



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
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Long Beach, CA  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### It's Teacher Appreciation Week!

I don't know if you've seen the license plate holder on our car, but it says, "Those who can, teach. Those who can't do something less significant." I bought the holder because I absolutely despise that old saying, "Those who *can't*, teach." I really do believe teaching is an incredibly important profession, and I'm proud to serve with an excellent and caring faculty here at Bethany. Our teachers have been *gifted* to do what they do, just as each of you have been *gifted* for a purpose.

Our PTL has some wonderful thank you activities planned this week! I also encourage you to take time to say "thanks!" to your child's teacher....make a card, bring a flower, send an e-mail, or perform a random act of kindness.

*Serving Him with You,  
Dr. Fink*



*Save the Date:*

### LEGO FUN DAY Is Coming!

Saturday, May 20th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mark your calendar:  
Everything about it is going to be  
**AWESOME!**

### Annual Fun Day Bake Walk

Keep the FUN DAY Bake Walk going all day with your homemade or store-bought confection. Bring your "sweet" donation to the kitchen on May 18th or 19th and earn FISH hours!



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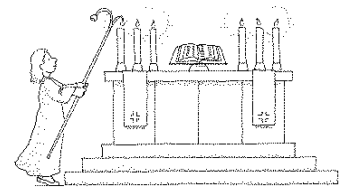
### DON'T FORGET

- ☺ May 2-Disney Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
- ☺ May 3-5 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
- ☺ May 5-4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Sacramento
- ☺ May 7-12-8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip
- ☺ May 12-Minimum Day-School dismisses at noon-Teacher Inservice
- ☺ May 15-19-Book Fair
- ☺ May 19-Middle School Dance
- Coming SOON:
- ☺ May 20- FUN DAY!!! 11-3

### +Chapel Leaders+

May 3-Kayleigh Belvery  
May 10-Mrs. Dahlin  
May 17-Mrs. Lange

*Chapel is at 9:00 in the church.*



happy  
Teacher  
APPreciation  
Week!



If you can read this, thank a teacher!



The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

We will need LOTS of parent help for Fun Day! Sign up for a booth shift here:

<http://signup.com/go/MbMUKB>

### **Bethany Summer Music & Arts Camp 2017**

Announcing the return of our summer fine arts camp for kids entering Kindergarten-7<sup>th</sup> grades.

**"Weather the Weather"** is our theme this year, come join in the fun!

Camp courses will be taught by Bethany church and school staff. We will highlight 4 daily themes, introduce kids to a variety of arts, & increase appreciation for the musical gifts we have been given by our Heavenly Father.

BSM&A 2017 will take place on the campus of Bethany Lutheran Church during the week of **June 26-June 29**, M-Th, from 9AM –noon.

**Registration Fee:** \$100 per child (non-refundable) with a maximum of \$175 per family. Registration forms available in the church or school office or downloaded from Bethany's website [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org). **Forms and fees are due by May 31.**

Registration is limited to 50 participants. Questions? Contact co-director Mara Widmann at (562) 421-4711 ext. 55.

### **Club 35**

*(Grades 3-5)*

Upcoming Events:

- **Mother's Day Art Project**  
Sunday, May 7  
Room 208  
9:30-10:30
- **Bowling and Pizza**  
Saturday, June 3  
Round 1 Bowling  
10:30-12:00  
\$20

Questions?

Contact DCE Intern Nathan  
(858)863-3291

**The Book Fair is coming!**

**May 15-19**

Bethany Bears LOVE to read....all funds from this fair will support our BLS library!



Our next Cook's Night Out is  
Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3  
at **STACKED.**

All proceeds support Mission Alaska!  
Don't forget your flyer!



**Got a lemon tree??**

**Bethany's Student  
Council needs LEMONS for  
Fun Day! You can drop them  
off in the school office. Thanks!**



Need a nanny or a reliable babysitter this summer? One of our Bethany grads is home from college for the summer and would love to help you out. Contact the school office if you are interested!



Teacher Appreciation Week is this week! We have 'Wish Lists' in the school office for our K-8 and preschool teachers to help you choose something to say 'Thank You' and show your appreciation.

Remember all the special mom's in your life this Mother's Day with Scrip/ gift cards to her favorite restaurant or retail store. A special treat for Mom would be a Spa & Wellness Gift Card that can be used at hundreds of locations nationwide, as well as locally. We have been told a Nordstrom gift card is the perfect gift! Another good choice is the Home Goods, Marshall's/ TJ Maxx gift card, one card can be used at all three stores.

When it is time to give gifts to coaches, think Scrip! Is your child on a sports team? Volunteer to purchase the coaches gift, collect the money from the team, and purchase the gift cards from Bethany Scrip. The most popular gift card for coaches appears to be Outback, but we have many other options to choose from.

A new Scrip/gift card rebate year just started, now is the perfect time to start earning a rebate for next year. A rebate of \$250 will pay your Technology Fee.

**The largest Scrip Rebate this year was \$934.43!**





# Family Matters



A CHRIST-CENTERED RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS

## Upon This Rock: The Rock of Hope

What do you hope for?

- To travel?
- To own a home?
- To climb the corporate ladder?
- To have high-achieving children?
- To run your own business?
- To live to a ripe old age?

Most rational people have dreams. We often dream that the future will bring improvements for ourselves, our family, our community or our country.

Our dreams start when we are young, and children often express them by saying, “I want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ when I grow up!” We often ask children, youth and even those approaching mid-life about their dreams — both in fun-loving ways and also with serious intent. It seems to be a natural human condition to want to describe our future hopes, both in realistic terms as well as those surrounded in fantasy.



