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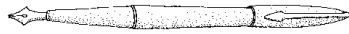
The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Families,

Today we are sending home an Advent calendar with each student. We hope this interactive calendar will help your family prepare your hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

The word "Advent" means "coming." During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the *only* coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story? The Advent of Christ actually has three parts. God's Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God's Word reminds us that He will return on the Last Day...His "second coming."

There are other ways you can celebrate Advent in your home, as well.

- Some families have an Advent wreath with four candles (like the one we have in the church at Bethany.) The first week, one candle is lit, the next week two, etc.
- You are also invited to join a weekly Advent online Zoom gathering with other Bethany families on Wednesdays December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 PM: <https://bit.ly/bethanyadvent2021> Password: Jesus!

However you choose to celebrate Advent, we hope this season helps keep your hearts centered on the Reason!

*Dr. Fink*

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students are sending 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!

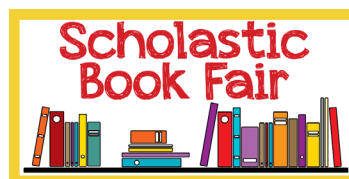
<https://bit.ly/MilitaryChristmas2021>



The **Book Fair** is coming!  
**December 5-12**

In the Parish Lounge (next to the church offices)  
Before and after school

Questions?  
Contact Kayleigh:  
[klopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org)



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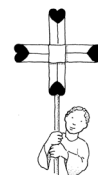
### DON'T FORGET

- ©Dec. 5: K-2 sings at the 8:00 service
- Dec. 5-10 Scholastic Book Fair
- ©Dec. 12 Trinity sings 8:00
- ©Dec. 12 Troubadour sings 9:30
- ©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
- ©Jan. 28-Report Cards go home
- ©Feb. 7-18 MAP Testing, Grades 3-8

### Who's leading chapel this week?

12/1-Miss Arzaga  
12/8-Pastor Kritzer  
12/15-Middle School

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





### The FISHin' Hole *Opportunities to Serve*

The Christmas Store is coming...watch for a link to volunteer! Dr. Fink also needs help with a tetherball project. ☺

### Monthly Awards

For November, we are recognizing students who display **Courageous Contentment** by being grateful for all of God's blessings!

K- Myra Essoe  
K- Oliver Koehlinger  
1<sup>st</sup>- Brendan Alonzo  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Amira Zamudio  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Daniel Evans  
4<sup>th</sup>-Andrew Rodrigues  
5<sup>th</sup>-Robert DeFrance  
6<sup>th</sup>-Damarius Thornton  
7<sup>th</sup>-Maya Vega  
8<sup>th</sup>-Jesse Knight

Here are some opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ to others this Holy Season:

It's our tradition here at Bethany to make **Hygiene Kits** for the homeless instead of giving gifts to each other. (*Hygiene kits are due by Dec. 17*):

Each kit is a gallon zip lock bag containing:

- 1 bar of soap
- 1 washcloth
- 1 travel tube of toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 travel shampoo
- 1 comb

You can also participate in the **Project Shepherd Food Drive** (*items due by Dec. 14*).....see attached flyer for info!

As always, these activities are optional for our families, but we hope you'll participate!



### CHAPEL OFFERING

For the month of December, our offerings will go to [Lutheran Social Services](#) whose mission statement reads, "Ignited by faith, we live out God's love by embracing, equipping and empowering vulnerable people in Southern California." We also invite each student to make a hygiene kit (see info on page 1 of the newsletter.)

### Cook's Night Out

Join us at  
**Raising Canes**  
in Lakewood

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 12-8

*Don't forget your flyer, and thanks for your support!*



**ShopWithScrip®**

Dazzle Days are here! November 27 - December 10. Brands are offering generous earnings on gift cards so you can be generous with your holiday gifting. Take advantage of two-week bonuses and surprise mystery bonuses in the RaiseRight mobile app.

Check the homepage on the RaiseRight app every day to reveal surprise bonuses that disappear in 24 hours. Bonuses will also be available for purchase on ShopWithScrip.com. Includes all card types! (physical, eCards, reloads)

This is a great opportunity to get ahead of the rush and make sure you have everything you need for your shopping and gift giving needs!

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### Middle School Corner

**"Let us walk in the light of the Lord." Isaiah 2:5**

**Please save the date for Thursday, December 16th, 2021  
at 6:30, 7:00 or 7:30 pm.**

The middle school students will be presenting a walk-through Christmas nativity experience on the school campus. Every middle school student will have a role in this wonderful event. All Bethany students and families are invited to attend the event that evening. Families can choose the start time that works best for them. \*Please note that some families hoping for 6:30 pm start time might be in a 6:45 or 7:00 pm groups if needed to accommodate the number of guests present.

