

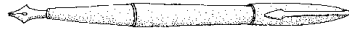


Bear Facts

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



20+C+M+B+22

If you walk around campus later this week, you will see these characters on the sidewalk outside of each Bethany's classroom. This symbol is actually part of a "house blessing" for the New Year, typically added on Epiphany, January 6.

The "CMB" stands "Christus Mansionen Benedictat" or "Christ bless this house." (It also happens to be the first initials of the traditional names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar!) In our classrooms, we prayed this prayer to ask God to bless our 2022 together:

"May all who come to our home-our classroom-this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen."

This could be a wonderful New Year tradition for your family, too! All you need is some chalk and a prayer. ☺

*Happy New Year!
Dr. Fink*



The In-N-Out Truck is coming to Bethany on Tuesday, January 18, 2022!

We need to sell **300 lunches**, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and students are welcome to [order ahead of time](#) and join us for lunch that day!

Each meal is \$5 and includes a burger, chips, and a drink. Don't miss out! Order your meal by Jan. 11 by using the QR code.



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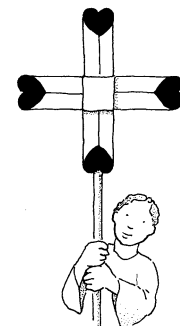
DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Jan. 14-M.S. Lock-in
- ☺ Jan. 17-Martin Luther King Day-No School
- ☺ Jan. 18-In-n-Out Truck is here!
- ☺ Jan. 21-End Quarter 2
- ☺ Jan. 24-Acadience Testing begins, Grades K-2
- ☺ Jan. 28-Report Cards go home
- ☺ Feb. 7-18 MAP Testing, Grades 3-8

Who's leading chapel this week?

- 1/5-Miss Hinrichs
- 1/12-Kayleigh
- 1/19-Mrs. Tucker

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





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Thanks, Mr. Culley, for helping with our tetherball project!

“New” faces in new places!

We have some changes in the school office: our amazing Kathy Tucker is moving to part-time with a new title as “Community Relations and Events Specialist.” That means she isn’t leaving us (whew!) but it does mean we have a new admissions director, Sara Cerulle, who will *also* be leading our Trinity/Troubadour choirs for the balance of the year (a talented gall!)

Sara is a product of Lutheran education, kindergarten through college. She graduated from Concordia University Irvine with a secondary education degree in History & Political Science and later earned her MBA in Nonprofit Management from Hope International University. She has 15 years’ experience in fundraising and development.

Sara, her husband Joey, and their three children live in Lakewood, CA. They are blessed to be a third generation family at Bethany Lutheran School. Sara is also the daughter of a Lutheran school teacher and the sister of a LCMS pastor. As a family they enjoy baseball, scouting, and backyard fire pit s’mores with their friends and family.

Welcome to the team, Sara!



CHAPEL OFFERING

Our January chapel offerings will be going to [Free Wheelchair Mission](#). This AMAZING organization has the following mission:

“Providing the transforming gift of mobility to people with a disability living in developing nations, as motivated by Jesus Christ.”

Cook’s Night Out

Watch this space for our next event. In the meantime, have you [ordered](#) your In-n-Out burger for January 18??



Happy New Year! It’s that time of year when people make resolutions - let me suggest one for you! Make this the year that you start using Scrip. If you are already using Scrip, make a goal for yourself to increase your purchases. Remember - there is no cost to you for using Scrip. You buy and use the gift cards at face value - the earnings come from the retailer. Even if you don’t need or want the tuition rebate, you can contribute to a general tuition fund or other ministries at Bethany with the rebate you earn. I am happy to tell you about ways that Scrip helps at Bethany or how to set up an account or whatever you may have questions about! Thanks for supporting the Scrip program!

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Middle School Corner

The middle school students (and families) are encouraged to start 2022 with a Grace Mindset. A Grace Mindset is a Growth Mindset that is rooted and centered on Christ. As the students “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” they will continue to grow into the person God created them to be and, “to Him be glory both now and forever!” (2 Peter 3:18)

These key Growth Mindset phrases take on a beautiful meaning when seen through the lens of Christ’s grace and love for us!

- You can do hard things.
- Don’t stop until you’re proud.
- Make today matter.
- It may not be easy, but it will be worth it.
- Mistakes are proof that you are trying.
- Believe in the power of yet.
- Progress not perfection.
- You can and you will.
- Learning has no limits.
- Make your brain sweat: fail, learn, try again.
- Good attitude, maximum effort, no limits.
- Embrace every challenge.