

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

February 1, 2010

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MISSION: "By the power of God's spirit, the mission of Bethany Lutheran School is to train, equip, and support witnesses for His kingdom."

Chapel

Chapel will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

The Lenten Season for the church begins on Wednesday, February 17th, Ash Wednesday, with church services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. The sermon theme for Ash Wednesday is "Return to the Lord Your God". Lenten services will be every Wednesday, February 24th through March 24th at both 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. If you do not have a home church to attend, please plan on joining us at Bethany.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Think of a time when you were sick. What did you do to get well? Maybe you slept for a long time, took medicine or drank a lot of fruit juice. You needed to take some action to become well. What are some of the things you do to stay well? Get plenty of rest, eat fruit and vegetables, or take vitamins. Again, action is needed to maintain a healthy body.

Your faith in Jesus as your Savior needs nourishment to remain strong and healthy. Some folks call this Spiritual Wellness. In order to keep your faith in Jesus strong, you must feed it by reading or listening to God's Word, the Bible.

Timothy, a missionary and writer of part of the Bible is a good example of a person whose faith was fed ever since he was a little boy. Timothy was chosen by God to help Paul with his missionary work. Timothy's mother and grandmother instructed him in the Christian faith. Read II Timothy 1:5. When Paul talks about Timothy's faith he said that Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures from infancy.

How far back in your life can you remember? Tell one another in your family about the first time you remember learning anything about Jesus and the Good News. Your pastors and teachers here at Bethany nourish your faith. We do that daily through the study of God's Word. The entire staff is honored to have the chance to share God's Word with your children each day.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Re-Enrollment for Grades 1 through 8

Re-enrollment forms for students going into grades 1 through 8 were sent home this past Monday. They will need to be returned by Friday, February 5th. A \$50.00 registration fee, per child, will need to be included. If you did not receive your copy, please stop by or call the School Office. On Monday, February 8th, enrollment will be opened to new students and the community.

“Thank You” from Grace Lutheran School, Chicago

Bethany received a “thank you” letter from the children at Grace Lutheran School in Chicago for the donation sent from Bethany’s students first quarter chapel money. Every gift they receive helps to meet their budget and continue their mission to share God’s love with the children in the neighborhood. This year, the school has 80 children learning about Jesus and his love!

School Spelling Bee

The spelling class champions met in the PAC after chapel this past Wednesday to hold the school spelling bee. While a few students dropped out in the first few rounds, we continued through round 7 before we came up with two Bethany students to be our finalists – Ryan McCullum of 8th grade and Grace Gebhard of 6th grade. They continued for eight more rounds before a school champion was determined. Congratulations to Ryan McCullum for becoming this year’s champion speller. She will now go on to the regional private/parochial spelling bee held at Timothy Christian School in Elmhurst. That will be held next Wednesday. Good Luck Ryan!

Thank you to Sue Mullany, Nadine Pramenter, and Lisa Hetherman for helping make our Spelling Bee so wonderful with the beautiful reception that followed. Bethany is so blessed to have so many parents who help make every event so special!

Vision and Hearing Rescreening to Take Place—February 2nd

The DuPage County Health Department was at Bethany on Tuesday, January 12th to conduct the annual school vision and hearing tests. They will be returning on Tuesday, February 2nd to conduct re-screenings and test those students who were absent.

Tickets are Now On Sale for the Bethany PTL Italian Dinner & Silent Auction!

If you love great food and socializing with teachers, staff and other Bethany families, this is an event for you! The Bethany PTL Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: \$12.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children age 4-12, age 3 and under are FREE! There is a \$40.00 family maximum.

Tickets can be purchased by filling out the ticket order form (coming home this week) and returning it to the School Office by Friday, March 5th. Beginning February 9th, tickets will also be sold Tuesday - Friday from 8:40 - 9:00 a.m. outside of the School Office (next to the Manna table). You may also purchase tickets after Church Services on Saturday and Sunday beginning February 13th. Checks can be made payable to Bethany Lutheran PTL (in the check memo section please write “Dinner/Auction). Ticket orders will be filled each week and sent home on Fridays.