The middle school students will also be presenting the program to preschool through fifth grade students on Wednesday, December 15th during the school day.



**"Let us walk in the light of the Lord."**

Isaiah 2:5



**You're invited to walk through an outdoor  
Christmas nativity experience presented by the  
Bethany Lutheran Middle School.**

**Wednesday, December 15th at 9:00 am**

**Thursday, December 16th at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 pm**

## *Greetings Bethany Families,*

For many years, the Schools of Bethany Lutheran have been working with Project Shepherd in Lakewood providing Christmas dinners and personal items to local families in need in the Long Beach & Lakewood area. Due to the strain on resources from the Covid-19 pandemic, their shelves are even more empty this year. You can help us help our neighbors by donating food items (see below) !

*In addition to the below listed items, we also request a cash donation of **\$5/student** to purchase grocery scrip cards needed to purchase turkey/ham for each meal. Please place money in a small envelope and ensure it gets to your child's teacher. Thank you for your much-needed help!*

### **Please have your child bring items no later than Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

Kindergarten:	Baking/pancake mix (like Bisquick)	Pasta (any dry variety)
1 <sup>st</sup> grade:	Peanut Butter	Bars of Soap
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	Boxed Stuffing Mix	Spaghetti Sauce (no glass)
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade:	Jam/Jelly (no glass)	Boxed Stuffing mix
4 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese
5 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Instant Potatoes	Canned meat (tuna or chicken)
6 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Baking/pancake mix (like Bisquick)	Potatoes (boxed/packets)
7 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Jam/Jelly (no glass)	Boxed Stuffing mix
8 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Cereal (box or bag)	Instant Potatoes

**\*\*Please do not purchase items in glass bottles or jars, as they can break- only plastic/boxes/cans. Avoid Costco sized items, remember BIGGER is not better, buy 2 small instead of one large. All items can be found at various local Dollar/99 Cent stores to keep things economical. Have your student participate in the shopping with you!**

***Want to do more ?*** Please feel free to bring in a larger cash donation so we can help more families. Also appreciated are other non-perishable pantry items like: Mayo, ketchup, mustard, cake/muffin mixes, canned fruits, sugar, instant oatmeal, etc. Or items for children like crayons, stickers or coloring books.

***\*\*Fish Hours will also be available to any parent wishing to volunteer on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 8:30 am -10:30 am in the school gym to assist in boxing the donated food for pick up by Project Shepherd. Contact Kim Ryskamp at 562) 843-3267 with any questions or to help out!***





4th Annual

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# DONATION DRIVE

BENEFITTING WOMENSHelter OF LONG BEACH

Sunday, December 12, 2021  
11:00am - 2:00pm  
6202 Henrilee St. Lakewood 90713

## VENDORS:

ACACIA | ASH & RAE | COLOR STREET | HEARTSTRANDS JEWELRY | HONEYB  
BRACELETS | MADE BY MARISA NICOLE | MARY KAY | PAGE AND VERSE | POTTERY  
BY STEVE | SALINA RENAE DESIGNS | SEINT | THIRTY-ONE GIFTS | TREV'S TRADES



One of our school moms, Cory Steele, is helping with this fundraiser. She's inviting Bethany families to participate, too, if they'd like to! Questions? Contact Cory:  
[clsteele421@gmail.com](mailto:clsteele421@gmail.com)



# DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, WITH TAGS, SEALED PACKAGES AND BOTTLES ONLY

## Essentials

FACIAL TISSUE, LYSOL SPRAY, PAPER TOWELS, SKIN CARE PRODUCTS, BATH  
TISSUES, BODY SPRAY, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, MAKE-UP PALETTE, HAIR SHAMPOO  
AND CONDITIONER, NAIL/FACIAL CARE, PERFUME, COLOGNE, BODY WASH,  
LOTION, LIGHT SCARVES

## Children/Family Gifts

GIFT CARDS, COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, ARTS &  
CRAFTS MATERIALS, JOURNALS, PENS, PEPPA PIG, PAW PATROL, MINIONS,  
BARBIES, SPORTS BALLS, FAMILY MOVIES (DVD), STUFFED ANIMALS, PLUSH  
TOYS, EDUCATIONAL TOYS, CHILDREN'S TENNIS SHOES (AGES 2-12)



# JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

**Mention the fundraiser at the register  
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:**

**Bethany Lutheran School**

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**DATE & TIME:**

**December 1st, 2021 from 12:00 PM - 08:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**4634 Candlewood St., Lakewood, CA 90712  
+1 562-408-4820**



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