



Bear Facts

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I overheard an interesting conversation the other day between a father and his young son. The father was berating his son for saying, "I'm sorry" and telling his son that he didn't ever want to hear him say those words. He encouraged his son to say, "My bad," instead. I'm not sure why the father was doing that. Maybe he thought that saying "I'm sorry" would hurt his son's self-esteem?

This got me thinking: is there a difference between "I'm sorry" and "My bad?" It certainly seems like there is a disparity between those two phrases. One phrase accepts responsibility and describes a personal effect. The other merely acknowledges responsibility.

It would be easy to write the whole thing off and say it's just semantics, but somehow I don't think it is. I think it's important to verbally acknowledge that when we've hurt someone and accept responsibility, something happens inside of us: we have a feeling known as "sorry", which hopefully leads to improved behavior on our part. I'm not necessarily against the "My bad" phrase, I just don't know that it's wise to tell kids not to verbalize their "sorry-ness" over their actions.

That's my two cents. What do you think?

*Serving Him with You,
Mrs. Fink*

Fun Day is on the Way!

Fun Day brings us all together for a day of fun, laughter, and fellowship. So if you haven't marked your calendar yet...Ohana Fun Day is May 16th!

Please join us!



Choir Snack Sales!

It's that time of year again: time for our Trinity and Troubadour Choirs to raise money for their Disneyland trips!

Snack sales will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school in Freedom Square. Come and support our choirs!



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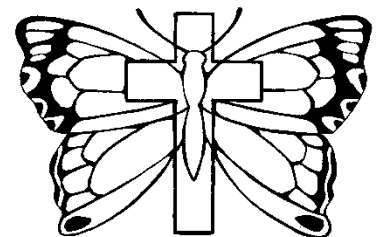
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DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Apr. 23-DC Trip Meeting
- ☺ Apr. 24-Sacramento Trip
- ☺ Apr. 25-26-Family Event...see attached flyer!
- ☺ Apr. 30-8th Grade Grad Meeting
- ☺ May 3-8 DC Trip
- ☺ May 11-Meet the Masters-Mondrian
- ☺ May 14-5th Grade State Dinner
- ☺ May 15-Professional Minimum Day
- ☺ May 16-Fun Day!



It's time for e-waste recycling. You can drop off your items in the Pacific Theater parking lot at Lakewood Center this Saturday, or at Cerritos Center next Saturday. Every item donated earns 1000 points! Just be sure to mention that you're from Bethany Lutheran!



Happy Easter!
"He is risen; He is risen indeed!"



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Third Quarter FISH reports will come home this week. Please recall that all FISH hours must be completed by June 1. Fun Day is coming and we'll need lots of help, so you might be able to complete your remaining hours then!

Upstairs Bathrooms

The upstairs bathrooms are looking great, but they're not quite finished. We're waiting for some last minute materials to arrive. In the meantime, the "upstairs kids" will have to use the downstairs restrooms.

This project is entirely funded by Scrip, so a big THANK YOU goes to our faithful Scrip buyers out there! And if you haven't bought Scrip, we encourage you to do so...it's a good deal for you *and your child's school!*



Congratulations to the following 8th grader confirmants, who affirmed their baptism and publicly witnessed to their faith on Sunday, April 19:

Briana Betz, Sarah Black, Kelly Bumgardner, John Crawford, Marielle Leviste Gagan, Amber Goebel, Erin Loehnert, Alex Pollard, Jennifer Reilly and Alyson Young.

Two Dynamic Family Events Presented by *The Board of Discipleship*

Please join us!

Saturday evening, April 25, 6-9PM in the Parish Lounge

This 3-hour *Couples Seminar* is for couples of ALL ages, with or without children. Couples will discover why they say and do the things they do. Through a variety of exercises and presentations they will celebrate their unique personalities, love languages, and ways of communicating with one another. This seminar promises to be filled with plenty of laughter and fun-loving discoveries. If you would like to attend this session and will need childcare, please contact Karl Fink: 420-7783, x. 19.

Sunday morning, April 26, 9:30AM in the Gym

This hour-long study titled, "*The American Family in the 21st Century*" will help us discover how the church can respond and empower our families for the everyday challenges which are prevalent in our society today.

About Our Guest Speaker:

Our speaker for the weekend is **Pastor Roger Sonnenberg** of *Our Savior Lutheran* in Arcadia, CA. Pastor Sonnenberg teaches as an adjunct professor of Concordia University, Seward, NE and has recently helped open the new graduate family ministry program of Concordia West (Seward). He also serves our district as a first vice-president.



The last day to buy SCRIP for this year's tuition rebate is April 24, all purchases made on or before April 24 will be included in this year's rebate. Purchases made after April 24 will be for the 2009-2010 tuition rebate. Have you asked grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and co-workers to buy SCRIP to increase your tuition rebate? Please remember that the tuition rebate is recorded under the name of your youngest child in the elementary school.

Whatever the theme of your classroom basket is for Fun Day be sure to use SCRIP/gift cards to purchase items for the basket. If gifts cards are included in the basket please purchase them from Bethany SCRIP!

8th Graders: Two IMPORTANT MEETINGS coming up!

DC Details Meeting:
Thursday, Apr. 23
7:00 in the church
Graduation Meeting:
Thursday, Apr. 30
7:00 in the church



"It never fails...Every time I teach on David and Goliath there're a few kids who think they have license to go home and pulverize their big brothers."