



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When you were a kid, did you ever wonder what the teachers do at school when they're not teaching?

There are *many* things we as teachers do when we're not teaching, but one very special thing we do every Monday morning is gather for a time of encouragement and prayer. We take turns reading devotions and praying for each other and our students. It's a way to start our week off on the right foot.

During these weeks leading to Christmas, we will be praying that our students and families experience its true joy and meaning: the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

Blessings on your week!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **Nov. 29**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Dec. 4**-Bethany Christmas Concerts, 3:00 and 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 7**-Morning Coffee Hour
- **Dec. 5-9**-Christmas Store
- **Dec. 4-11**-Book Fair
- **Dec. 11**-K-2 Sings 9:30
- **Dec. 12**-Ugly Christmas Sweater Dress Up Day!
- **Dec. 13**-"Christmas in Reverse" Christmas program-Grades 3-5- 1:30 and 6:30 PM
- **Dec. 21**-Minimum Day/Wear your Christmas sweaters/hats/shirts!
- **Dec. 22-Jan. 3**-Christmas break
- **Jan. 4**-School resumes
- **Jan. 16**-Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- **Jan. 20**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 24**-In-n-Out Truck!!!!



**Two of our Bethany students,
Riley and Ivy Osborn, want your
help to save our monarch
butterflies!**



Monarch butterflies are endangered. We want to promote the recovery of the monarch population now...one milkweed at a time Milkweed plants are the only source of food for the monarch caterpillar, but these plants are rapidly disappearing. You can make saving the monarch personal by planting milkweed in your yard or garden. . Please pick up some seeds in the school office to plant milkweed at home!



CHAPEL OFFERING

For our December chapel offerings, we are supporting the Liberian Lutheran School in West Africa. Watch this space for more information in the month ahead!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our High School Youth Ministry-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Bethany!

Sunday, December 4 to Sunday, December 11 in the Parish Lounge

Start checking off gifts from your Christmas lists and give the gift of reading! More information will be coming soon about our special Family Night and times the fair will be open for your shopping pleasure.

Cook's Night Out

This year, there will be no home cooking on Wednesdays! Join us every week for Cook's Night Out (CNO!)

- Nov. 2-30: Krispy Kreme!!
- Nov. 30- CPK!

See you tomorrow at CPK! (Don't forget your flyer...you can print one from the newsletter or show it from your phone when you order!)

MONTHLY AWARDS

Each month we recognize one student from each class for a character trait that leads to success!

For November, we watched for students who display Servant Hearts:

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

This month's winners are: Mason Edwards, Blake Lee, Raionna Davies, Luke Castellanos, Holly Peck, Delilah Fleetwood, Noah Wegman, Reenie Long, Damarius Thornton and Nolan Cerulle.



Got Towels?

We're collecting old towels for some clean-up projects here on campus.

You can send yours to the school office. Thanks!

Middle School Corner

During the season of Advent, the middle school students will receive an Advent calendar template (like the one attached to this week's Bear Facts) and time to reflect and color. The hopeful Advent season provides us with an opportunity to eagerly come to our God in prayer and in anticipation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ - our Savior sent to save the world.

Looking for some Advent resources for your family?

