



Bear Facts

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



One attribute we hope to instill in our students is *integrity*. A person of integrity is honest and self-aware, consistent and dependable, trustworthy and selfless. A daunting list, to be sure, but an article published in the journal *Lutheran Education* several years ago tied the notion of *integrity* to the phrase “to do the best I can with what I’ve got.”

Isn’t that a great motto? To do our best with what we’ve “got”: brains, brawn, finances, futures, talents, to-do lists. I think the world today could use a little more *integrity*, don’t you?

“Integrity” also has the same root as “integrate.” We have **integrity** when we **integrate** what we say we believe with what we actually do.

Thankfully, our God promises to refine us daily and help us to become His people of integrity:

“...Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us...to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”
Titus 2:14

Have a blessed week!
Dr. Fink

Bethany Lutheran School announces the impending retirement of two of our valued teachers, **Cheryl Stejskal** (technology) and **Kim Imes** (Grade 4) at the end of this school year.

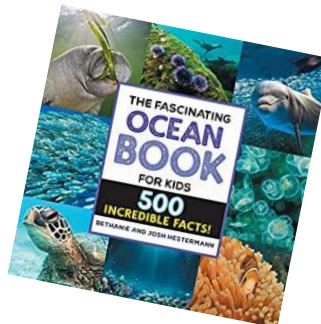
These amazing teacher leaders have served with distinction here and will be *sorely* missed! May God bless them as they close out the school year and begin life’s next chapter!

Author Day

Bethany Lutheran's K-8 students will have the opportunity to hear from author Bethanie Hestermann during an assembly on Monday, March 28th at 2:30 pm.

Bethanie and her husband Josh (a zoologist) have co-authored six animal-science books for kids and are currently writing a seventh. They have two kids, including a preschooler here at Bethany!

Check out the attached flyer for more details including how you can add her wonderful books to your home library (they’d also make great gifts!)



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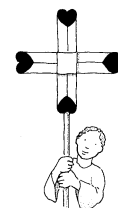
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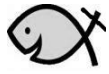
- ☉Mar. 22-PTL Meeting-6:30 PM-Library
- Mar. 25-End Quarter 3
- ☉Mar. 31/Apr. 1-Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum days
- ☉Apr. 5-DC Meeting
- ☉Apr. 15-Good Friday-No School
- ☉Apr. 17-HE IS RISEN!
- ☉Apr. 18-22-Easter Break
- ☉May 1-6 8th Grade DC Trip
- ☉May 6-Progress Reports
- ☉May 6-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ☉May 9-10 4th Grade Sacramento Trip
- ☉May 13-K-2 Spring Musical

Who's leading chapel this week?

- 3/23-Miss Einspahr
- 3/30-Mrs. Lange
- 4/6-Ms. Imes

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





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Did you know you can report your FISH hours [online](#)?

It's time to update your Gradelink information for 2022-2023!

It's really EASY...log into Gradelink and confirm the information, then hit "submit!"

LCMS Youth Gathering Auction

Every three years our youth attend the Youth Gathering along with about 20,000 other youth and adults from across the world. It's a time to celebrate and grow in faith.

You are invited join us on **Saturday April 2, 2022** for our LCMS Youth Gathering Auction. **This year's auction will take place at the POA Park**, which is located behind the Long Beach Town Center. **The auction will start at 5:00pm and run until 8:00pm.** This year's theme will be Texas BBQ, in conjunction with our youth heading south to Houston, Texas in July.

Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under.

Ticket sales are OPEN, now through March 27.



Or use this link:

<https://bit.ly/2022YGAuction>

We look forward to seeing you at the auction!



CHAPEL OFFERING

Our chapel offerings in March will go to [Heifer International](#) with goal of buying a COW for a family living in poverty.

Thank you to our generous givers!

PTL Meeting Tonight

6:30 PM

Library

Childcare provided!

(Zoom option available, too. Watch for a link in your email!)



Changes are coming! The Scrip year is coming to a close at the end of March and rebates will be distributed in April. Beginning with the new Scrip year in April (April 2022 - March 2023) a change in the minimum rebate will be in effect. The minimum rebate eligible for distribution will go from \$2.50 to \$25.00. (Scrip buyers will need to make enough purchases to create \$25 in rebate dollars) This change is taking place in an effort to increase sales. In turn, this will *possibly* create a place for increasing the amount of the rebate that goes towards tuition rebates or your chosen ministry. (At this time 40% of the rebate you earn goes back to the running of the Scrip program and 60% goes to your tuition rebate.) It would be great to be able to change the rebate percentages from a 40/60% split to a 30/70% split.

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Middle School

These are a few of our favorite things (6th grade edition)
7th and 8th grade editions coming soon!

- I enjoyed electives this year.
- My favorite thing was going to Thousand Pines camp!
- I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends in the middle school.
- I really enjoyed leading the Christmas program this year.
- I have enjoyed learning more about my classmates.
- I enjoyed working together to make the Christmas program really great.
- I love the amazing teachers, electives and Christmas program.
- I enjoy P.E. and getting exercise.
- Something I enjoyed was going to camp and learning many new things and having new experiences.
- I like how when things go wrong, my friends help to cheer me up.
- This year has been fun because everyone gets along and is kind to each other.
- I like spending time with my friends!
- This year, I enjoyed the Advisory kickball tournament even though my team didn't win, it was really fun.
- One thing I've enjoyed this year is having many different teachers for different subjects and getting to know my classmates better.

"All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen." I Timothy 1:17

AUTHOR DAY ASSEMBLY

with

Bethanie Hestermann

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Pre-order books available now through Wednesday, 3/30.

zoologyforkids.com/bethanylutheran/

Due to the estimated shipping timeline, the books will be delivered to your student 1-3 weeks following the author day event.



After School Hoops @ Bethany Lutheran



Learn. Sweat. Have Fun!

Join us this session as we teach your child basketball in a fun, exciting environment. Our coaches will not only teach your child important fundamentals through progressive drills, fun competitions, and competitive scrimmages, but we will use these activities as a platform to teach life-skill lessons that reinforce positive attitudes about effort, respect, teamwork and self-control. New and returning students encouraged to join.

WHO	Boys & Girls of all skill levels!
GRADES	1 st - 5 th
DAY	THURSDAYS
TIME	3:30-4:30pm
DATES	Apr 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2
WHERE	Bethany Lutheran Basketball Courts
COST	\$128

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Questions? Please contact Ryan at 562.822.7525 or ryan@1on1basketball.com

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