As if you weren’t excited already....here is sample of a few items that will be up for bid during the Silent Auction: (4) 1 Day Walt Disney World Park Hopper Tickets, Arthur Murray Dance Package, Stampin’ Up! Assortment, Wine Tasting for 10 adults, Gourmet Dessert of the Month for 1 year, (4) Shedd Aquarium Passes, Gourmet Cookie of the Month for 1 year, and (3) 1 hour Pottery Sessions with Mrs. Staunch. If you have goods or services to donate, please turn them into the School Office and attach a Donor Information Form to the item(s). Please note that we can only accept items that are NEW. Donations must be received by March 5 in order to be included in the event materials.

One final note, there are still quite a few areas that we need help in. The sign-up board is outside of the School Office. Please consider taking the time

to work a set-up/clean-up shift, sell tickets, or be an auction official. Remember, this is a great way to earn your volunteer hours!

If you have questions, please email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org.

Love and Logic Parent Education Workshop

Plan on attending “Becoming a Love and Logic Parent” workshop on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bethany will be welcoming Love and Logic authority Bryan Blackford for this wonderful event. Learn how to DISCIPLINE kids without losing their love, SET limits without ordering or arguing and OFFER choices to your kids that will make YOU deliriously happy. Babysitting will be available.

Look for Additional Forms Coming Home Today

Today, with your oldest child, the Market Day form and several other flyers, will be sent home. A paper copy of the “Connections” is not going home today. Every family should have received their copy by e-mail. If you did not receive your copy, please call the School Office and let us know your e-mail address.

Alumni—We Like to Hear From You

Last year’s BLS graduates have been busy getting involved at their respective high schools in extra-curricular fall and winter school sports and events. Today we are featuring those students that are attending Naperville Central and Naperville North. Please watch the “Connections” in the weeks to come for other students and other high schools.

Naperville Central Students

Sarah Bull—clarinet ensemble
Lauren Dierking—volleyball and basketball team
Smantha Roth—Theater Central
Madeline Weber—cheerleading
Christian Schultz—math team

Naperville North Students

Gavin Blaesner—hockey team

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

February 3rd—tacos, carrots, dutch apple pie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Brandi Paul, Denise Collins, Pam Stricker,

February 10th—chili, cornbread, fresh fruit, cup cake

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velaquez, Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

February 17th—chicken nuggets, fruit cocktail, mixed vegetables, bakery cookie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Colin Paul, Polly Patterson, Lisa Hetherman

February 24th—corn dog, potato chips, peas, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Polly Patterson, Kim Paquette

Pizza Day—The next lunch will be Friday, February 5th, and Friday February 19th.

Pasta Lunch— The next lunch will be Tuesday, February 9th.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Come to Bethany Lutheran Church and School's First Fish Fry!

Bring your family and friends to Bethany on Friday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a delicious Fish Dinner with all the trimmings. The catered meal will consist of fried fish, potatoes, creamy coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Hot dogs will also be available. This will be a fun congregational event so save the date today. It is not necessary to purchase tickets in advance but if you are thinking of attending, show us your support by signing up on the message tower. The cost will be \$8.00 for the fish meal, and \$2.00 for a hot dog. We hope to gain a good idea of how much fish to order. We also need a crew of volunteers to set up, help serve and clean up. This is a great way to meet, mix and mingle with other members. Call the church office with questions at 630 355-2198.

Through the Bible—God and His People

Do you know well the story of God's salvation in Christ from Genesis to Revelation? Do you know how the Old and New Testaments fit together? Come to "Through the Bible" to see the whole scope of Scripture. Led by Pastor Schumacher. The date is Monday, February 8th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Goofy Olympics Coming to Bethany

The GOOFY OLYMPICS will take place at the Parish Activity Center on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. followed by a delicious Italian Beef lunch! The games begin at 1:15 p.m. All are invited.