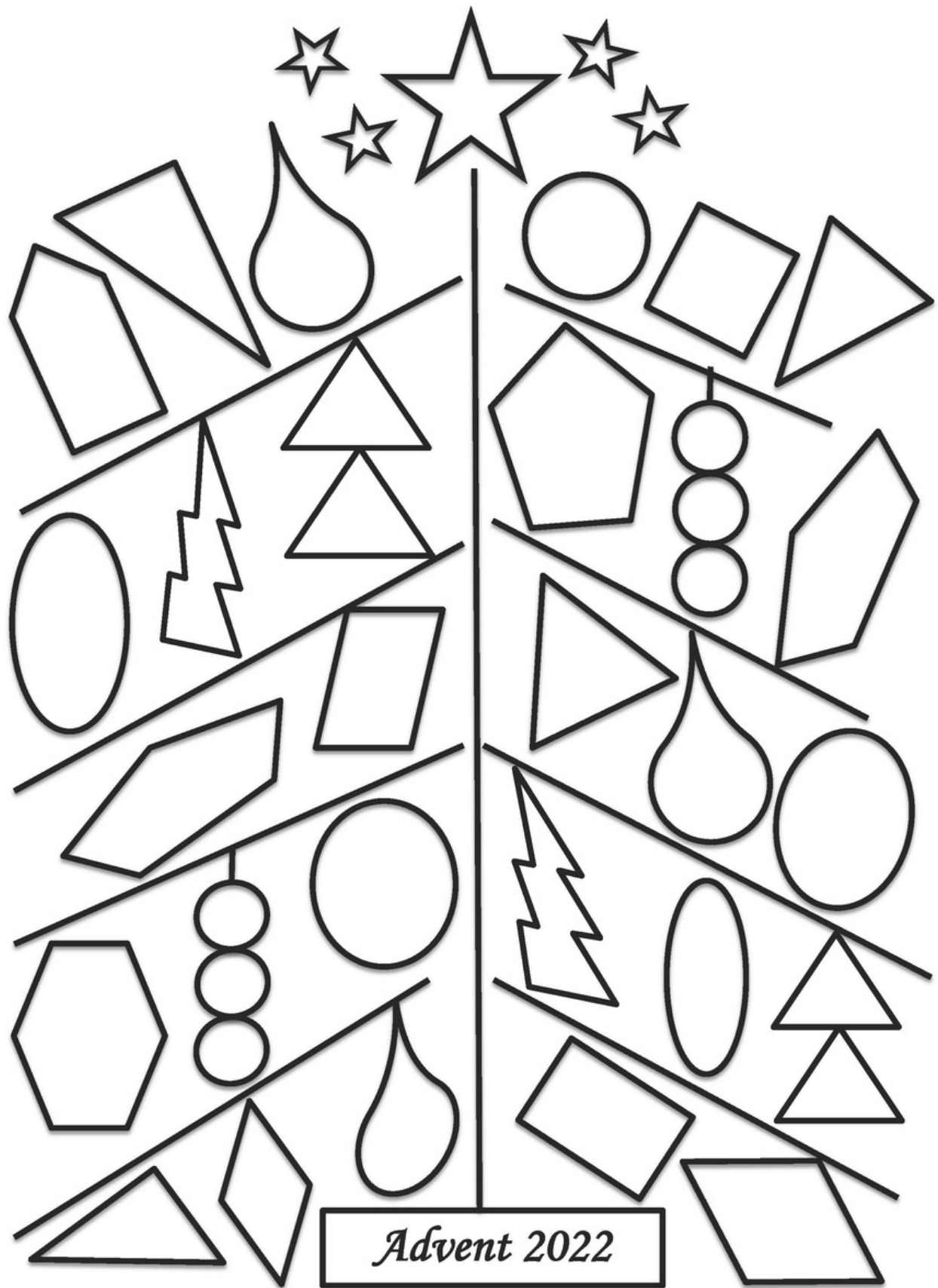
Attached to this week's Bear Facts is an Advent calendar template and some suggested ways to use the calendar.

- Hop over to the app store on your phone and search, "Daily Devotions by LHM," for an easy way to read a daily Advent devotional right on your phone.
- Add this beautiful family Advent devotional, Counting to Christmas to your home library this year.
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"The focus of Advent is two-fold. On the one hand, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world as both God and Man so that our sins might be forgiven. On the other hand, we anticipate the day when Jesus will return to Earth and bring an end to this world. Those will be scary days, but we can look forward to the end of the world with hope because through faith in Jesus, the end of this world will mean the beginning of a new life with Christ for eternity.

