



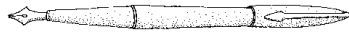
# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA

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Learn+Love+Lead+Serve



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's that time of year, when we take time to give thanks for all our blessings. I'm thankful for each of you, and the chance to share my thoughts with you each week.

The Bible tells us to "Give thanks in all circumstances" which is all about developing a thankful perspective. Every once in awhile, something happens that helps us along that path. For example, many years ago a friend of mine had been spending nights in the hospital with her son as he underwent chemotherapy (thank you, Lord, for my child's health...) and the chair she'd been sleeping on was pretty hard (thank you, Lord, for my soft bed...) But my friend had a thankful perspective: she had just read a book about two missionaries who were kidnapped and spent a year sleeping chained to a tree. Suddenly, her chair didn't seem quite so hard.

Helping our kids develop thankful perspectives becomes one of our challenges as parents. We do it when we use that famous line for picky eaters: "There are starving kids in \_\_\_\_\_!!!" We also do it when we give our kids the chance to reach out to the less fortunate through chapel offerings, food and Operation Christmas Child packing events and other ministry opportunities (thank you, God, for a school that lets me work out my faith!)

*Blessings on your Thanksgiving!*  
*Dr. Fink*

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students are hoping to send Christmas cards to those actively serving in any branch of the military this December. The goal is for the student-created Christmas cards to arrive just before the Christmas holiday.

Please help us by completing this link for everyone you know actively serving in the military.

Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/MilitaryChristmas2021>



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD!



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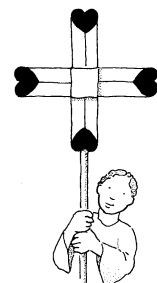
### DON'T FORGET

- ©Nov. 19-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ©Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- ©Dec. 5-10 Scholastic Book Fair
- ©Dec. 13-15 Christmas Store
- ©Dec. 15-16 Middle School Christmas Nativity
- ©Dec. 17-Minimum Day-Noon dismissal
- ©Dec. 20-31 Christmas Break
- ©Jan. 3-School Resumes
- ©Jan. 17-Martin Luther King Day-No School
- ©Jan. 18-In-n-Out Truck is here!
- ©Jan. 21-End Quarter 2

### Who's leading chapel this week?

- 11/17-Mrs. Moorman
- 12/1-Miss Arzaga
- 12/8-Pastor Kritzer

*Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 in the sanctuary!*





The FISHin' Hole  
Opportunities to Serve

Thanks for putting the desks together, Mr. Collelo!

### PTL News

Our Christmas Sees Candy service is underway! Use the order forms we sent home OR order from this link:

<https://bit.ly/YumBLS2021>

Sees Candy makes a GREAT Christmas gift for family and friends!

Order by December 1!



The governing board of Bethany Lutheran School is comprised of six members of the church. They are elected to serve a three-year term. We are grateful for their sacrifice of time and talent.

#### Meet a Board Member

Name: Kent Ryskamp

Family information:

Wife, Kim; Carter (16) BLS Grad and junior at Millikan; Cooper (Grade 7) who has been at Bethany since he was 2!

Current and/or past career(s):

We own and operate a family business, a B&B on private yachts in Long Beach.

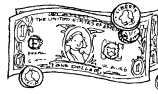
Members of Bethany for 12 years.

“Why do you choose to serve on the Board of Schools?”

I want to provide assistance and guidance to our incredible staff and help keep Bethany the awesome school it is!

Favorite Bible Verse:

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”



### CHAPEL OFFERING

In November, our chapel offerings will support our Operation Christmas Child packing event. Our offerings will help pay the postage for our boxes. 😊

**Cook's Night Out**  
Our next event will be on  
December 1.  
Watch for info for  
Raising Canes!



It's going to be another busy shipping season and carriers are already extending shipping estimates! Get your orders in now for all your gift card giving needs. For your shopping needs you can always get eCards delivered right to your phone using the RaiseRight app. How great is it that you can shop for the holidays and earn a rebate for tuition or the ministry of your choice - that's gift giving at its best!

