



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

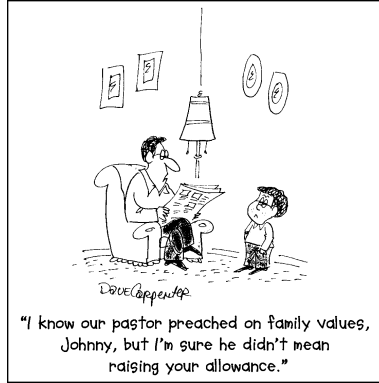


It is our tradition, here at Bethany, to give out monthly awards to deserving students. We do this at one of our chapel services toward the end of the month. Each year, we choose a theme for our monthly awards. Last year our theme was based on the book of Proverbs, the year before it was based on the fruits of the Spirit. This year our theme is based on positive character traits, based on a book by the famous UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, entitled "Pyramid of Success." These character traits are also emphasized in our 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student agendas.

For the month of September, we're emphasizing "Hard Work and Enthusiasm." I'm sure you would agree that those are *very important* character traits for all areas of life, not just sports. The tricky part, as a parent, is giving our kids the opportunity to work hard enthusiastically! I know in some areas I am guilty of deciding to do things myself so they'll be done "right" and so I don't have to cajole my kids. Or I don't let my kids struggle through hard work: I try to make it easy for them. Giving in to those temptations might make me a popular mom, but it won't help my kids learn to work hard.

I saw a great plaque recently that read, "Don't prepare the path for the child. Prepare the child for the path." I think that's great advice, don't you?

*Serving Him with you,  
Dr. Fink*



*"I know our pastor preached on family values, Johnny, but I'm sure he didn't mean raising your allowance."*



New Parent Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7:00 PM in the church. This information meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus. Childcare for school-aged kids will be provided in the daycare room during the meeting.

### Homework Hotline

This year, we are phasing out the Homework Hotline and replacing it with individual teacher websites. You can find each teacher's website on the school's site under "Student Resources." We hope teachers, parents and students find these sites useful!

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#### DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 16-  
Cooks' Night Out-Fuddruckers  
5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Camp Meetings-6:00  
New Parent Orientation-7:00
- ☺Sept. 21-PTL Board
- ☺Sept. 22-PTL General Meeting
- ☺Sept. 28-Oct. 2-7<sup>th</sup> Graders to Catalina
- ☺Oct. 2-Family Fun Night
- ☺Oct 4-Grades 2-3 sing at 10:55
- ☺Oct. 5-Meet the Masters

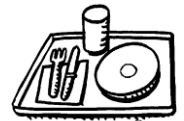
#### *Our worship leaders for upcoming chapel services:*

- Sept. 16-Dr. Fink
- Sept. 23-Mr. Fink
- Oct. 7-Pastor Kritzer
- Oct. 14-Mr. Gagan's Class

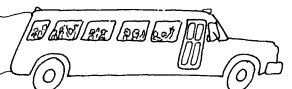


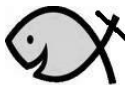
**Chapel Leaders**

Mr. White could use some help at the lunch tables on hot lunch days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.) This help may earn tuition credit. Please contact Ms. Charette in the school office if you're interested.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!





The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

A NEW FEATURE! You can submit your FISH hours online! Go to the Forms page on the school website and follow the link.

Do you have a truck? We have a helium tank that needs to be refilled (but it won't fit in a trunk!) Contact Dr. Fink if you can lend a hand.

### SEPTEMBER Youth Kick-Off!

Our fall kick-off is just around the corner so ALL YOUTH in *His Kids* (gr. 3 & 4), *Light Force* (gr. 5 & 6) & *Junior High* (gr. 7 & 8)

Youth Groups—put this date on your calendar NOW! You won't want to miss this! **Our event is at the Mayfair Pool on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30PM.** Meet at Bethany first so parents can sign new permission slips for the year and carpool. **Please parents, do not leave until the permission slip is completed.** \*NOTE: If your child is arriving with a different parent, download the form from the Bethany website and get it to the youth or church office beforehand. **The cost is \$3.00 for any individual that is going to swim.**

\*Please RSVP to Diana Orr at [dorr@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:dorr@bethanylutheran.org) by Wednesday, September 16.



CHAPEL OFFERING

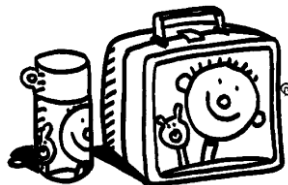
This month we will be supporting Lutheran Social Services with our chapel offerings. In these tough economic times, this organization has been overwhelmed by the number of requests for food, hygiene items, diapers, etc. We will be giving them our offerings for the month, but we are also conducting a food drive to help refill their pantry shelves.

Last week we sent home a list of needed items. It's also posted on the school website. Please consider having your child help you with your weekly shopping, adding one or two of these items to your list, then sending them to your child's classroom. Thank you!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."*

### Fueling Your Kids

Join us for the first PTL General Meeting on Sept. 22 and get some "label-training" from Suzanne Morales, nutritionist. See the attached flyer for details!



### Come join Cub Scouts!

Boys in first through fifth grades are invited to Cub Scout Pack 75's first pack meeting of the school year on Friday, September 18th. Hot dog dinner at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM in the Gym.

### Cook's Night Out-

The FIRST 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip restaurant fundraiser will be at FUDDRUCKERS on **Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon -9 PM.** Please make sure you bring the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts. Make it a triple play: don't forget to purchase Fuddruckers SCRIP to pay for your dinner and turn in your receipt for School Cents! **See you at Fuddruckers!!**

### Music Instruction Available during the School Year:

We are pleased to offer two opportunities for Bethany students who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument. You may choose either The Roscoe School of Music OR Bethany Lutheran Music Academy. ROSCOE's program offers instrumental music instruction to enhance private school education in grades 2-8. These lessons take place during the school day; students are pulled out of their classroom in order for them to attend their lesson time. Our MUSIC ACADEMY provides after-school music instruction in piano (grades 2-8), organ (grades 7 and up) or voice (grades 6-8). Roscoe Music Program information came home yesterday. Music Academy information came home the last week. Tuition for either program is in addition to the school tuition.



**Save the date: Friday, October 2** will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Fun Night hosted by Bethany Lutheran Preschool. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a Pot Luck dinner. Around 7:00 pm, we'll be joined by ventriloquist Robin Garvin and her wonderful Friends. Robin and Friends have been at Bethany on a number of occasions; and each time she has delighted children and adults alike! Please sign up in the preschool office, the school office, or the church office so that we know how many tables to set up for dinner and how much tableware and drinks to purchase. *Nola Seaman, Preschool Director*