



Bear Facts

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



Every year the Bethany Lutheran community has a parish theme for the year. This year, our theme is "Six Just Words...Just Six Words."

This theme was inspired by a book called "Not Quite What I Was Planning," a collection of six-word memoirs. What if you had to write your own six-word statement about your life? What would you say? (It's amazing how addicting this can be...you'll find yourself counting words now!) We did this for our staff retreat. Ask your child's teacher about their statement!

As a parish, each month we'll explore six-word *faith* statements. This month our statement is:

"By grace you have been saved" Grace is such a powerful word...think of all the ways it's used: grace period, grace note, saying "grace" before meals. The most powerful, though, is the *amazing* grace granted us in Jesus Christ. We've been given a gift we haven't earned, the gift of eternal life. What *amazing* grace!

Serving the Savior with you,
Mrs. Fink

P.S. My "memoir"?

Time's precious, many hats, full life.

Parents,

Parking is still going well.
Thank you!!!

Just a reminder that the white zone on Arbor Road is for drop-off/pick-up only. Please don't get out of your car if you pull into this zone.



Do you love candles? How about cheerleaders? ☺

Yes, those two things go together here at Bethany. Our Bethany Bear cheerleaders are conducting a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. If you're interested, find a cheerleader and ask them about it, or stop by the office to place your order! Thanks for your support!
Go, Bears!



If you are interested in learning more about Bethany Lutheran Church, plan to join us Sunday, Sept. 28, 4:00-5:15 for "Bethany 101." This is the first step toward becoming a Bethany church member. Child care is provided.

Please RSVP to the church office: 421-4711.

School Bulletin #4
September 16, 2008

DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 16-School Picture Day
- ☺Sept. 21-Vicar Seth's ordination-4:00 PM
- ☺Sept. 23-Room Parent Meeting, 6:00, PTL General Meeting, 7:00
- ☺Sept. 26-Jr. Hi Dance
- ☺Sept. 28-Bethany 101 begins
- ☺Sept. 29-Oct. 3-7th Graders to Catalina



School Cents

We were one of the big winners in last year's School Cents contest and we want to repeat! Save your receipts from Lakewood, Cerritos or Stonewood Centers dated September 15 and following. Turn them in to the school office or EDC and we'll log them for you. Want your receipts back? Put them in an envelope with your name on the front. We have special envelopes here in the office and EDC if you want one.

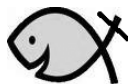
FREE BJ'S GIFT CARD

Buy \$100 of SCRIP before 8:30 am, Sept. 19 and you will be entered in the drawing for a \$25 BJ's gift card.

Enter as often as you wish!

Would you like to support the Lakewood Schools Teacher Grant program? (Bethany teachers have benefited from these grants in the past.) Consider participating in their inaugural fundraising golf tournament on Monday, Oct. 13. Information is available in the school office or at lakewoodschools.blogspot.com.





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We have a toner recycling program that helps us earn points for technology equipment. Miss Stejskal could use some help packing up toner so it's ready to be mailed. Contact her at cstejskal@bethanylutheran.org.



Bethany has youth groups for Grades 3-4 (His Kids), Grades 5-6 (Lightforce) and Jr. Hi. Would you like to receive reminders for youth group activities? Just send an e-mail to Aimee Coleman: acoleman@bethanylutheran.org. Include parent(s)' names, child's name and grade and Aimee will put you on the list!



SCRIP offers you a unique way to save money on your tuition. Please read the SCRIP News every week!

If you shop at Ralphs it is time to register your NEW Club Card, Ralphs requires us to re-register every year.

Since everyone has a new Club Card number, we need you to turn in the form attached to this bulletin showing which friends, relatives and coworkers you have signed up to help you with your tuition rebate and support Bethany. (For Ralphs donations you get 50% of the amount contributed to us by Ralphs for all club cards registered by you.)

