

# SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

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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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, at 8:48 a.m. and led by Pastor Balla. All are invited to attend.

Lenten services continue on Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , with church services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. The sermon theme for Wednesday is “He was Flogged”. If you do not have a home church, please plan on joining us at Bethany.
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Lutheran Schools Week is quickly approaching. It is an exciting time and jam packed with a multitude of events and activities for everyone. Please be sure and read carefully all the information included in the School Connections about LSW.

We will begin the week on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in worship together as we thank God for a congregation that strongly supports a Lutheran school. We will culminate the week with our School Auction. If you haven’t purchased your tickets, please do so as soon as possible. I promise you will enjoy the wonderful food, warm fellowship and exciting entertainment.

Through the funds raised at the Auction, we hope to purchase a classroom set of Netbooks. The Netbooks will enhance learning in all the classrooms. Yes, even the kindergarteners will be able to use them easily. They are small, portable and quite easy to set up and use in a classroom. The faculty is very eager to be able to utilize these in their classrooms.

As you can imagine, this type of event takes many hours of planning and organization. A special thank you to Mrs. Beth Verbeck, Mrs. Jamie Rogoz and Mrs. Aimee Walsh for all their hard work and leadership!

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

### “Connections” Inserts

Even though the “Connections” is not going home with students on Mondays, there still will be additional information in the form of flyers being sent home periodically. When need be, these will be sent on a Monday. Please continue to look for papers coming home on Monday with your student. It probably won’t be every week, but scheduled times can’t be done right now, so watch your students’ backpacks on Monday—you may miss something good coming home.

### **Elementary Musical—“Are We There Yet?”**

March is here and we are getting ready for National Lutheran School's Week. One of our highlights of NLSW is our Elementary Musical. Tuesday March 9, is a night that grades preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade praise God with the talents He has given them through singing and dancing. Preschool and Kindergarten will sing a song before the musical. Then grades 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will perform the musical Are We There Yet? by Tom Long and Allen Pote. This is a story about Moses with a country western spin. The Choir (grades 1-5) will be wearing long sleeved plaid or flannel button down shirts and blue jeans. No white shirts. Sleeves may be rolled up but no short sleeves. No Hats. Students who auditioned for parts should have received special costume notes from their director. I hope you will join us for this special night.

### **Lutheran Schools' Week**

Lutheran Schools' Week begins Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade choirs and staff singing at the Bethany church services. The rest of the week is filled with fun activities, the elementary musical, good food, and an interesting assembly. A schedule for the week is included with this week's "Connections".

### **Spring “Spirit Wear” on Sale—Deadline to Order is Wednesday, March 3rd**

Boosters is offering a spring sale of Bethany Spirit Wear to be delivered before Easter. Order forms were sent home last week and are to be returned by Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to order, please fill out the form and return to the School Office. “Go Royals”!

### **Pancake Breakfast—Deadline March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are having a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for their class trip to Springfield on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, of Lutheran Schools Week. The order forms needed to be in by Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. You can still turn them in this week. If you did not receive a “Pancake Form” extra copies are in the School Office.

### **Butter Braid Sales by 8<sup>th</sup> Graders—Deadline March 5<sup>th</sup>**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will once again be selling those delicious Butter Braids. The order forms need to be turned in by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The delivery date will be Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.—just in time for those Easter brunches. If you did not receive an order form, extra copies are in the School Office. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Heggeland or Karin Kuehl.

### **The Final Countdown.....**

The Dinner and Silent Auction is right around the corner. Please note that Friday, March 5th, is the last day to purchase tickets through the School Office. After March 5th, you will only be able to purchase tickets the night of the event (March 13th). Also, Friday, March 5th is the last day to submit your donations, business advertisement, and Happy Ads. Anything submitted after that day will not be in the auction catalog. Please contact Aimeee Walsh at [awalsh@bethanylcs.org](mailto:awalsh@bethanylcs.org) if you have questions!

