

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.”

THEME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

Keep Your Eyes on the Goal---“I press on toward the goal, to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

Chapel: Wednesday, September 9th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Rossow. All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

After two weeks of school plus a three day weekend, we are off and running again. I am truly pleased to be part of the staff that will help you with the spiritual nurturing of your child this year. We value highly the trust you place in us to be positive, mature Christian role models for you and your family. Remember, however, we’re not perfect—just like you—and misunderstandings and mistakes will happen. That’s when it is important to thank God that He made us brothers and sisters in Christ! His forgiveness spills over into our lives and touches each one of us.

When there is a question regarding something that occurred at school or while your child was under our supervision, I ask that you contact the staff member involved promptly and share your concern. Often when the whole story is known, our perspective can be focused more clearly on resolving the matter, and helping everyone involved grow through the experience.

What doesn’t work is to let something slide by because we don’t want to rock the boat, or would rather not confront an individual and resolve the matter. What works in reverse is to ask some third party what they think without speaking to the individual involved first. Remember, Christ’s admonition to us is to speak first to the brother or sister that offends in order to restore the relationship of love between you.

This may seem like a really odd subject with which to begin the school year. I can assure you, and I believe most of us know in our hearts, that if we would follow common sense and Jesus’ words in Matthew 18 regarding restoring relationships, ninety per cent of the grief in this world could be avoided and our working together enhanced many times over. I’ve made enough mistakes over the years to last several life times....so I speak from personal experience!

I am delighted to be able to work with you and your child this school year. The faculty has commented numerous times at how well everything is going! And it is true! Thank you for **READING** the information sent home by your child’s classroom teacher, the School Connection and the Parent Handbook! It really helps all of us.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

BLS DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

September 15 th	School Picture Day—PS 3s, PS 4s, 7 th , 6 th , 5 th , 4 th
September 16 th	School Picture Day—Kindergarten, 8 th , 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
September 17 th	Room Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Entrance Into the Building

All students, with the exception of early morning band students, should enter the building through door #3. The front door is locked for the safety of staff and students and access is only by ringing the bell.

“When to Ring the Bell on the Front Door”

During the school day, all school doors are locked for the safety of staff and students in the building. If you need to enter the building during the day, please go to Door #1 and ring the bell for admittance. When the sign is “not in the door window”, this is an indication that the door is open and you may enter without ringing the bell. Look for the sign!

“Smile”—Picture Day is Coming

We will be doing school pictures on Tuesday, September 15th, and Wednesday, September 16th. Forms for ordering picture packages were sent home today in the “Connections”. Even if you do not want to order pictures, your child’s picture will be taken for the class composite. The form and a check must be sent with you child on the day of the pictures. A new feature this year is a “Pre Pay” option. Please see the form for additional information about this option.

Following is a schedule for pictures:

Tuesday, September 15th---PS3s, PS4s, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th
Wednesday, September 16th---Kindergarten, 8th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd

CHECKS, Checks, checks.....

The School Office receives many many many checks on a daily basis. When you are sending a check into the Office, please either have it attached to a form, in a marked envelope, or a notation on the memo line of the check. We can’t always identify where to apply the checks, so in order to get them deposited in the right account, please make sure they are properly marked.

Chapel Offerings for Grace Lutheran School

Grace Lutheran School is an amazing place! It is located in the “Little Village” neighborhood of Chicago. Our 1st quarter chapel offerings will help make it possible for a child in that neighborhood to be able to learn about Jesus by attending Grace. Our offerings will be used for financial aid to help a family afford the \$300/month tuition.

We will deliver the collected school supplies and our offerings at the beginning of November.

School Family Information for School Use Only

The publication of school family information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, is intended for the private use of the students and parents of Bethany Lutheran School. Solicitation using this information is inappropriate and should not be done.

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

Manna Sales

“Cash and Carry” will be sold every Tuesday through Friday morning only.

Due to Labor Day, the orders this week need to be placed on Wednesday, September 9th, with delivery on Thursday, the 10th.

Manna has a new gift card! Visa gift cards are offered in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards at a 3% profit. Great for gift giving.

Manna order forms will be sent home the first Monday of every month. If you need additional forms, you can download them from the school's website.

Market Day

Now that school is underway so is Market Day! So pick up your order form today! Ordering is easy! You can order and pre-pay on line at www.marketday.com or send your filled out order form back to school before the order deadline. The deadline dates for both online and sent in orders is on the back of the order form. Remember Market Day is one of the schools top fundraisers! Thanks for orders.

Market Day is the perfect opportunity to fulfill your PIP volunteer hours! To volunteer call Karen Shales at 630-355-2351 or Sheril Hagie at 630-759-4658, or simply sign up on the volunteer sheet that comes home with your child and return it to the school---it's that easy! Thanks in advance for volunteering.

Please note that the next Market Day pick up is September 19th, and not the 12th as previously noted.

PTL NEWS

Welcome back to an exciting new school year!

