



Bethany *Beat*

BETHANY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Parent/ Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH

Parent/Teacher conferences are on November 6th and 7th. Make sure you sign up for a time slot if you have not already done so. Please note: there will be no school, before care, or after care on these days. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the conference, but it is not mandatory.

If you are unable to attend either day, please let your teacher know so that they can find a time that works best. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



BETHANY LUTHERAN
JOIN US FOR

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

2023 Conference Dates:
November 6th & 7th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Please click the link below to schedule your
conference time

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SIGN-UP LINK FOR CONFERENCES:

Bobcats:
<https://shorturl.at/BCGJW>

Giraffes:
<https://shorturl.at/EFJZ4>

Owls:
<https://shorturl.at/deCE6>

Tigers:
<https://shorturl.at/uwNSZ>

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/6 & 7 – PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 11/11 – VETERAN'S DAY
(SCHOOL IS IN SESSION ON FRIDAY)
- 11/20-11/24 – THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 12/8 – CHRISTMAS EVENT
- 12/15 – CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES
(No aftercare or after school activities)
- 12/18-1/2 – CHRISTMAS BREAK

Staff Birthdays!

Pastor Andy Jagow
November 6th
Kshama Bhatia (Giraffes)
November 9
Mrs. Kelley Durham
(Office)
November 19th





THANKSGIVING BREAK

School (including before-care, after-care, and enrichment activities) will be closed for break November 20-24th.

BLPS Thanksgiving Feast!

November 17, 2023

All classes will join together for a Thanksgiving lunch sing-a-long. Please pack your child's lunch and water bottle as normal. We promise to share lots of pictures and videos of our day.



Bethany Lutheran's Annual

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Bethany Lutheran Church is having its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to support United Community Ministries (UCM) during this holiday season and we are asking for your help! If you are new to Bethany, you may like to know that last year's *Food Drive collected 627 lbs. with the help of the Preschool!* We are hoping to beat the previous year's record for the sixth year in a row. If you are interested in donating, we are looking for non-perishable food items. Suggested items can be found on the Flyers by your classrooms and all donations can be turned into your teachers. Thank you for sharing your Blessings this Thanksgiving!!

October Festivities

Go to our Facebook page @BethanyBobcats or Instagram @blps_tots for an inside peek of all our October Festivities.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

5 Fat Turkeys is our favorite Thanksgiving song! We will learn this song over the next few weeks and sing at our Thanksgiving sing-a-long. Here is a copy of the lyrics, in case you would like to sing a long at home.



Five Fat Turkeys

5 fat turkeys, 5 fat turkeys
 (Hold out hand to show 5 fingers)
in the barn, in the barn
 (Cover 1 hand with the other)
gobble, gobble, gobble
 (wiggle hands under chin)
wobble, wobble, wobble
 (extend arms out to side,
 move torso side to side)
run away, run away
 (put arms behind back)

then repeat w/ 4, 3, 2, 1

No more turkeys!, bye!





Chapel Time

Chapel Time takes place on Wednesdays and includes: a short message based on the Bible story of the week, music, and a prayer with Rev. Andrew Jagow, "Pastor Andy". All students will participate together at Chapel Time, learning the importance of being in God's house, and how to worship and pray. Look for activity sheets and information on each week's Bible story in your child's take home folder at the end of each week.

This month's lessons will finish up our story on Moses, visit with Daniel in Babylon, and then look at the promise of a Savior in the Old Testament.

Week 7 (October 30- November 3)

Topic: **The Exodus and the Red Sea Crossing**

Week 8 (November 8-10)

Topic: **The Ten Commandments**

Week 9 (November 13 -17)

Topic: **Daniel and the Lion's Den**

Week 10 (November 20-24)

NO SCHOOL- Happy Thanksgiving!

