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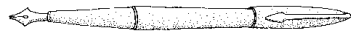
*The Weekly Newsletter of*  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We have parent/teacher conferences this week. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your partnership with your child's teacher and to celebrate your child's growth over the past months. I like to think of conferences as "celebration conversations," because there is so much to celebrate about *each* student here.

*God bless your conversations!*  
*Dr. Fink*



## Parent-Teacher Conferences



We have two PTL activities left for the year, Teacher Appreciate Week (May 2-6) and the Fun Day Carnival (June 6.) If you are interested in volunteering for either of these events, please contact PTL President Bonny Walleman:

[bonnywalleman@yahoo.com](mailto:bonnywalleman@yahoo.com)

## Staffing 2022-2023

We are happy to announce that the Bethany Board of Schools has called Miss Samantha Root to be our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher next year. Miss Root currently teaches at Zion Lutheran School in Anaheim and will join our staff in August. She is a graduate of Concordia University, Irvine. Welcome to the Bethany family, Miss Root!

In other staffing news, please take time to read the attached letter from Pastor Seth.

## Author Day

We had a WONDERFUL author with us yesterday! Did your kids come home and talk about it?

Bethanie Hestermann taught us some cool facts about animals (did you know that a sea turtle's heart beats once every 9 minutes when they are at rest in the ocean???) She also gave us some great insight into the life of a freelance writer and her journey to become one.

We hope you will support Bethanie by purchasing some of her wonderful books for your home library or as gifts for others!

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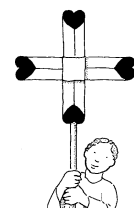
## DON'T FORGET

- ☺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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip
- ☺May 6-Progress Reports
- ☺May 6-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ☺May 9-10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacramento Trip
- ☺May 13-K-2 Spring Musical

## Who's leading chapel this week?

3/30-Mrs. Lange  
4/6-Ms. Imes  
4/14 (Thurs.)-Middle School

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



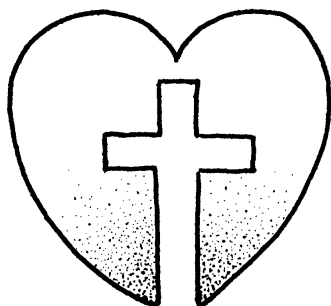


The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

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!"



### Monthly Awards

For March, we are recognizing students who are **"Rockin' Responsibility"** by realizing that "God has entrusted them with important matters and doing what they ought to do." (Romans 14:12)

K-Jacob Levitus  
K-Dinah LaRose  
1<sup>st</sup>-Mia Villatoro  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Mateo Brown  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Nathan Vu  
4<sup>th</sup>-Sierra Champlin  
5<sup>th</sup>-Olivia Alvarado  
6<sup>th</sup>-Jianna Acebo  
7<sup>th</sup>-Christian Haro  
8<sup>th</sup>-Diana Huynh

*We will hand out awards at the end of chapel tomorrow.*



## CHAPEL OFFERING

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

Thank you to our generous givers!

**Parents, it is time for PTL elections for the next school year.**

If you are interested in serving on the PTL Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) please let us know using [this form](#). Thanks!



This is the final week for the rebate period for this year. As a reminder, the rebate period goes from April 1 - March 31. Rebates will be distributed late April early May as follows: 1.) June tuition payment; 2.) If you paid in full, it will be applied to next year's rebate in August; 3.) Banked for DC (starting in 5th grade) if you previously requested that option. Thanks for supporting the Scrip program!

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## Middle School

### Way of the Cross Chapel

The middle school students will be leading a special chapel service on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. "The Way of the Cross" follows Jesus through Holy Week and his journey to the cross for us.

Parents and guests are welcome to join the 9:00 AM group which starts at the lunch tables.

*"It's hard to believe isn't it? First a hero in a parade and in a few short days a man hated by all and punished unjustly...for you and me. Let's take a walk down the way Jesus took for us...THE WAY OF THE CROSS."*



To the Household of Faith that is Bethany Lutheran,

For the past few weeks, I have been held up in prayer by you as I have deliberated God's call for where He has planned for me to serve, Bethany or 1517. Bethany has been a tremendous blessing to me and my family, and Bethany has had a profound influence on my life. In this place, I learned to be a pastor, and faith was fostered in my family as you watched our children grow. I have been able to walk with you through good times and difficult ones, and today I stand at a crossroads.

The ministry and work that 1517 engages in is amazing and has major kingdom impact. The broad reach of this ministry provides unparalleled opportunities to declare and defend the Good News that we are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. The call to join this amazing organization is something I firmly believe the Lord is leading me to accept. While I will no longer be serving this congregation or any individual congregation, this is a way for God to continue to bless Bethany and countless other congregations through my gifts that were fostered here in this place. I know that my new ministry will bring innumerable benefits to the many lives that will be impacted on a daily basis through the work of 1517.

I would be lying to say that this was an easy decision, but I have been filled with abundant peace. The exact transition timeline is still to be determined. For now, I ask for your continued prayers for me, for Jill and the girls as we make this transition in ministry.

Please also pray for the amazing servants of God that are called here to Bethany as they continue to be faithful to our good and gracious God who is **In All Things**, even these transitions. I know that God has plenty in store for Bethany in the months and years ahead. At Bethany, He blessed them, this includes me and you. Remember, Jesus loves you and I love you too!

Pastor Seth