Big earning potential this coming Thursday and Friday - ThankScriping Days! Earn up to 20% on over 105 brands offering bonuses on eCards and reloadable cards. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up and earn!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator  
[rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org)  
562-420-7783 ext. 58

### Middle School Corner

The middle school students are hard at work completing their In All Things Service Projects.

This year's project focuses on opportunities to learn, love, lead, and serve. Come by the middle school rooms during the Open House on Friday, March 4, 2022 to check out the finished products!

The students will participate in:

- a non-profit research activity
- a spiritual gifts assessment and reflection
- listening to a guest speaker about ways to serve (and responding to what they learn)
- a middle school service event
- using their gifts and talents to serve others in their neighborhood/community

“We love because He first loved us.” I John 4:19





# Family Matters

A CHRIST-CENTERED RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS



IN ALL THINGS

## Be Thankful



**We ask the same question at this time every year, and that's OK.**

As Thanksgiving approaches and when we sit down for the big family meal, the same question looms. Sometimes it is the meal host who will ask the question; other times it may be the family matriarch/patriarch or even a young child who was asked it in school and is now ready to give an answer at the family dinner.

The question, of course, is, "What are you thankful for?"

As much as we ask it, year after year, it is always fitting for a Thanksgiving family celebration. There is no right or wrong time to express gratitude. Can you say, "thank you" too much? Such words of appreciation may be directed to an individual for his generosity, to a group of people and most certainly to God.

The well-known story of Jesus healing the ten lepers in Luke 17 is often cited during the season of Thanksgiving as an example of sincere gratitude. In this account, ten men with the horrible disease of leprosy are healed by Jesus. Jesus sent them all to priests who certify their healing and allow their return to normal life in the community, but only one came back to express his gratitude to Jesus. This man who came back to speak words of thanks was a foreigner, which was a surprise. He must have been so very appreciative of the healing action of Jesus to go back to talk with Him.

One thing that this story points out to us is that words of thankfulness are always meaningful. It may take extra time, it may mean going out of our way, it may even be socially awkward, but it is always appropriate. It may also be a surprise! It seems like Jesus was a little taken aback that it was this foreigner who spoke words of appreciation to Him personally.

As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, please share words of thanks and appreciation with one another. Don't be bashful. Say it sincerely, as we all have much to be thankful for from God and from one another. And may we all be grateful as well for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, so that we could be eternally connected to the Father, and thus be able to enjoy the many earthly blessings He bestows on His children.

Also, this Thanksgiving, could we all speak unexpected words of thanks to someone? Let's catch them off guard! Surprise them with a "thank you" they didn't see coming. It will be a blessing to all.

## FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY //

Gather the family together in a comfortable setting, with no electronic distractions, preferably around a table (or other hard surface) to enjoy the family activity outlined below.

### ACTIVITY TITLE: THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

#### PURPOSE

To engage family members in an activity that helps them share the things they are thankful for with one another in a fun manner.

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- › Paper lunch bag for each family member present
- › Variety of colored markers, colored pencils and crayons
- › Orange, red or brown 1-inch equilateral triangle cut from construction paper for each person
- › Several colored pieces of construction paper (orange, yellow, red and brown) cut into the shape of feathers 4-to-5-inches in length and about 1-inch wide. (You might also want to cut a flair or slit on one side of them to give them a feathery look.)
- › Glue sticks or transparent tape

#### PROCESS

Follow the steps below to enjoy an activity that shares Thanksgiving surprises.

