



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. This is the beginning of the 6-week period of Lent. We will be talking about the traditions and meaning of Ash Wednesday in chapel tomorrow and, as is our custom at Bethany, we will mark our foreheads or the backs of our hands with ashes as a symbol of our penitence and sorrow for sin. When you see your child's forehead or hand, ask them about it and use it as an opportunity to talk and pray together.

You are also welcome to worship with us again in the evening at 4:00 or 7:00. In the weeks to come, our evening Lenten services will focus on the story of Jonah. There will be a soup supper (starting at 5:00) before each service. Hope to see you there!

*Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink*



Interested in Joining Bethany Lutheran Church?

Bethany 101 is a five-week course that explores the key truths of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Attendance at this course is required for those joining Bethany who are not transferring their membership from another Lutheran Congregation. (Those transferring from another Lutheran church are *welcome* to attend, as are any members of Bethany wanting to 'refresh' their catechism instruction.)

The next Bethany 101 session will begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday March 1st. The last Bethany 101 session will begin on Sunday March 29th at 4:00 pm and 201 will begin immediately thereafter at 5:00 pm. Child-care is provided for each session with RSVP. Please RSVP your attendance: 421-4711.



Correction:

Next week's NLSW breakfast is \$4.50 per person, not \$5.50. If you've already paid, you will receive a \$1-off coupon that you can use for hot lunch next month. Sorry about that!

*Mrs. Berg
Hot Lunch*



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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Feb. 24-Kindergarten Sneak Peek/Roundup and Registration!
- ☺Mar. 2-6 National Lutheran Schools Week
- ☺Mar. 2-Meet the Masters-Rosseau
- ☺Mar. 6-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ☺Mar. 9-11-Accreditation Visit
- ☺Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☺Mar. 17-PTL Board
- ☺Mar 24-PTL General Meeting



The new Costco is opening on Thursday at Lakewood Center. All receipts from Costco will count for double points, so please turn them in to the school office! Need your receipts back? Just put them in an envelope marked with your name and we will return them. Thanks!

Is it time to clean your child's room? The 5th grade class is collecting Happy Meal-type toys (new and gently used) for a community service project. Please send them to Room 222 by March 5th. Thanks!



Basketball news: The varsity teams had a couple of tough games last week against Redeemer and St. Mark's. The girls' team went 1-1 and the boys' team went 2-0. Great job for both squads! The boys will play First Monrovia Tuesday afternoon, and both teams will finish league play at home Thursday against Trinity, Whittier. The JV teams will finish league play as well this week. Go Bears!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Need some FISH Hours? Have a pick-up truck? We could use some help getting our helium tank re-filled. E-mail Mrs. Fink if you're interested.

Do you sell items on e-Bay? We have some projection screens we'd like to sell. If you can handle the sale on Bethany's behalf, we can give you FISH hours for your time! Such a deal! Contact Mrs. Fink if you're interested.

**BETHANY'S FIRST
FIT-A-THON
IS COMING!**

Look for more information coming home next week with your child.



Did you miss out on ordering a cool BEARS sweatshirt or T-shirt? It's your lucky day! We're placing another order!!! We have forms in the school office. **GO BEARS!**



Want a great way to do your FISH hours, have fun, and do something creative with Bethany's junior high students? We are looking for volunteers to teach electives for five sessions on the following dates: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 24, and May 1. (These are all Fridays and the electives are at the end of the day from 2:15 P.M. TILL 3:00 P.M.) Even if you have a full time job, wouldn't you like an excuse to leave early on a Friday afternoon? You could teach how to sew or how to scrapbook or how to cook, or how to make something or do something...you get to choose. Then the kids get to pick which elective they would like to do. It is more fun when we have more electives, so please let Mr. Lang know if you are interested. You can e-mail him at plang@bethanylutheran.org.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work." – Oswald Chambers

Bethany moms work hard to pray every week for our school – please join them! The work of prayer happens 8:45 – 9:45 every Wednesday morning. For more information contact Connie Kritzer 562-431-3189 or busybeachmom@msn.com



Helping parents reduce their tuition cost is one of the purposes of the SCRIP/gift card program. We are always trying to point out ways you can use SCRIP for your every day spending. We also want SCRIP to be easy to use and want to hear about any problems that may occur. Last year we were very excited to add Subway to our list of vendors. Many of our parents were also excited to have Subway available, and it has been one of our top selling vendors. We did, however, receive reports that some Subway restaurants were only able to use one card per transaction. We then learned that Subway cards can be combined, either at the restaurant or on-line, which was helpful to know. I had the opportunity this week to speak with the Business Management Director for Subway. I told him about our one card per transaction problem and he was surprised to hear about this. He advised me that this is an error at the store level that can be easily solved. We are to contact him if we go to a Subway that is not able to handle multiple Subway cards for one transaction. He will need to know the Subway number at the top of the receipt or the intersection where it is located. If you have a problem with any gift cards please bring the card to the School Office or call Carol Grudt (420-7783 x58). We want using SCRIP to be convenient and easy for you.

Chess is back!!!

Chessmaster Mr. Anthony Cabus (Bethany Dad, formerly of Chessmasters) is ready to start the **third** session. Here are the details:

- Six Thursdays, Feb. 26-April 2
- Cost? FREE!!
- Open to students in Grades 2-8. We'll take the first 21 students who turn in this slip TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Yes, I want to play chess!

Name _____ Grade _____