

# SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

February 8, 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 10, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Rossow. All are invited to attend.

The Lenten Season for the church begins on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup> 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

Most of you are aware that Mrs. Bolt our preschool three year old teacher has been battling cancer for several years. Recent tests indicated that the cancer has moved to her bone marrow. She began a new chemotherapy treatment last week to attack the cancer cells. Unfortunately, this past weekend she developed a sinus infection which resulted in her spending the week in the hospital.

After talking with her doctors Mrs. Bolt decided it is best at this time to take a break from her teaching. Those that know Mrs. Bolt know she did not come to this decision easily. She dearly loves being with the children and sharing the love of Jesus with them each day. Yet, it is vital that she stay away from germs and hopefully avoid the risk of another infection.

Mrs. Bolt and I both see it as a tremendous blessing that Mrs. Gutzwiller has been the aide in the classroom this entire year. She knows the children and the school routine. She has agreed to teach the preschool three year old class and the Book Bunch while Mrs. Bolt is at home.

I will continue to keep you informed, as I know each one of you love and care for both Mr. and Mrs. Bolt.

Please continue to pray for Mrs. Bolt and her family as she undergoes her cancer treatments. If you would like to send her a card, her address is listed below.

➤ Mrs. Louise Bolt, 1620 East Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

### BUSING STUDENTS—PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO BUSING HOME ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>.

**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL GRADES INCLUDING PRESCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT’S DAY.**

### **Iowa and Cogat Testing in Grades 1 through 8**

Beginning today, Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, classrooms will be starting the Iowa and Cogat testing. The testing will continue through the week until completed. Please make sure your child/ren has plenty of rest and starts the day with a good breakfast. Also, please be aware that while a classroom is testing, the Office will not be able to pull a student out of that class until the test is complete. These are timed tests and classes can't be interrupted.

### **Re-Enrollment for Grades 1 through 8**

Re-enrollment forms for students going into grades 1 through 8 for the 2010-2011 school should have been turned into the School Office by last Friday. Today, Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, enrollment will be opened to new students and the community. If you need a form, please stop in the School Office and pick one up. We do have families on the waiting list anxious to hear about next year.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>. Beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

### **Half Way Through Boxtops Contest**

We are half way through the winter boxtop contest which will end February 15<sup>th</sup>. At this point in the contest the preschool four's class is in the lead, with seventh grade in second place and third grade not far behind. There's still plenty of time to get those boxtops in to be counted. Hope you are checking the list sent out in January with all the qualifying products on it. Also be sure to check the coupons your grocery store hands you when you check out they may contain coupons good for additional boxtops for your class. Bring in any boxtops you may be saving at home. Now is the time to get them in!

### **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 Neuqua, Waubonsie, and Metea High Schools. Please watch the "Connections" in the weeks to come for other students and other high schools.

#### Neuqua Valley High School

Brooke Antenen—volleyball team

Haley Hanneman—cheerleading

Jeff Bogue—marching band

Aaron Dierking—cross-country team and jazz band

#### Waubonsie Valley High School

Amy Jablonsky—volleyball team

#### Metea High School

Brent Conklin—art club

## **FOOD COURT**

### **Hot Lunch**

February 10<sup>th</sup>—chili, cornbread, fresh fruit, cup cake

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velaquez, Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

February 17<sup>th</sup>—chicken nuggets, fruit cocktail, mixed vegetables, bakery cookie

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Colin Paul, Polly Patterson, Lisa Hetherman

February 24<sup>th</sup>—corn dog, potato chips, peas, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Polly Patterson, Kim Paquette

March 3<sup>rd</sup>—chicken chimichanga, tortilla chips/salsa, mandarin oranges, rice krispie treat

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez/Zimmerman, Brandi Paul, Polly Patterson

**Pizza Day**—The next lunch will be Friday, February 19th and Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Pasta Lunch**— The next lunches will be Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Bethany hosts "The Passion of the Christ"**

**At Ogden 6 Sunday, Mar. 7, 1:30 pm**

**Cost: Free**

**Tickets Available after Every Service**

**Invite a Friend or Neighbor**