Our PTL (Parent Teachers League) is the organization that brings home and school together to provide support for Bethany Lutheran School. All BLS parents are PTL members and we ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering to help with one or more of our activities this year. We offer social and educational activities as well as fundraising support for the school. Be sure to check the sign up sheets hanging on the board outside the office. As the seasons change, so will the sign-ups, so keep looking! Please email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org if you have any questions.

Our PTL board is made up of the following: Mary Chance, Jennifer Gutzwiller, Sue Mullany, Jamie Rogoz, Nada Salvino, Beth Verbeck and Aimee Walsh.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, the Church and School Picnic and our Tissue and Treats Coffee on the first day of school. Our next upcoming events are as follows: **Trunks & Treats – October 31st from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Movie Night – November 20th at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!** More details to come.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

September 9th---hot dog, baked beans, watermelon, cupcake

Early Helpers: Malinda Francis

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Laurie Velasquez, Colin Paul

September 16th ---chicken sandwich, BBQ chips, fresh carrots, popsicle

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Teresa Wilder, Lori Dietz

September 23rd---meaty nachos, apple sauce cup, sherbet

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Karen Dierking, Nadine Parmenter, Kim Zwartz-Kaempf

September 30th---chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, salad, pudding cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Caroline Martyn, Cheryl Buwick

Early Helpers need to be in the kitchen from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Serving Helpers need to be in the kitchen from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Any volunteer questions, please call Gina Stoehr at 630-961-2123

or 913-449-4998.

Pizza Day

The next "pizza lunch" in September is Friday, September 18th.

Pasta Lunch---8th Grade Fundraiser

This year, as part of the fundraising efforts of our 8th grade class to go to Springfield, we are offering a pasta lunch on various Tuesdays during the school year. Last year you may remember Subway sandwiches being offered. This year, Angeli's Restaurant & Catering is providing Bethany with a delicious pasta option. The cost is \$4.50.

The first "pasta lunch" is Tuesday, September 15th, with the next one is Tuesday, September 22nd. Orders need to be in the School Office by Friday, September 4th.

SPORTS

The first home games for the 7/8 grade volleyball teams are Tuesday, September 8th—boys at 4:30 p.m. and girls at 5:30 p.m. The next home game is not until Tuesday, September 29th—boys at 4:30 p.m. and girls at 5:30 p.m.

For updated practice times, please check with your child's coach. The Office does not always receive the most updated schedules and changes.

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

PARENTING COURSE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Attention all parents, we have begun two parenting courses on Sunday mornings at Bethany. Pastor Rossow is leading a class on Spiritual Discipline. Pastor Schumacher is reviewing the catechism with prospective members.

Why are these parenting classes? They are parenting classes because they deal with the most important aspect of parenting: raising children in the Christian faith. The more a parent invests in growing in Christ and knowing the faith, the more the parent can carry out their God-given duty to raise their child in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

As Lutherans parents pledge to teach the Small Catechism to their children. This is what parents in a Lutheran congregation agree to. Yet few parents are well equipped to do this and few take time to do this. By reviewing the catechism with a pastor, a parent relearns the Catechism and is able to help their children learn the Catechism. Many Lutheran adults have never really looked at the Catechism since the 8th grade. Not using something since the 8th grade and then wanting to teach it to a child is difficult. The Catechism is a daily handbook for the Christian life and not a textbook for 7-8th graders. The Catechism gives constant joy and is extremely relevant for today's life. Join Pastor Schumacher in the Conference room to review the Catechism.

Pastor Rossow is teaching about Spiritual Disciplines. There are many helpful habits to acquire to help one grow in the Christian faith. We know that such disciplines as regular practice of a musical instrument, a set time to do homework or household chores, and a regular schedule of exercise are good habits in everyday life. Learn about Spiritual Disciplines from Pastor Rossow on Sunday morning in the PAC.

Were You At the Picnic—Please Check Your Child's Shoes

One of our 4th grade students was at the picnic last Sunday and came home with the wrong pair of shoes. The shoes were gym shoes, white with blue mesh on the sides. Her shoes are a size 4 and she came home with a pair of size 3s. If these shoes sound familiar to you, please check the size.

Cub Scout Information

Cub Scouting is a year-round program designed for boys (and their families) in first through fifth grades. Parents, leaders, and organizations work together with scouts to learn new skills, develop good character, citizenship and have fun too.

Boys who are in first through fifth grades are invited to join the Bethany Cub Scouts from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Thursday, September 17th at St. Margaret Mary Parish (1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville) for our fall round up. Come learn what Cub Scouts are about and be entertained. Visit us at www.pack507.org

If you have any questions please contact Cubmaster, Clinton Pedigo @ 630.362.6742

Looking for Child Care?

“Grandma Marshmallow”—Nanny-Sitter—Bernadette Young

Bernadette is grandmother to a Bethany student, Dariana Slater, who is in 7th grade. She is offering baby sitting, before and after school child care including transportation both to and from school and activities. If you would like more information, please give her a call at 630-816-9271.

