



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
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Learn+Love+Lead+Serve



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Parents,
We got the K-2 waiver! Hooray!
Bethany was one of four schools in
Long Beach approved to return. We
are excited...it is a glimmer of hope for
the rest of our students, too.

We are looking forward to seeing you
on Friday at our Trunk-or-Treat Car
Parade! The teachers are getting
REALLY creative with their trunks...it
will be lots of fun! See the attached
flyer for details!

**We miss you.
Be safe.
You are SO. LOVED.
Dr. Fink**

Monthly Awards "Big-hearted"

For the months of October, we
are honoring students who "are aware of
God-given gifts and demonstrate a spirit of
gratitude by generously sharing time, talent
and treasure with school and community."

- K-Kacey Armstrong
- 1st-Alex Joanes
- 2nd-Gabryel Szekely
- 3rd-Christian Cortado
- 4th-James Bready
- 5th-Sophia Carlson
- 6th-Nolan Cerulle
- 7th-Bella Acebo
- 8th-Sienna Deeble

*We will recognize these students in a
chapel service when we return!*



Get the Scoop on Scrip!

Last weekend of Bonus Fest is
October 30 and 31. Check the Raise
Right app on Friday for this week's
offerings of bonus brands to stock up,
save and boost your rebate earnings!

NEW! Coming late October you will
have the option to have physical gift
cards from 250+ popular brands
delivered right to your door! This
option is only available in the Raise
Right app. Brands will be clearly
labeled "Ship to home eligible".
Shipping and handling fees apply.

Limited time \$5 and \$10 cards will be
available soon - just in time for the
holidays! \$5 cards include Barnes and
Noble, Panera, Starbucks and Taco
Bell.

\$10 cards include Amazon, Bath &
Body, Chipotle, Home Depot,
Safeway, Target and Walmart.

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Cook's Night Out

Wednesday, November 4
Buffalo Wild Wings, Lakewood
*Thanks for supporting our 8th
Graders! Watch for a flyer
attached to an upcoming
newsletter!*

School Bulletin #8 October 26, 2020

DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Oct. 26-Go, Dodgers!
- ☺ Oct. 27-PTL Meeting
(postponed from Tuesday)
- ☺ Oct. 29-Wheels Day for
Childcare
- ☺ Oct. 30-Minimum Day/End
of Quarter 1
- ☺ Oct. 30-PTL Trunk-or-Treat
Event!! 4:30-6:00 PM



CHAPEL OFFERING

For October we
will be donating to the
MHE Foundation in
honor of Greta Falkner,
whose son (and former
Bethany Bear) suffers
from this bone disease.

Boxtops

We're still collecting
Boxtops! Last chance to
turn them in! You can
also use the Boxtops
Mobile app to scan your
grocery receipt! (See the
attached flyer.) Every
little bit helps our
school...thanks!

Kyle and Mimo Anema





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

It was great to see so many parents at our work day! Thanks for lending a hand.

Shop for Success

THANK YOU for your Shop for Success purchases! What a fun and fancy way to support the Student Success Program at Bethany 

★ Albums will remain up until Monday night, 10/26. Feel free to look through one more time at what hasn't been claimed.

★ All invoices have been emailed. If you use Venmo, please pay those today to @BethanyStudentSuccess.

★ Pickup of items will be available in the church office starting Wednesday, 10/28 at 10am.

- please enter the lobby and wait at the half door to the office

- please wear a mask

- the office has no change. If you have not paid for your items and intend to pay by cash/check please bring exact change.

★ If this sale has motivated you to look through the jewelry you already own and want to donate it to the next Shop for Success, please feel free to bring it individually bagged to the office with you!

Christmas in October!! Support our Bethany Lutheran 8th Graders!

The annual wreath sales to raise funds for the 8th grade DC trip is underway!! There are many opportunities to place your order and every wreath sold supports our 8th graders as they travel to Washington DC in May!

Wreaths are hand-crafted from sustainably-harvested superior quality Noble Fir Boughs & accented with Blue Juniper, Cedar, faux red berries and Ponderosa pine cones.

To order, please follow the link below or use the QR code!
Thank You and Merry Christmas!

<http://www.bethanylutheran.org/8th-grade-christmas-wreath-sales>



Reformation Day



Middle School Corner

Learning From Home Electives Update

During learning-from-home, students are encouraged to explore and extend interests and share new experiences/knowledge with each other.