### **Need More Time?**

Let us do your shopping for you! That is, for your School Supply Kits for the 2010-2011 school year. We have interviewed five different school supply kit companies, and have chosen the one with the best combination of great prices and great quality. We have upgraded the spiral notebooks & scissors from last year's as there had been some quality issues, but have kept the costs on those items the same. We have polled each & every teacher to make sure their lists are up-to-date. We have even out-sourced several items to keep the costs down. Why have we gone through all this effort? Because nobody likes to spend more money than they have to on school supplies.

Today your child should be bringing home the colorful order form for this handy kit. Simply fill it in, attach a check made out to Bethany Lutheran School (with "School Kit" written on the memo line), and return it to school soon. Okay, you have until Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, but you should probably just do it now before it gets lost or forgotten about.

Junior high parents might note that the Art Supplies costs have risen a bit. The reasons for this are that Mrs. Staunch has added a 4-pc paintbrush set, & has specified better quality oil pastels. Never fear, she has endeavored to get a phenomenal price on these items, and we're passing those savings on to you. Just wait until you see the masterpieces your child brings home next year!

Kits will be distributed around May 25<sup>th</sup>. This ultra-convenient service is brought to you by some moms who are already anticipating shipping their kids off to Springfield, even though it's over a year away. Oh, what we're supposed to say is that this is a fundraiser brought you by next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The moms in question (and for questions) are: Marian Flattum (630-226-0286), Sharon Mackey (630-357-8135), and Beth Hahn (630-904-2797).

Spread out your kids' back-to school expenses, and buy their supplies now. You know they're going to need new jeans & gym shoes come August.

### **MANNA**

Great news for Manna! Correction on card denominations—Meijer is now offering \$25 and \$100 Gift Cards at 4% discount. Many people have asked for it, and now it is available. Also, manna now offers Costco membership certificates for \$50 at an incredible 25%. These cards are valid for memberships only – cash cards are not available at this time. Exxon \$50 cards additional 1% bonus through 4/2/10 (previously 2% - now 3%). Take advantage of these great offers!

### **SPORTS**

Congratulations to the 7/8 grade boys basketball team. The weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> they were in Peoria competing in the Christ Lutheran Basketball Tournament. They finished "runner-up in the Consolation tournament" and received the "Sportsmanship" award for the tournament. Congratulations to the boys!

### **Looking for Something to Do Over Spring Break?**

John Romanovich, Bethany Volleyball Coach, will be hosting a volleyball camp for students during Spring Break week, March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the camp is \$75.00 per player. The times are as follows:

Girls—8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Girls—6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:00 noon

Boys—8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Sign up forms will be sent home today with the students.

## **FOOD COURT**

### **Hot Lunch**

- 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 White
- March 10<sup>th</sup>—hot turkey and cheese sandwich, pretzels, fresh carrots, pkg of cookies  
Early Helpers: Michele Gertsen, Polly White  
Serving Helpers: None needed
- March 17<sup>th</sup>—baked potato bar (Wendy's), oranges, ice cream bar  
Early Helpers: Polly Patterson, Lisa Martin  
Serving Helpers: Lisa Hetherman, Nancy Pavlopoulos, Jenny Kronemann
- March 24<sup>th</sup>—meaty nachos, apple sauce cup, frozen lemonade  
Early Helpers: None needed  
Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Angie Groth, Tracie Onsager

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

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

## **OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS**

**Bethany hosts "The Passion of the Christ"**  
**At Ogden 6 Sunday, Mar. 7, 1:30 pm Cost: Free**  
**Invite a Friend or Neighbor**  
**Tickets are available in the Church Office**

### **Koinonia and Oasis Events**

Bethany's next youth group event for Koinonia (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades) and Oasis (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) will be Friday, March 5. Koinonia meets 6-7:30 and Oasis meets 7:30-9. Come play Bingo for prizes, enjoy snacks and join in devotions. Contact Patty Pedigo with questions 815-577-7452.