Week 11 (November 27- December 1)

Topic: **God Promises a Savior**

In case you missed our Facebook post.....here is an inside peek at Chapel Time!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cyi6BSMumcN/?igshid=MTc4MmM1YmI2Ng==>

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

God,
Thank you for this dinner,
And our family and friends so dear.
We truly do appreciate all you do
for us during this time of year.
Thank you for the turkey,
and the mashed potatoes, too.
Thank you for your grace,
And bless us in all we do.
Amen.

By Lori Soard



ME MUSEUM UPDATE



Me Museum is our annual, interactive art museum. This year's theme was based on our verse of the year "***He has made everything beautiful in its time.***" (Insert verse) What great art we saw from all the classes!

Our students also has a blast engaging in all of the interactive stations.

YOU VOTED! And they won!!! The Giraffe class won the contest for favorite museum.

The Executive Director of Schools and Youth for the LCMS came by to visit us during the event and had a blast. It was so well received that it was covered in our District, LCMS news blast and mention at the local Pastor's Circuit last month.

Please click the link below see pictures from our event.

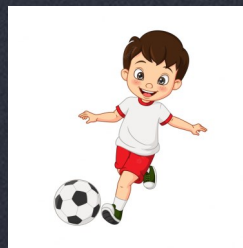
<https://www.bethanybobcats.com/me-museum-2023>

Mark your Calendars! Preschool Soccer Dates

Fridays, 1:00-1:45 PM

Last Day of Soccer for Session 1
is Nov. 10th!

Second semester registration
coming soon!



Music and Motion

Mondays, 1:00-1:45 PM

Last Day for Music and Motion
is November 13th

Christmas at Bethany Lutheran

Advent and Christmas Services

Bethany Lutheran Church offers midweek and outdoor Advent services in addition to our normal Sunday services. For more information on our Saturday Fireside Services and Wednesday night services, please check out the schedule included in this newsletter.



Upcoming Advent Children's Church

A Special Lesson on Advent Wreaths

9:55 a.m. on December 10th

Bethany is offering a special Children's Church Sunday, December 10th during our Advent service. The lessons will focus on meaning and symbols of Advent and each child will get to make an advent wreath to take home and use through the Christmas Season.

Parents are welcome to drop off their children with Mrs. Savage in Adult Ed 1 at 9:55 a.m. for the lesson, and then proceed to the sanctuary for service. Children can be picked up after the service.

Hot Chocolate will be provided as the snack.

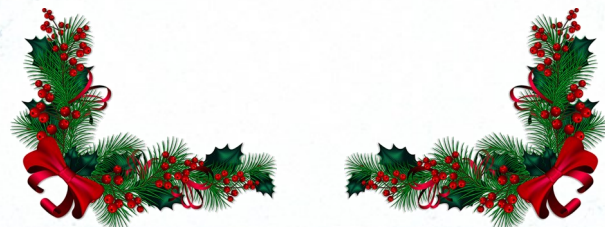
Hope to see you there!



BLPS Families and Friends

Thank you for your support!

We sold 100 items and raised over \$600 to go towards our Scholarship and Activities fund.



SPONSOR A TABLE

This year the Preschool Christmas Program will end with a surprise Brunch with Santa. The Preschool is looking for volunteers to sponsor a brunch table. The tables are \$35 each and will include: centerpieces, condiments, hot chocolate toppings, and a BLPS gift for each family.



Donations can be made by check to the Preschool with "Sponsor a Table" in the memo or via our online giving using the QR code to the left.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

BLPS CHRISTMAS EVENT!

Please note:

December 8, 2023 - SPECIAL EVENT DAY

11:00 am dismissal. All after school activities and Kid Klub will be closed.

On this day, you will get to see your child perform in our Christmas program, "The Greatest Gift", followed by brunch with Santa.

More information coming soon!

Important Reminder:

December 15, 2023

ALL ages/grades dismiss at 1pm. There will be no after-care (Kid Klub) or enrichment activities on this day.

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FOR THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENT



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