Check out what some of the students are learning!

Baking macarons from scratch- *Maddie, 6th*

Origami- *Jake, 6th*

American Sign Language- *Jasmine, 8th*

Photo/video editing- *Timothy, 7th*

Growing a pumpkin from a seed- *Lucas, 7th*

Developed-film Photography- *Allyson, 8th*

Some other electives include knitting, 1000 piece puzzles, mountain biking, card tricks and more!



Bethany Lutheran Schools

PTL TRUNK-OR-TREAT CAR PARADE

Join us and drive on through the
Bethany Parking Lot

Friday, October 30, 2020 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm!

Last names A-I 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Last names J-R 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Last names S-Z 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

*Or come when it works best for your family...we're not
checking IDs!*

WEAR YOUR COSTUMES

**COME SEE THE FUN
STAFF CARS!**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR
TREAT BAG!**

BRING 1 SMALL BAG OF CANDY PER CAR





It's Shoebox time!

Gift-filled shoeboxes were handed out to children in early 2020 as part of Franklin Graham's bold vision to reach every child on 1000 Pacific Islands with the Gospel over the next few years. Pastor Andy Loos, who coordinated Guam's first shoebox distribution event, shares this story:

"A little girl had asked her dad for some art supplies, but they couldn't afford any. She opened her box, and it was filled with art supplies. She was so excited and so were her parents. They were wiping tears away as they saw the joy on their little girl's face. And only Jesus knew how to get that box to that little girl." (January 2020)

Help share the love of Jesus with a child in need by joining us at one or more of these Operation Christmas Child activities:

- 1. Fill a box at home and return it.** Boxes and brochures will be distributed after Sunday services starting on Oct 18 through Nov.15. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Use the postage paid envelope to **mail** in the suggested \$9 donation for shipping costs rather than placing any money in the box. If you prefer, you can also pay online and follow the destination of your box. (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>) Return filled boxes on any Sunday through November 22.
- 2. Build-a-box at Bethany** is an **IN PERSON** event happening on **Saturdays, November 7 & 14** from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. To protect the health of those participating and to follow COVID-19 guidelines, reservations are required. Time slots will be available every 15 minutes on both dates. To register, go to Bethany's website at www.bethanylutheran.org and click on the "Build-a-box" link. Individuals and family groups of up to 6, will be guided through a series of tables with shoebox supplies to choose from until their boxes are filled. It will be "touchless" in that volunteers at each table will use grabber sticks or gloves to transfer supplies to your box. All shoe box items and supplies will be provided. We will have a free-will donation basket if you would like to help with the cost of shipping our shoe boxes.
- 3. Build-a-box-online:** with just a few clicks, you can pack a shoebox online to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a boy or girl in need around the world. With a tax-deductible donation of \$25, you can select school supplies, toys, and other fun items and personalize your gift with your own letter. Samaritan's Purse will pack the gift for you and send it on its way. Go to the following link for Bethany's build-a-box- page: <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/368e1699-c9ab-453e-82e7-839b0090540b> Visa scrip cards are available for purchase in the school office.
- 4. Volunteer at the Fullerton Processing Center:** If you are interested in inspecting boxes at the Processing before they are transported to receiving countries, we have a reservation for 25 volunteers from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 27. Sign-up sheets for this event will be available on Sundays, beginning Oct 18 through Nov 15, or until filled.

5. **Drop off items for a Spring packing party:** A packing party for our students at Bethany is tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 2021. If you would like to contribute items for this event, which will also be opened to members at large, you may drop off supplies in our collection box in the school office, M-F, 8 - 4. For the months of October and November our featured collection items are **flashlights** (batteries are ok to pack; if batteries are loose, seal ends with tape) and **small toys** like legos, yoyo's, hot wheels, miniature dolls, balls of all sizes (bouncy balls should be a medium size to avoid a choking hazard), playing cards, plastic animal figures, etc. New, unused items only, please.

6. **Volunteer at Bethany during National Collection Week:** Between Nov 16 and Nov 23, Bethany will serve as a shoebox collection site for members from the community. Come out and meet some of our neighbors and help us collect, organize, pray, and transport donated boxes. We could use your help anytime between 9:00 am and 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 16 through Friday, Nov 20, and again on Mon., Nov 23.

National Collection Week: November 16 - 23, 2020

