

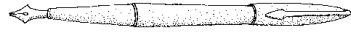


Bear Facts

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“Actions speak louder than words.”
This is something we hope our students are learning about their faith walk. We often talk about how we can TELL Jesus we love Him in prayer and in song, but we can also SHOW Him we love Him by how we live and act. This was one of the messages of our amazing K-2 musical last week: “By this shall all men know that you are mine, if you have love for one another all the time.”

This is a child-friendly concept with huge adult implications! Living our lives realizing that everything we do (even our daily commute and time spent at work) can be done for Him changes our perspectives. We begin to see our entire life as an act of worship and we begin to develop “foot-washing” posture.

Notice I said “begin.” This is a journey after all. And it’s a privilege traveling with you!

*Blessed to be at Bethany,
Dr. Fink*

It’s time to try out for the Talent Show!

We’re looking for musicians,
(but no lip-syncing,) actors,
dancers, comedians, magicians
and ???
Sign up in the school office!



**VBS June 27-July 1
8:30-12:00**

Send your kids on a desert adventure!
At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate
God’s greatness!

Check out our [VBS page](#) for registration
and volunteer info!



Save the date to set sail and
Raise A Glass!
for Student Success
Saturday, September 10, 5-9 PM
Bethany Lutheran Campus

Evening Includes:
Silent Auction & Opportunity Drawings
Naples Rib Company & Drinks

Tickets are \$70 each and include dinner
and two drink tickets
*no one under 21 will be served alcohol

Donations for the silent auction are also
welcome! Contact
esswein.sheri@gmail.com to arrange
your donation and for any questions.

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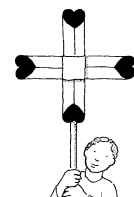
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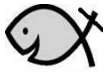
- ☉May 16-27 MAP Testing
- ☉May 17-PTL Meeting, 6:30
- ☉May 20-Middle School Dance
- ☉May 27-Spring Holiday-No School
- ☉May 30-No School-Memorial Day
- ☉June 3-Talent Show 6:30 PM
- ☉June 5-8th Grade Graduation 4:00 PM
- ☉June 6-FUN DAY CARNIVAL!
- ☉June 7-Field Day
- ☉June 8-Park and Pool Day
- ☉June 9-K Graduation
- ☉June 9-Last Day of School Noon Dismissal

Who’s leading chapel this week?

- 5/18-8th Graders
- 5/25-Mrs. Blake
- 6/1-Ms. Stejskal

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





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Watch for volunteer opportunities for end-of year activities like field trips, Fun Day and more!



Our May/June chapel offerings will go to the Long Beach Animal Shelter.

PTL Meeting Tonight

6:30 PM

Library (childcare available)
Zoom, too...watch for a link!

Used Jeans and Pants Needed!

The Student Success Program is working on an up-cycle project and needs your used pants and jeans. Any size, any style, but especially women's and girl's jeans with fancy designs on the back pockets. Please bring them to the school office to Mrs. Cerulle by Thursday, May 26.

Looking for some summer academic enrichment for your kids? Check out the Summer Bridge books [available on Amazon](#). We have samples you can peruse here in the school office.



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Hard to believe that another school year is rapidly coming to a close.... time to start thinking ahead to next year! 😊 There will be uniforms to buy, shoes, supplies and more! Don't forget to use Scrip to make your purchases count. Imagine - you buy the things you need and earn a tuition rebate at the same time - brilliant! Some great brands for school things: Old Navy(14%), Vicki Marsha(6%), Target(2.5%), Walmart(2.5%), DSW(8%), Foot Locker(8%), Amazon(2.25%) and more! I'm happy to help you earn!

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Middle School Corner

Writing portfolios are one way that Bethany Lutheran focuses on developing writing skills. The writing portfolios are created for each student and passed on from teacher to teacher as the students move up in grade level.

During the last week of the school year, the 8th grade students receive their writing portfolios containing examples of their writing over the years. The writing portfolios include examples of personal narratives, creative stories, procedural, persuasive and compare and contrast writing, letters, poetry, reflections, responses to literature and more.

The writing portfolios are meant to be a special keepsake for families that provide examples of the writing curriculum and development and a look inside each individual student as they grow into the person God created them to be.

8th grade parents, be on the lookout for these in June!

Congratulations to the following 8th Graders who publicly confirmed their faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this past Sunday here at Bethany:



- Laci Carlson**
- Jonathan Goebel**
- Miles Jump**
- Jamie Long**
- Timothy O'Conner**
- Grace Porte**
- Lucas Raya**
- Jenna Walleman**
- Carter Wegman**



Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS



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Taught by instructors from the
Institute of Reading Development
Offered in cooperation with Loyola
Marymount University Extension



Phonics
Fluency
Comprehension
Love of Reading
Vocabulary
Textbook Skills
Writing Skills
Reading Speed

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

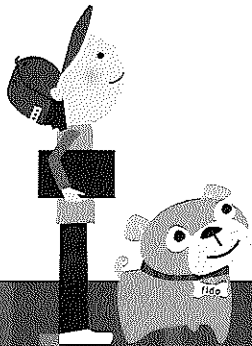
Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

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The great books, inspiring teachers, and effective live online instruction your child needs to become a strong reader!

Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. The Institute has been teaching these programs in cooperation with Loyola Marymount University Extension for the past 25 years. Tuition varies by program level. Please ask about our family discount.

“My daughter is sounding out words on her own, and she is so excited about reading to us! She loved this program, and I was very impressed with the books and materials.”

– Parent of kindergartner

“Thanks to this program, my son is now reading independently and his confidence is through the roof. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for this program.”

– Parent of 1st grader

“Online teaching is a special set of skills, and your teachers are spot on!”

– Parent of 2nd grader

“Allison loved doing the long-word decoding lessons. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging chapter books.”

– Parent of 3rd grader

“The teacher was phenomenal! She kept students engaged and participating, and my child was more excited about reading as the weeks went on.”

– Parent of 4th grader

“Patrick’s comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I’ve recommended this to other parents.”

– Parent of 5th grader

“The lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don’t put off studying until the last day because I know I can get through it fast.”

– 7th-grade student

“I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it’s easier to finish.”

– 9th-grade student

Weekend and weekday schedules available!



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