



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There's no place like a school to get a person in the Christmas spirit. The kids' energy and excitement are infectious, there's glitter everywhere and the sound of children singing Christmas carols drifts out of classrooms on a regular basis. 'Tis the season!!

Amid all the excitement, we hope your children are hearing over and over again about the "Reason for the Season." Our students in Grades 3-5 are preparing a wonderful Christmas program to share that exact message. We hope you will come and experience it:

Christmas in Reverse
Tuesday, December 13
1:30 and 6:30 PM
Bethany Gym

God's blessings on your preparations
for His birthday!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **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, Morning Coffee Hour
- **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!



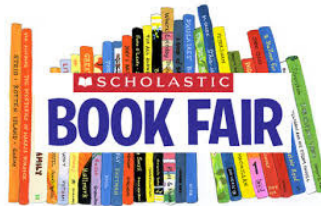
CHAPEL OFFERING

For our December chapel offerings, we are supporting the Liberian Lutheran School in West Africa, raising tuition support for families to be able to afford education for their children in a country where 1 in 2 children never complete primary school.



Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

Monday, Dec. 12



This year's December Book Fair is upon us and will be open from December 4-11, 2022.

The Book Fair is being held in the Parish Lounge next to the school offices and will be open on Sunday from 7:30-11:00a.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:00-9:00a.m., 12:00-1:00p.m., and 3:00-4:30p.m. Students and parents are invited to shop in our Book Fair before and after school. Each class will have their own special time to shop during the week.

Join us for our Book Fair Family Night!

Wednesday, December 7th from 5:00-6:30 PM. You and your family can join in on the fun as we make Christmas ornaments, eat cookies, drink cocoa and have an all-around good time. This is a perfect chance to grab a present or stocking stuffer for your kids while they are distracted with arts and crafts!

Cook's Night Out

Thanks for supporting our 8th Graders' trip to Washington DC. Join us for this week's Cook's Night Out!

- Nov. 2-30: Krispy Kreme!!
- Dec. 7- Flame Broiler

See you tomorrow! When you show up at the restaurant, mention the Bethany fundraiser and they will donate 20% of your purchase!



A glimpse into the middle school curriculum at the moment:

8th Grade

History: US Constitution
English: Writing a parody (The 12 Days of Christmas)
Math: Equations of Linear Functions and Functions
Science: Atoms - What's inside and how they interact with surrounding materials
Literature: Stories from our Literature Anthology
Spanish: Writing stories
Spiritual Formation: The Book of Exodus

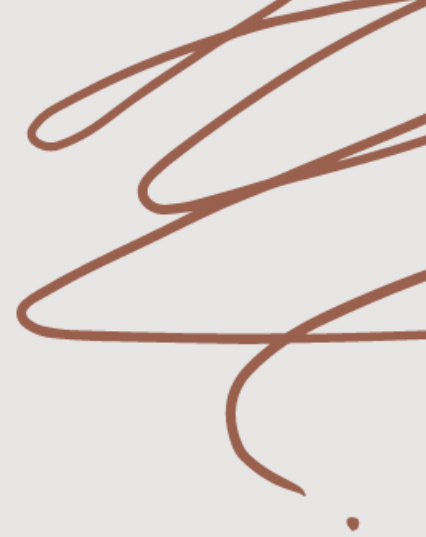
7th Grade

History: Islamic Civilization
English: Writing a parody (Twas the Night Before Christmas)
Math: Percents and Rational Numbers
Science: Genetics - What mechanisms in our cells make us the way we are
Literature: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Spanish: Writing stories
Spiritual Formation: The Book of Luke

6th Grade

History: Ancient Israel
English: Writing a parody (My Favorite Things)
Math: Fractions, Decimals, and Percents
Science: Continental Drift - How our planet's surface is slowly changing through plate tectonics
Literature: Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Spanish: Writing stories
Spiritual Formation: Creation