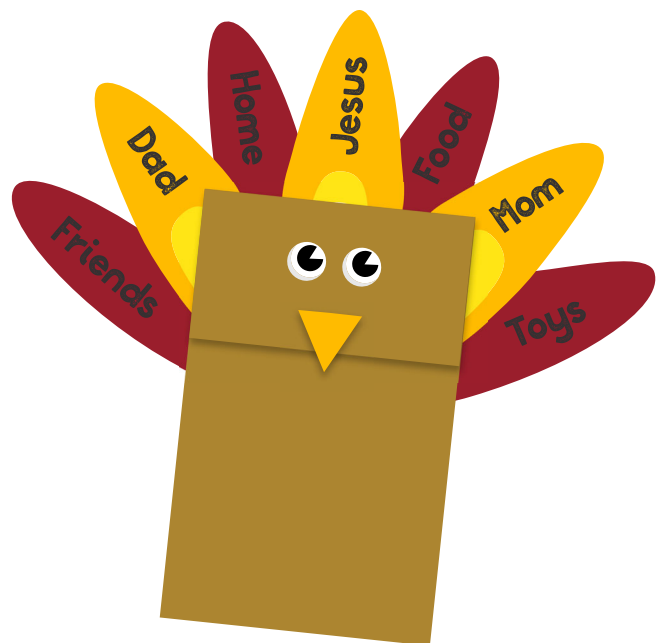
- 1 Give each family member a paper bag and have them draw big friendly eyes on the bottom of the bag so that it can be used as a puppet.
- 2 Have each person glue a colored triangle pointing downward below the eyes so that it looks like a turkey beak.
- 3 Give each person several colored feathers.
- 4 Have each family member write something he or she is thankful for on each feather and tape it or glue it to the back of the paper bag, sticking upward so that they look like turkey feathers. (For those unable to write, have an older sibling or parent write the things that person is thankful for.)
- 5 Encourage everyone to write a surprise item of thanks. This can be something that others in the family might not be able to guess they are thankful for or a challenge or difficulty they experienced this year — but are yet thankful for because it benefited them in some way.

- 6 When everyone is done creating the “Thanksgiving Turkey” have them put their hands in the bag, using it as puppet, and share the things that are written on their feathers. For some extra family fun, have each person use an animated voice to speak as the puppet to share the items on their feathers.
- 7 Keep the puppets around all week, and use them in fun ways during your family Thanksgiving celebrations, like greeting friends and family at the door, announcing the call to dinner, etc.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

At the close of the family session, have an adult or older sibling say the following echo prayer, phrase by phrase, with everyone repeating the words.

**Heavenly Father. We are thankful for so many things. For family. For friends. For our home. For our schools. For our church. For all the good gifts You give us. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, who is our Lord and Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.**





## - A Special Family Christmas Event -



This is a Fundraising Event to benefit our Bethany participants going to the LCMS Youth Gathering next summer. We have 24 youth and 8 adult participants that will be traveling to Houston, Texas in 2022!

*"In All Things" - Colossians 1:15-20*

**Where:** Bethany's Gym

**When:** Friday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:00PM

**Cost:**

- Family of 4 or less is \$25
- Family of 5 or more is \$30
- If you are unable to attend and would like to make a monetary donation towards the fundraising, you may do that on the registration form too. Thank you.
- A family of 4 or less will decorate a dozen cookies to take home. Families of 5 or more will decorate a dozen cookies plus an additional 3 cookies for each person thereafter; for example, a family of 5 would receive 15 cookies, a family of 6 would receive 18 cookies to decorate, etc.

**Description:**

Join us for a fun family Christmas event. We will be decorating Christmas Cookies, listening to music of the season, sipping on hot chocolate and candy canes while decorating some special holiday cookies. Decorating supplies will be provided along with a plate and plastic wrap to take your creations home. **Families of all sizes are invited to join us. *\*This is NOT a youth only event. This event is meant for parents to stay with their children and enjoy as a family. Childcare will not be provided.***

**Registration is NOW OPEN - To register to come to the Cookie Decorating Event or to make a Monetary Donation.**

- **Scan this QR Code:**



<http://www.bethanylutheran.org/christmas-cookie-fundraiser-2021/>

- **Link is also on the Bethany website's homepage at [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org)**
- **Last Day to Reserve Your Cookie Decorating Spot is Monday, November 29 at NOON.**

**Questions?**

Questions about this event should be directed to Laura Angle at (562) 445-7014 or [lea4257@gmail.com](mailto:lea4257@gmail.com).

