11/7 Kailee Castlen
11/11 Rebecca Finley	11/14 Kara Stribling
11/15 Alyson Utke	11/16 Beth Dana
11/16 Jennifer Dana	11/21 Eugene Pua
11/27 Alexandra Pollard	11/27 Joeylyn Sanchez

High School Music Ministry

HS Handbells and the HS Celebrate! Choir will begin again in September with a modified POWER Sunday model. The schedule for our next two months looks like this—contact Dr. Carol McDaniel and/or Sara Cerulle.

November Schedule:

- Nov. 6 - **Power Sunday** - 8AM worship, 9:30AM study hour, 10:45AM Bells rehearsal, 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal
- Nov. 13 - **Power Down**
- Nov. 20 - **Power Sunday** - 8AM Bells rehearsal, 8:40AM Celebrate rehearsal, 9:30 study hour, and 10:55AM sing at worship.
- Nov. 24 - **Thanksgiving Day** - Sing & Ring at 10AM
- Nov. 27 - **Power Down**

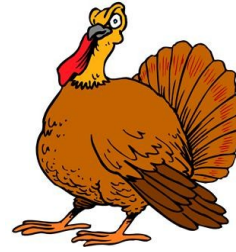
December Schedule:

- Dec. 3 - **Special Rehearsal**...Ring/Sing...Details TBA
- Dec. 4 - **Power Sunday** - 8AM sing/ring at worship, 9:30AM study hour, 10:45AM Bells rehearsal, and 11:30AM Celebrate rehearsal
- Dec. 10 - **Christmas Concert Rehearsal** in AM...Details TBA
- Dec. 11 - **Christmas Concerts:** 1:30, 4:00, & 7:00PM
- Dec. 18 - **Power Sunday** - 9:30AM sing at worship
- Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 11PM worship
- Dec. 25 - **Power Down**

"3to5" for (grades 3-5)

"MSG" for (grades 6-8)

Turkey Bowling!! November 13 @ 3:30PM



- ☺ What says Thanksgiving more than mashed potatoes and stuffing?
- ☺ What cries Thanksgiving more than a nap and a football game?
- ☺ What is more Thanksgiving than pumpkin pie?
- ☺ What declares that Thanksgiving is upon us more than a beautifully cooked bird setting on the table – How 'bout a frozen bird being hurled down the lane?

That's right, it's November so it must be time for Turkey Bowling once again! **Sunday, November 13th from 3:30-4:45PM** it is our annual Thanksgiving (MSG, 3to5) Frozen Bird Tourney. We will have four lanes - two for MSG and two for 3 to 5 and the champions of each group will face each other for bragging rights till TB2012!

Parents, when your child(ren) is(are) done rolling the bird, take the family to the Gym for the annual Thanksgiving Feast and dining on some bird and all the trimmings. (Those served at the feast in the gym will not be those previously rolled in the parking lot!)

You can RSVP for Turkey Bowling to either:
Pr. Kritzer (kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org)
Diana Orr (dorr@bethanylutheran.org)

Parents if you have not already done so you can sign up for the Thanksgiving Dinner in the courtyard Sunday the 6th.

Matthew 19:14 - *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*

SCRIP News...

Thank you to everyone that is turning in Fresh & Easy receipts! We can turn in receipts over \$20 that are ***dated between September 15 and December 31***. The more receipts we turn in the more we earn. Last year a Lutheran church earned over \$8,000! Can Bethany top that?

Please register your Ralphs and Vons club cards, if you have not already done so. The more cards we have registered the larger our checks are from Ralph and Vons. The information for signing up club cards is available every Sunday at the SCRIP table.



If you are starting your Christmas shopping this month, please look at the On Hand and Special Order SCRIP forms to see what you could purchase to support Bethany. Please don't buy gift cards at the grocery store. Our SCRIP/gift card program provides funds for improving our Bethany campus and supports ministries here at Bethany and abroad.

More Bethany Lutheran School News...

Bethany Lutheran School congratulates our Principal, Dr. Mary Fink on being selected as a finalist for the Administrator (Principal) of the Year recognition within the Pacific Southwest District, Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. There are 3 finalists. One individual will be selected as the Administrator of the Year and publicly announced at the Lutheran Educator's Conference in November in Long Beach. We are extremely proud and honored that our Principal is among those being considered for this recognition. Congratulations, Dr. Fink!