***“As Christian parents, our hope is built on the righteousness of Christ.”***

As parents, we are quick to set aside our dreams for the hopes we have for our children. We often place a lot of pressure on ourselves to help our children achieve what we dream for them — even if it’s not what they might want for themselves. How many parents have hopes that their child will become a doctor, a professional athlete or a performer? Setting the bar high raises expectations and can often create pressure.

As much as we have wonderful hopes and dreams for our children — even those that are realistic and achievable — they are misplaced. As Christian parents, our hope is built on the righteousness of Christ. As much as we want to “get things right” for our kids, the only thing that truly ended up right in this world was Christ’s perfect life, death and resurrection from the dead.

When the women came to Jesus’ tomb on the first day of the week following His crucifixion, they were hoping that they could enter the tomb. They were hoping that someone could roll the big stone away so that they could attend to the body of Jesus. When they arrived, they noticed that the stone had been rolled away and that Jesus was not there — He had risen from the dead! These women were presented with a reality that went far beyond their hopes. Their friend, their Lord, their Savior was alive! This was a hope beyond any hope they had to be imagining that morning as they walked to the tomb.

We, too, are given the reality of this hope of new life, a life with Christ forever! This message of hope in the resurrected Lord goes far beyond the dreams we would achieve in this world; this is an eternal message that we can share and teach to our children every day in our homes.

As parents, we can fill our homes not just with earthly dreams, but also with the sure and constant hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.



## FAMILY LINKS: Activities for families to reinforce Bible story truths in the home.

*Gather the family together in a comfortable place in the home for a time of family interaction and Bible study using the outline below.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Have the person in the family who is the tallest offer an opening prayer.

### FAMILY SHARING TIME:

Use the questions below to have a family discussion on the various hopes and dreams you have.

What do you hope will be happening in your life ...

- One year from now?
- Five years from now?
- 20 years from now?
- When you are 50 years old?
- When you are 75 years old?



### FAMILY BIBLE TIME:

Open up a Bible to **MATT. 28:1-10** and read these verses aloud in your family setting.

After reading, ask these follow-up questions:

- What were the women who went to the tomb hoping to do?  
(*Enter the tomb of Jesus.*)
- What did they actually find?  
(*That Jesus wasn't there, that He had risen from the dead!*)
- What did these women do?  
(*They ran back to tell others of this great news!*)
- Who did they meet along the way?  
(*They met Jesus, which gave them the assurance that He had indeed risen from the dead.*)
- How did this news eventually change the world?  
(*Believers have the hope of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.*)

### FAMILY ACTIVITY TIME:

- 1) Locate 8–10 lighter colored (yellow, pink, white, light green, etc.), small balloons of 5–6 inches. Also get some permanent markers and a vase with an opening of at least 3–4 inches.
- 2) Find some wooden kabob skewers and a roll of masking tape.
- 3) Blow up the balloons.
- 4) Hand a balloon and marker to each person in the family. Have them either write a word or draw a symbol on their balloon of the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!
- 5) Tape each completed balloons to the end of a wooden kabob skewer.
- 6) Now, place each of the “balloons on a stick” in the vase, so that the words and symbols of the resurrection are easily seen. Adjust the length of the skewers as needed to make a nice, balanced arrangement.
- 7) Put the resurrection balloon bouquet on the kitchen table or in another prominent place in the home where it will be seen over the next several weeks to remind all members of the family of the hope we share in the resurrection of Jesus!



**CLOSING ECHO PRAYER:** Have an adult or older sibling read the prayer below, section by section, with the rest of the family echoing each phrase.

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Jesus as our Savior from sin. We give thanks that He gave His life on the cross for us and that we can have eternal life. Help us to live every day with hope in this good news and to share it with others. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**INVITES YOU TO:**  
**STACKED: Food Well Built**

STACKED is an innovative full service casual dining concept that allows the guests to customize and control their experience with a table top IPAD! Our menu features Burgers, Pizza, Salads, Mac N Cheese and amazing Desserts!

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STACKED will donate 20% of the entire bill!  
(Present the flyer at the table when greeted!)

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**Wednesday, May 3rd**  
**11:00 am to 11:00pm**

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your name on the waiting list before you leave home!

[www.stacked.com](http://www.stacked.com)

Thanks for your support!

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**WRISTBANDS** allow the wearer access to all games and activities. Food purchases, raffle tickets and basket bids are NOT included in the wristband price. Wristbands ONLY may be purchased on pre-sale for a reduced rate. Wristbands purchased on FUN DAY will be \$15 each. “Late entry” wristbands will be available for \$10 each to attendees arriving after 1:00 pm on FUN DAY.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** may be purchased on pre-sale with this form or at FUN DAY. The price for raffle tickets remains the same.

**PRE-ORDERS** placed before May 15<sup>th</sup> will be filled and delivered to your child’s teacher. Orders received May 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> will be available at the FUN DAY Info Booth under your child’s name. **Return the completed form to the school office or your child’s teacher.** Make checks out to **Bethany Lutheran PTL.**

**RAFFLE TICKET PRICING:**

5 TICKETS/ \$1	25 TICKETS/\$5	50 TICKETS/\$10
75 TICKETS/ \$15	100 TICKETS/\$20	125 TICKETS/\$25

(Cut and send back with your child for easy ordering)

## PRE-SALE ORDER FORM

	Cost per	Total Needed	Cost (\$)
RAFFLE Tickets	5 for \$1		
One Wristband Only	\$12		
<b>Family Pack</b>			
Wristband #1	\$12 each		
Additional Wristbands	\$10 each		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			
Payment Type (cash/check/FACTS)			

Please Charge my FACTs account: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature Required

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_