# 2021-2022 Theme T-shirt/Sweatshirt Order



## T-shirts (\$15)

*Indicate quantity:*

\_\_\_\_ Youth X-Sm.(4) \_\_\_\_ Youth Sm.(6/8) \_\_\_\_ Youth Med. (10/12) \_\_\_\_ Youth Lg. (14/16)  
\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 5X (+\$3)

**Total cost for t-shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_



## \*Long Sleeve T-shirts (\$20)

*Indicate quantity:*

\_\_\_\_ Youth X-Sm.(4) \_\_\_\_ Youth Sm.(6/8) \_\_\_\_ Youth Med. (10/12) \_\_\_\_ Youth Lg. (14/16)  
\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 5X (+\$3)

**Total cost for long-sleeve t-shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_



These are ladies' cut....if  
in doubt, order a size  
larger than you normally  
wear.

## \*Ladies' V-neck T-shirts (\$18)

*Indicate quantity:*

\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3)

**Total cost for V-neck t-shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_



## \*\*Crew-neck sweatshirts (\$25)

*Indicate quantity:*

*(For youth sizes, order one size up from youth t-shirt size)*

\_\_\_\_ Youth Sm. \_\_\_\_ Youth Med. \_\_\_\_ Youth Lg. \_\_\_\_ Youth X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 5X (+\$3)

**Total cost for crew-neck sweatshirts:** \_\_\_\_\_

*More on the back.....*



**\*\*Hooded pullover sweatshirts (\$29)**

*Indicate quantity:*

*(For youth sizes, order one size up from youth t-shirt size)*

\_\_\_\_ Youth Sm. \_\_\_\_ Youth Med. \_\_\_\_ Youth Lg. \_\_\_\_ Youth X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 5X (+\$3)

**Total cost for hooded sweatshirts:**



**\*\*Full-zip-front hooded sweatshirts (\$32)**

*Indicate quantity:*

*(For youth sizes, order one size up from youth t-shirt size)*

\_\_\_\_ Youth Sm. \_\_\_\_ Youth Med. \_\_\_\_ Youth Lg. \_\_\_\_ Youth X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult Sm. \_\_\_\_ Adult Med. \_\_\_\_ Adult Lg. \_\_\_\_ Adult X-Lg.  
\_\_\_\_ Adult 2X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 3X (+3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 4X (+\$3) \_\_\_\_ Adult 5X (+\$3)

**Total cost for full-zip-front sweatshirts:**

**Totals:**

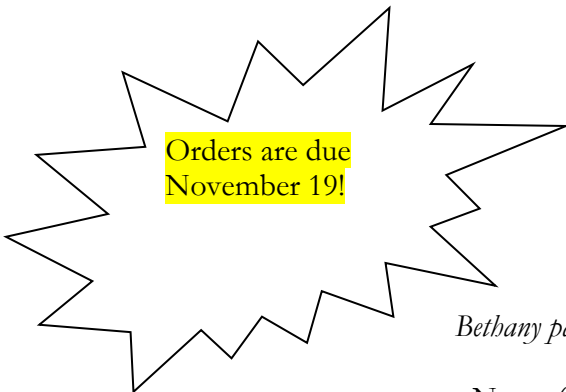
T-shirts-\$\_\_\_\_  
Long-sleeve t-shirts-\$\_\_\_\_  
V-neck t-shirts-\$\_\_\_\_  
Crew sweatshirts-\$\_\_\_\_  
Hooded sweatshirts-\$\_\_\_\_  
Zip-front sweatshirts-\$\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL-\$\_\_\_\_**

*Bethany parents, we will charge your FACTS account for your order.*

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Orders are due  
November 19!

*\*K-8 students may wear school theme t-shirts and long-sleeve t-shirts on Fridays.*

*\*\*K-8 students may wear sweatshirts on both uniform- and uniform-free days.*