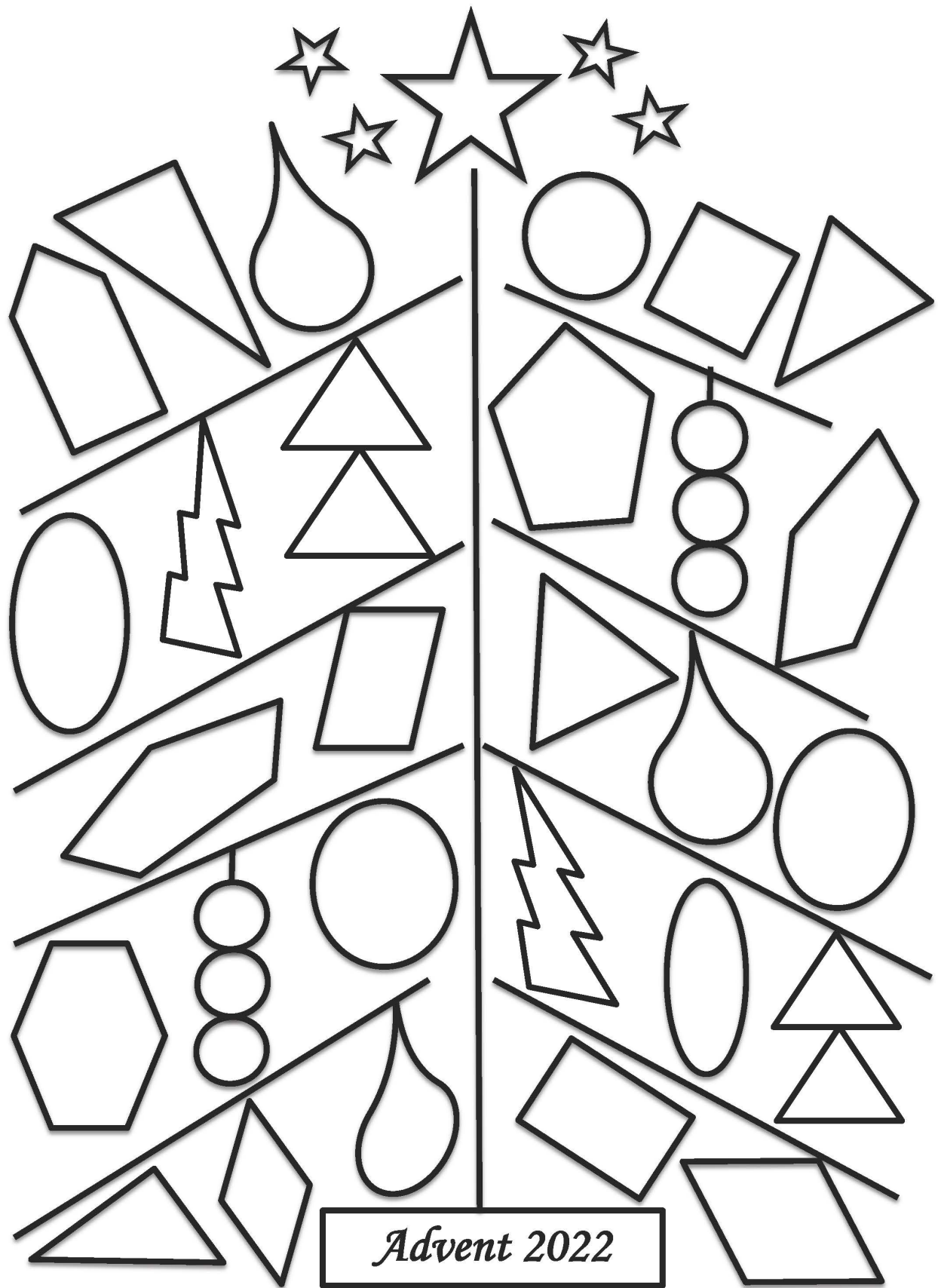


MORNING HAPPY HOUR

ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN
THE CHURCH STAFF FOR
COFFEE, MUFFINS AND
CONVERSATIONS.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
8:15-8:55 IN HENSLEY SQUARE

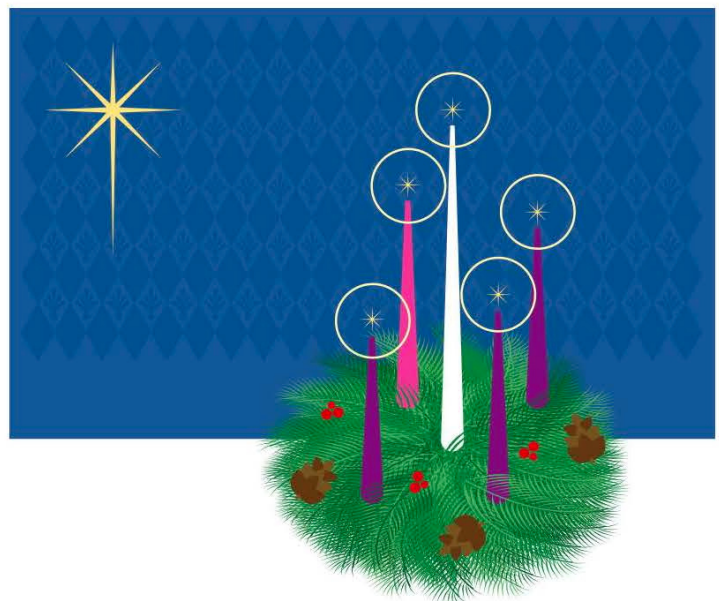




Ways to Use the Advent Calendar Template:

- 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



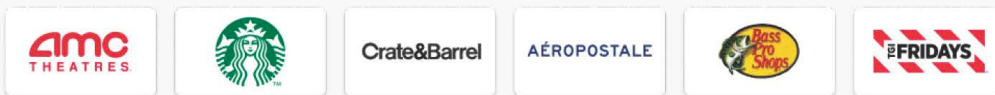
Two weeks of bonuses on eGift cards AND physical gift cards

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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NOW OPEN

SHETLAND
AGES 4 - 6

\$225

REGISTRATION
CLOSES
DECEMBER 31st

\$250

PINTO, MUSTANG,
BRONCO
AGES 7 -12

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DISCOUNT
ENDS 12/4!**



VILLAGE BASEBALL

Spring 2023 Season

Ages: 4- 13

**Divisions: Quickball, Coach Pitch,
Farm, Minors, Majors, 50/70**

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