Advent, then, is a time for us to repent and believe. Knowing that Jesus was born to forgive our sins, we repent (admit our failures to God) and believe that we are forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf. Also, knowing that Jesus is coming back, we repent and believe that when He returns, He will give us eternal life." - Lutheran Hour Ministries

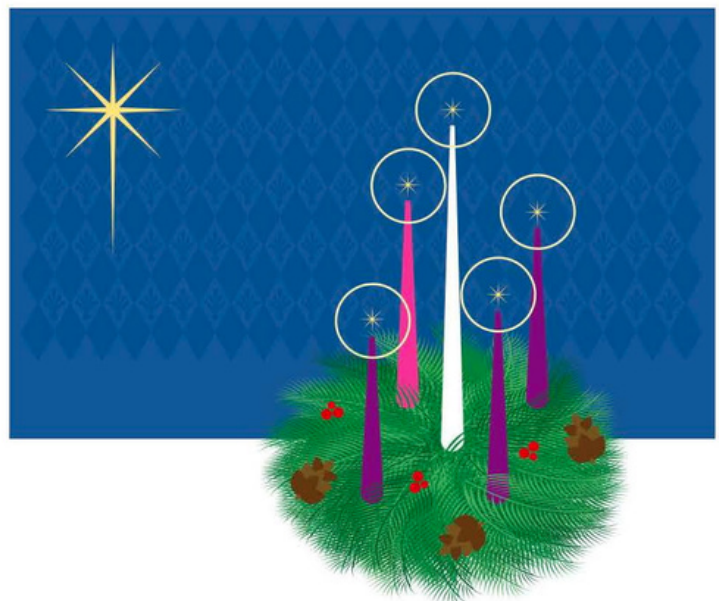




Ways to Use the Advent Calendar Template:

- 1- In a space or shape on the calendar, write the name of someone for whom you are praying. Doodle around the name or add color.
- 2- Read a daily Advent reflection, bible verse or meditation. Choose a word from the reading that jumps out at you. Write it in the shape and add a doodle or color.
- 3- Write and ponder an Advent word: prepare, wait, pregnant, hope, watch, darkness, longing, light... as you doodle and color.
- 4- Since Advent is a season of hope, write something you hope for each day. Offer that as a prayer to God as you draw, write or color.
- 5- For smaller children, just let them color. Consider placing a battery-powered votive candle near them to provide a quiet, calm place to work.

Visual prayer and faith calendar/colorings are not meant to be great works of art (although they are often beautiful). Enjoy the process as the words, marks and color end up creating a wonderful tapestry during this hopeful season.



**“The Lord is my light
and my salvation.”**

Psalm 27:1

Dazzle Days are in full swing! Nov. 26 - Dec. 9 Two weeks of bonuses and 1-day surprise bonuses on popular gifting brands, including both eGift cards and physical cards. Orders must be placed online.

This is a great opportunity to get ahead of the rush and make sure you have everything you need for your shopping and gift-giving needs! Remember - don't just use gift cards as gifts - use them for your shopping as well! Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator



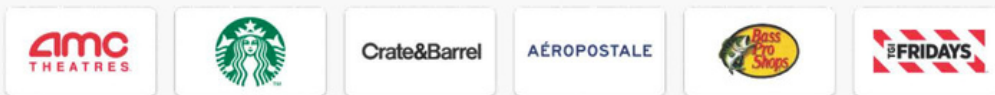
Two weeks of bonuses on eGift cards AND physical gift cards

This holiday season, make your spend go further while also making a bigger impact on your fundraising. Shop bonuses on brands for all your holiday shopping. Plus, watch your email and Facebook for surprise daily flash bonuses.

Things to know:

- Bonuses start on Nov 26 at 12:00 a.m. ET. and run through Dec 9 11:59 p.m. ET.
- See which brands are on bonus in the app or online at RaiseRight.com
- Watch for daily surprise flash bonuses too, revealed in your email and on Facebook.

Includes many popular gifting brands



+MORE

How to participate



Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses Nov 26 - Dec 9 in the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.



Don't have an account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning.

Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.



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51st Anniversary Christmas Concerts

Featuring the choirs of Bethany Lutheran Church and School



Peace to the World is Given

December 4, 2022

3:00 and 7:00 PM

Jordan Kirby, Director

Robert Bottoms, Organist



KRISPY KREME DOZENS TO SUPPORT
Bethany Lutheran School



\$15 PER DOZEN



50% DONATED BACK



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Fundraiser in support of:
Bethany Lutheran Fundraiser
November 30th 2022
All Day

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