

# Bear Facts

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



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you had a lovely Easter celebration and break from school!

There's a bit of a COVID surge going on right now...we have lots of kids out. Thank you for continuing to be vigilant about keeping kids home if they're sick and testing for COVID.

In other news, have you found yourself wondering how you can support families who are fleeing the war in Ukraine? One of our school families, the Deebles, have adopted a young couple, ages 25 and 27, and could use some help getting them settled here in America. They need:

- An available room or apartment they can rent or allow them to stay in until they get on their feet.
- A small vehicle to use or possibly purchase.
- Employment in the area of logistics (can forward a resume, if needed.)
- Gift cards to any local restaurants, grocery stores or clothing stores. (They arrived with only one suitcase for the both of them!) If you'd like to purchase Scrip to donate, you can do that through the school office!
- Questions? Please feel free to call or text Jen at (562) 712-2507.

Loving our neighbors, Dr. Fink

#### Bethany Lutheran Summer Camp Registration is now open!

https://bit.ly/BLSSummerCamp2022

#### Join us for some fun in the sun!

Who: Students entering Grades K-5 When: June 13-August 12, 9:00-4:00 Childcare available 7:00-5:30

Cost: \$75 registration

\$250 per week (includes childcare) Campers will also participate in Bethany's Vacation Bible School, June 27-July 1.



Congratulations to these students who will have art projects on display at this year's ArtFest at Orange Lutheran High School. ArtFest is on Wednesday, April 26, from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Featured Bethany artists include:
Payton Wallace-Caine, Norah Vu, Alice Kienitz, Audrey Kienitz, Cristiano Minero, Ava Stuart, Eli Anema, Elias Gagne, Zoey Castillo, Ivy Osborn, Jamie Long, Garret Morgensen, Anika Morgensen, Alyssa Flores, Zoey Castillo, Scarlett Kremer, Reenie Long, Chase Shiel, Emma Noall, Dylan Baldwin, Jason Mapes, Nolan Cerulle, Kingston Benard, Jesse Knight, Andrew Rodrigues, Timothy O'Conner, Sophia Erdman, Olivia Alvarado, Ava De La Cour and Jeffrey Craft.

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### **SDON'T FORGET**

©May 1-6 8th Grade DC Trip

<sup>©</sup>May 6-Minimum Day-Noon

Dismissal

⊕May 9-10 4th Grade

Sacramento Trip

©May 13-K-2 Spring Musical

©May 16-27 MAP Testing

⊕May 20-Middle School

Dance

©May 27-Spring Holiday

<sup>3</sup>May 30-No School-

Memorial Day

©June 3-TALENT SHOW

**RETURNS!** 

©June 5-8th Grade Graduation

4:00 PM

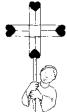
©June 6-FUN DAY

CARNIVAL!

## Who's leading chapel this week?

4/27-Mrs. Rodrigues 5/4-Mrs. Tucker 5/11-Miss Arzaga

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?

#### Monthly Awards

For April, we are recognizing students who are "Fantastic Friends" accepting and liking others because they are God's image-bearers. (Romans 15:7)

K-Francesca Collelo

K-Jaxson Gardner

1st-Savannah Kibe

2<sup>nd</sup>-Isaac Albers

3<sup>rd</sup>-Chase Shiel

4th-Liam Riordan

5<sup>th</sup>-James Bready

6<sup>th</sup>-Anika Morgensen

7<sup>th</sup>-Nolan Cerulle

8<sup>th</sup>-Miles Jump

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

### Congratulations to these families with NEW BABIES!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Mr. Morner and his wife, Lauren: Baby Jackson was born on April 12. ◎

School custodian Steven Lee and his wife, Vanessa. Baby Griffin was born on April 13. Big sisters are Harper, Blake and Quinn. Big brother is Lincoln. ©

Bethany alum Jacob Fink and his wife, Mallory. Baby Joelle was born on April 12. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Dr. Fink. ©

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Psalm 139: 13-14



Our chapel offerings in April will go to Orphan Grain Train. This organization is currently getting supplies to families in Ukraine.

Thank you to our generous givers!

## Congratulations to Kindergartener **Ava De La Cour**

who was baptized here at Bethany on Sunday!

"I have called you by name, you are Mine." Isaiah 43:1



### ShopWithScrip®

Don't forget - **ThankScriping Days** are this Thursday and Friday, April 28 & 29 with a preview on the Raise Right app on Wednesday, April 27. You must have an account set up on either

ShopWithScrip.com or the Raise Right app to participate. It requires online payment for your orders. 100+ bonuses for you to stock up, save and add to your rebate!

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#### Middle School Corner

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

- \*I love science class and everything we learn about in there.
- \*The track meet was very fun, and I enjoyed the practices leading up to it. The activities were awesome!
- \*Going to Catalina and learning about sea life, snorkeling, spending time with friends, hiking and eating.
- \*Our Catalina trip because we bonded as a class and did many exciting things that I'd love to do again.
- \*After-school game days and movie nights are fun! And, I love my kindergarten buddies.
- \*My absolute favorite thing without a doubt was Catalina because it was unique and created once-in-a-lifetime memories for myself and my class.
- \*All the middle school activities because they are extra times to socialize and hang out with friends.
- \*My favorite experience so far is going to the art museum and painting scrolls while we were there.
- \*I enjoyed Catalina because I'd never been there or done anything like that before.
- \*Snorkeling, swimming, and hanging out at Catalina was the best...and don't forget the BIG swing!
- \*The Catalina trip was amazing with lots of food, fun hikes, ocean time, relaxing, wildlife, great activities and we learned a lot while having fun.

"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