



Preschool Press

Bethany Lutheran Preschool PARENT NEWSLETTER

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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."

Serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

Very Important Preschool News!

- Wednesday, February 1—Registration for 2012-2013 begins for currently enrolled students
- Wednesday, February 1—2:00 – 3:00 Teddy Bear Picnic for Pre-K and their 6th grade Bear Buddies.
- Wednesday, February 8—Cooks' Night Out at Fuddruckers. Fliers will come home next Tuesday.
- Tuesday, February 14—Morning with Mommy-9:00-11:00 am
- Wednesday, February 15—Open House 6:00 – 7:30 pm—Pizza dinner 5:00 – 6:30—order form attached
- Friday, February 17—Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences—**half day for all students**
- Monday, February 20—Presidents' Day—School will be closed
- Tuesday, February 21—Kindergarten Sneak Peek and Bethany day school registration
- Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday—worship services at 4:00 and 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, & 28—Lenten worship services at 7:00 pm—Family worship from 5:30-5:40—soup supper served 5:00 – 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday**—Church at 8:00, 9:30, and 10:55 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
- **Every Monday** —Church at 7:00 pm
- **Every Tuesday**—Preschool Chapel at 9:15 am
- **Every Wednesday**—Moms In Prayer group. 8:45 – 9:45 am in Parish Lounge
- **Every Thursday**—Men's Bible Study at 6:00 am—and—Women's Bible Study at 9:15 am

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturday, March 3—Happy 37th Birthday to Bethany Lutheran Preschool
- Sunday, March 4 thru Saturday, March 10—National Lutheran School's Week
- Sunday, March 11—Preschool sings at 10:55 am worship service
- Tuesday, March 13—Grandparents' Day—9:00-11:00 am
- Friday, April 6—Good Friday—School will be closed
- Sunday, April 8—Easter Sunday—He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!
- Monday—Thursday, April 9-12—Easter camp for full-day students only
- Friday, April 13—Teacher In-Service—School will be closed
- Saturday, April 28—Zoo Phonics workshop at Bethany
- Sunday, May 6—Preschool sings at 10:55 am worship service
- Monday, May 28—Memorial Day—School will be closed
- Friday, June 15—Last day of school year
- Monday, June 18—Summer session begins
- Monday, June 18—Friday, June 22—Vacation Bible School



♪ Jesus loves me this I know, for
the Bible tells me so ♪

This and That

- **Preschool staff meetings** are held on the **third Tuesday** of each month at 5:30 pm. If your child attends on Tuesday; and if you can possibly pick him or her up before 5:30, it would help us immensely. If that is not possible, it is not a problem. We will keep your child occupied while we begin our meeting. Thank you for your help! Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm.
- **Family Worship**- Beginning February 29 and continuing through the season of Lent, Bethany will have a special worship service for families with young children. The Family Worship Service will begin at 5:30 PM each Wednesday, and last for fifteen minutes. The focus for this time of worship will be the Journey of Jesus from Bethlehem to the cross and back to life. Traditional Lenten services will continue as always at 7:00 PM, with Soup Suppers being offered between 5:00 and 6:30 PM. All ages are welcome to attend either service.
- Please check with your child's teacher to confirm that we have your correct contact information in case we need to get hold of you. Also let us know the order we should call (Mom first, Dad first). Thanks!
- It is officially tax season. If you need your **tax information** you can get it from FACTS. Just log into your FACTS account and calculate your 2011 payments. If you have trouble doing that, contact me and I can calculate it for you. Bethany's tax ID # is 952111043.
- Several of our parents have opted to receive this newsletter electronically to help us "Go Green". If that option works for you, send me an email, and I will add you to our electronic list and take you off of our paper list. Thanks for helping us be kind to our planet.
- **Moms in Prayer International** Moms In Prayer can help you debunk misconceptions about prayer. Misconception #2: Prayer is only for the pious and the spiritually mature. We don't need a special holy vocabulary filled with biblical words and phrases to pray. Anyone can have a conversation with God. At Moms-In-Prayer we use scripture verses (printed out for you) to help guide our prayers. We use simple words, keeping it short and to the point. No one is forced to pray aloud, only those who feel comfortable. God hears our heart.
Moms in Prayer: It's what we do. It's who we are. We meet Wednesday mornings 8:45 - 9:45 in the church conference room. For more information about Moms in Prayer International, visit www.MomsInPrayer.org.
- **FISH opportunities:** We suggest opportunities that will help you fulfill your FISH commitments; while taking care of some of our needs. We will post these needs/opportunities in the monthly Preschool Press, by email and in posters that will be put up on the parent board by the sign in sheet.
Currently:
 - Paint our perfectly good but rusty tricycles.
 - Rake our rubber nuggets back to the top of the slope.
 - Spider patrol!
- **USED BOOK COLLECTION.** Is it time to clean off the bookshelves at home? Our school's Student Success Program is collecting used books, suitable for children through adults. There will be a collection box ready to receive those books in the narthex and school office, Sundays or weekdays. Watch for the

SSP Used Book Sale sometime in the Spring of 2012. Questions – contact Jim Kurkowski 714-527-7012 or jkurkowski@ca.rr.com.

- Bethany Lutheran Preschool is a CELL-PHONE-FREE zone. Please give your child 100% of your attention while you are here. Your child is excited to see you. He or she will not stop growing while you are on the phone, and you may miss a bonding opportunity.
- If you would like to send an email when your child is going to be absent or for any other reason:

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The next SCRIP holiday is Valentine’s Day! Using Bethany SCRIP/gift cards for your Valentine’s Day shopping and gift giving benefits you and Bethany. We have SCRIP for CVS, Target, Walgreens and Walmart for buying Valentine cards and candy. Buying treats for a classroom party? Please use SCRIP! Looking for a special treat to put in your Valentine cards? We have Baskin Robbins, Golden Spoon, iTunes, Jamba Juice, Starbucks and lots of other gift cards to choose from. Take your special Valentine to dinner and a movie. We have movie SCRIP for AMC, Cinemark, Edwards and United Artist theaters and restaurant SCRIP for many restaurants close to the theaters.

Plan ahead for our next Cook’s Night Out and purchase Fuddrucker’s SCRIP to pay for your meal. Our Fuddrucker’s Cook’s “All Day Out” is February 8 from 11 am to 9 pm and our very own Bethany pastor’, principal, teachers and 8th graders will be refilling drinks! If you only go to one Cook’s Night Out this year, go to this one, the fellowship at the Fuddrucker’s event is always fantastic!

➤ **Read the Bible in 2012!**

Make a New Year’s resolution this year that can change your life. Challenge yourself to read the entire Bible in 2012. It will take hard work and discipline, but the benefits are eternal.

- Purchase "THE ONE YEAR BIBLE" in a version that is easy for you to read. These books arrange the text of the Bible into 365 daily readings.
- Choose from the New International Version (NIV), The King James Version (KJV), The New Living Translation (NLT), or The English Standard Version (ESV).
- You can purchase one of these Bibles at a Christian bookseller, at a large bookstore or even on-line.
- Pastor Seth writes a “ONE YEAR BIBLE” BLOG each week that you can find and follow on www.bethanylutheran.org

Look for us on the web at www.bethanylutheran.org

♪ Love, love, love. That’s what it’s all about.

‘Cause God loves us, we love each other, Father
Mother, Sister, Brother.

Everybody sing and shout. 'Cause that's what
it's all about. 🎵

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