



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."

Hear my prayer, O Lord.

Psalm 86:6

Very Important Preschool News!

- Thursday and Friday, November 3 & 4 - Preschool Pictures—If your child attends on Thursday, his or her picture will be taken that morning. If your child doesn't attend either Thursday or Friday, please bring him or her either morning.
- Friday, November 11—Veteran's Day—School will be closed
- Bethany Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Dinner—begins at 5:00 pm with special activities for the children age 3 to grade 5.
- Wednesday, November 16—LCMS—PSD School Service Day
- Monday through Wednesday, November 21-23—Some of the teachers will be at an Educator's Conference. The others will be here with the full-day students.
- Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving Holidays—School will be closed
- **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 Touch prayer group. 8:45 - 9:45 am in Conference Room

LOOKING AHEAD

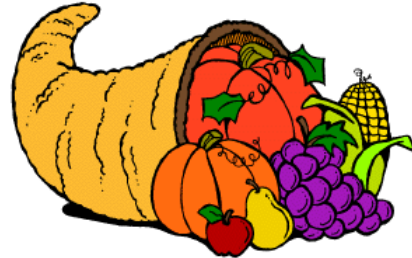
- Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 pm the Preschool children will present their gift to Jesus.
- Sunday, December 11—Bethany's Annual Choir Concerts—1:30, 4:00 & 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 21 through Monday, December 26—We will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.
- Tuesday, December 27 through Friday, December 30—Christmas Camp—full-day students only.
- Monday, January 2—New Year's holiday—School will be closed
- Tuesday, January 3—Opening day 2012
- Monday, January 16—ML King Day—School will be closed
- Wednesday, February 1—Registration for 2012-2013 begins for currently enrolled students
- Tuesday, February 14—Morning with Mommy-9:00-11:00 am
- Wednesday, February 15—Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
- Friday, February 17—Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences—half day for all students
- Monday, February 20—President's Day—School will be closed
- Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday—Lenten worship services at 4:00 and 7:00 pm—soup supper at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 13—Grandparents' Day—9:00-11:00 am
- Friday, April 6—Good Friday—School will be closed

This and That

- Flu and cold season is here: To reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if he or she has a non-clear nasal discharge, unexplained rash, sore throat, diarrhea, stomachache, earache, swollen glands, fever, or a strong cough during the previous 24-hour period.
- Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for participating in our Fall 2011 Fundraiser. Your sales and donations earned us \$1,898.

In the past, our parents and their friends and relatives have helped with the following by participating in previous fundraisers:

New carpet in every classroom
Brickwork in play yard
Shade coverings over play yard
Rubber nuggets
Replaced outside drinking fountain
Installed lower toilets in classrooms
Replaced worn out copier in preschool office
Purchased new laptop computers for preschool classrooms
New printer for teacher's computers
Poster frames on outdoor walls



Items that have moved from our "Wish List" to our "Accomplished" list:

New sand in sandbox
New, higher West gate, so that the children can't reach to open it

Other items on our "Wish List" for the future are:

New carpet in room 120
New play structure
Outdoor sink

- *Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?-- Corrie Ten Boom* Join other Bethany moms as we pray, using the 4 steps of prayer. We **praise** God, acknowledging Him as God and Savior. We silently **confess** our sins. We **thank** God for answered prayer and blessings in our lives, and then we ask God, we **intercede** for our children, our teachers, and our school. For more information contact Connie Kritzer at 562-431-3189 or busybeachmom@msn.com
- **Our weather has been very unpredictable lately.** One minute it is hot, the next it is cold. Be sure that your child has a light sweater or jacket in his/her cubby, and a warm—and a cool—extra change of clothing. Also...**Please check on a regular basis** to make certain that we have a complete change of clothing on hand. We do have some extra clothing, but it is easier for us, and more comfortable for your child, if we have his/her own things. Also, please help your child be successful by providing pants that are **EASY** to pull down and up. Too many accidents happen when the child is unable to unsnap his or her really cute pants. Thank you. **Easy is better than cute and stylish at preschool!**
- *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.*

- 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.
 - Move furniture in Mrs. Raya's classroom any time in the afternoon or early evening.
 - Hang our new swings.
 - Spider patrol!
 - Take care of items on the "Preschool Wish List"
 - Someone to cut and sand 60 4" x 4" x 4" cubes
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- If you would like to send an email when your child is going to be absent or for any other reason:

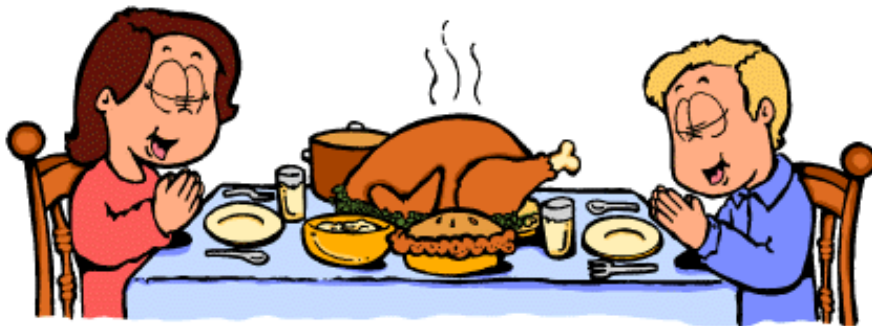
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Two more mission opportunities....

"...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

- Bethany's Mission India would like to help ongoing services of Lighthouse Ministries India, in Mumbai (Bombay) at their Almost Heaven Children's Home. Their present need is twin sheets; preferably 50% Cotton/50% Polyester or more Polyester because they dry faster when laundered. The sheets do not have to be new, but the expense of new sheets can be minimal at bargain stores. We hope you are able to join us in our efforts to bring simple comforts and protection into the lives of God's children. We will provide a box in the school office for drop off. Thank you for coming together as one body.
- Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures are available in the preschool.



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