The Vons/Pavilions 10% Back-to-Schools register receipt codes started printing on Sept 12. Please collect ONE register receipt from everyone you know that shops at Vons/Pavilions and send them to the school office. The code can only be redeemed one time so please don't give us more than one per Card holder. (The same code will print on the receipts Sept. 12 through Oct. 6.) We are currently raising money to re-finish the gym floor. Last year the top school earned \$23,000... let's see how much Bethany can earn!

**DON'T MISS THE
HOMEWORK DOC
PTL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 23
7 P.M.**

We're back at school, which means our kids are back to doing homework. Fortunately for us, the Homework Doc, Victoria Olivadoti, will once again provide her invaluable expertise at our PTL General Meeting, Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. in the church. Even if you've attended her previous seminars at Bethany, plan to attend again because this year Victoria will address parents **and** students in grades 5-8.

The Homework Doc's seminars are fun and entertaining, and teach parents how to remove themselves from the stress of daily homework while building their children's confidence and sense of independence. Students will learn how to work independently, feel confident, eliminate frustration, and face the challenges of homework.

So, don't miss this very important event! Childcare will be provided, but please consider bringing your kids in grades 5 through 8. For more information on the Homework Doc, visit www.homeworkdoc.com. See you there!!

Moms In Touch International

At Moms In Touch we:

- ❑ pray that our children have a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior and that they would stand boldly in their faith.
- ❑ pray for our teachers and staff.
- ❑ provide support and encouragement for moms.
- ❑ pray that our schools would be directed by biblical values and high moral standards.
- ❑ encourage and positively support our schools.
- ❑ keep our prayer time confidential!

Join Bethany's group every Wednesday morning 8:45 – 9:45 in the conference room, with free child care in the nursery. For more info: Connie Kritzer 431-3189, busybeachmom@msn.com



Looking for a fun, FREE thing to do with your kids? Check this out:

**Orange Co. Kids'
Book Festival
Sunday October 5
10:00AM-4:00PM**



Need some FISH hours? Our custodian, Mr. White, could use some help during lunchtimes on Tues, Thurs. or Friday. Contact Ms. Charette.

The Red Cross is holding a one day "Safe Kids" training class that will teach your child: disaster preparedness, basic first aid, bicycle safety, stranger awareness and more....all for \$10! The date is Saturday, Sept. 20th for kids ages 7-12. For more info, come to the office for a flyer or call (562) 490-4014 or visit their website: thebigbeach.net

Congratulations to these Student Council representatives, elected by their classmates for the '08-'09 school year:

Ellis Armendraz, Caitlyn Crahan, Isaiah Tesfay, Jackie Lucier, Jonathon Coleman, Jakob Geiger, Mariah Nelson, Ryan Thompson, Michelle McDonald, Melody Klaffke, Erin Loehnert, Kelsi Robinson, Alyson Young, and Janelle Porter.

After 31 years of service to Bethany's preschool families, Lisa Swensen has decided to retire. Her retirement celebration will take place on Sunday, September 28 at each service. We will be taking Lisa and her family to lunch after the late service—about 12:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please call Nola Seaman at 429-7335, so that your name can be added to the reservation list. If you would like to give her a card or a monetary gift, you may bring it to the school or preschool office, and we will make sure she receives it.



Value Packed Parenting continues on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Parish Lounge. The first session of ***Value Packed Parenting***, the DVD/discussion based class being offered on Sunday mornings, will be repeated on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Lounge. Childcare is available with a reservation. To make a reservation for childcare, please call Nola Seaman at 429-7335.



Put Friday, October 10, 2008 on your calendars. We're planning an old-fashioned "Family Fun" night. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a pot-luck dinner. Bring your favorite main dish, and either a salad or a dessert. We will provide paper plates, utensils, napkins, and drinks. Come to eat and visit with your children's friends and their parents, as well as Bethany staff members. After dinner, we will have some GREAT "INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT," led by our own Mr. Pat Gagan. What does that mean? Well, come join us and find out. There will be a sign-up sheet in both school offices, so that we know how many to plan for.