Students on our school campus have been extremely busy in the first few weeks of this school year. Football and volleyball teams have been competing with other schools within our district, our Garden of Eatin' has been replanted and is beginning to show signs of growth, our annual ITBS testing period has taken place, numerous field trips have occurred, we held a very successful Fall Fling Open House and Back to School night, the PTL sponsored a Movie Night and the annual Jog-A-Thon, our music, art and middle school electives programs are well under way --- (whew!) and MORE! Our campus also hosted 2 important educational programs: the "Thrivent Investing in Your Child: Strategies for Paying for Education"; and "Is It Really Just Play?", a seminar designed to inform about the value of play based, developmental pre-school programs.

November promises to be a busy month too as we invite grandparents and special friends to join us on campus (Nov. 18), we hold Parent-Teacher conferences (Nov. 9-10), the Christmas Store is available to students (Nov. 15 & 17), two Cook's Nights Out (Nov. 9 @ Chick-Fil-A, and Nov. 30 @ Souplantation) and our entire school participates in the 2nd Annual Pacific Southwest District Service Day on Nov. 16. Each of our classes will select a project to do that will benefit our local community.

While Bethany Lutheran School is always grateful to be a part of the greater Bethany community, the Thanksgiving season is a particularly appropriate time for us to express our gratitude for the continual support and encouragement of our Pastors, parish boards and leaders, and congregation. It is a blessing that everyday we are able to provide a quality, Christ-centered education to our students by 'inspiring life-long learning and cultivating Christ-like character.'

Kathy Tucker, Admissions Director
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Additional News & Notes...

- ⇒ **Deadline for the DECEMBER Chimes** is on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**. Email articles to Aimee Coleman at acoleman@bethanylutheran.org.
- ⇒ **Church Office Closed: Friday, November 11** for Veterans' Day and also **Thursday/Friday, November 24 & 25** for Thanksgiving.
- ⇒ **Please NOTE:** NO studies, Confirmation or Sunday School on **Sunday, November 27**.
- ⇒ **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, November 6** starting at 8:30AM in the Gym.
- ⇒ **Travel Club:** It's time to set your sights on January. Stop by the travel table and check out the information for LAUGHLIN 2012. We always have a great time. Why not join us this year? Included are: cocktail party, pizza party, champagne buffet brunch, two nights lodging, transportation, all taxes & tips. Where? At the Aquarius Hotel & Casino, January 22-24, 2012 (Sunday-Tuesday). Cost is \$130/pp for a double and \$160/pp for a single. Questions contact Alice Kroll at 714-995-6973 or email her at aliceandclint@yahoo.com.
- ⇒ **Golf Tourney Dates Set:** 2012 Brianna Esswein Memorial Golf tourney is **Friday, March 16, 2012 @** Montebello Country Club. Watch for more info to follow!

Bethany's MOMS Group...

Are you a mom of young children and would like to meet other Bethany moms? Plan to join the Moms' Group this fall on the first and third Fridays of each month for a playdate.

This month it will be **November 4 & 18**. We meet in the church nursery around **10:00AM** and the kids play and the moms talk for a few hours. We also meet once a month for a **Moms' Night Out**, this November date is TBD.

More information is to follow in the weekly chimes. Questions or for more information please contact Sarah O'Conner at smo17636@yahoo.com.



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Join us at Worship!

Sunday: 8AM, 9:30AM, & 10:55AM

Monday: 7PM

Special Worship Services:

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00PM

Thursday, November 24 at 10:00AM

Important NOVEMBER
Dates to Note:

DATE / EVENT / TIME	
11/1	Youth Board, 6:30PM All Boards, 7PM
11/7	Evangelism, 6:15PM
11/8	Church Council, 7PM Community Impact, 7PM
11/11	Church Office Closed
11/13	Thanksgiving Dinner, 5PM
11/18-11/20	Sr. High DYG
11/23	Worship, 7PM
11/24	Worship, 10AM
11/24-11/25	Church Office Closed

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