

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School
September 28, 2009

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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: Wednesday, September 30th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher. Baptismal birthdays for August and September will be celebrated. All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

This past week was a very exciting week at Bethany Lutheran School. Of course each and every week is exciting at BLS. But, this past week was filled with many exciting surprises!

- Our Girls Volleyball Team won first place in the Burr Ridge Tournament! Congratulations Lady Royals!
- Mrs. Kim Thompson, a former parent of our school, came in with her newly published book, “Toulouse on the Loose!” It had been her dream many years ago to write a children’s book and she did! We were honored to receive one of the first copies. We hope to have Mrs. Thompson come back later and read the book to our students.
- Our Boys Volleyball Team competed in our 12th Annual Volleyball Tournament last weekend. Thank You to all the parents who helped with the many jobs. A special thank you to our Booster Club for organizing and spending countless hours working on the Tournament.
- Last Friday the most exciting news came via telephone. We were informed that our very own Mrs. Louise Bolt has been named the Northern Illinois Teacher of the Year for Preschool- 2nd grade. Our entire faculty and staff are thrilled for Louise! She is so deserving of this honor. Mrs. Bolt’s knowledge and love for young children is known throughout the district! Congratulations Louise!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Keeping the School Healthy—You Can Help!

If your child is feeling ill in the morning before coming to school (sore throat, headache, stomach ache, etc.) please do not send them to school. Germs spread very quickly in a classroom full of children. We can disinfect and clean classrooms, but if a child is in the room with cold or flu symptoms, it will spread. With cold and flu season just around the corner, we want to keep staff and children as healthy as possible. Thank you for doing your part.

Chapel Offerings for Grace Lutheran School, Chicago

Chapel offerings for the first quarter will be going to Grace Lutheran School. Our offerings will help make it possible for a child in that neighborhood to be able to learn about Jesus by attending Grace. As of September 23rd, we have collected \$200.21 for Grace.

Mark your calendars!

On September 29th, from 7 – 8 p.m. the Early Childhood Department is hosting a Parent Education Workshop titled, “Making Math Count”. This workshop will focus on preschool and kindergarten math in the classroom. Come and learn how teachers develop curriculum to meet the Illinois Early Learning Standards. You will get a list of books that help support early math skills as well as have fun playing math activities that you could duplicate at home. Free childcare provided. Please RSVP 630-355-6607 by Monday, September 28th. Email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org with any questions.

October Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 27th at 5 p.m., Early Childhood’s Pumpkin Party – If you attend Bethany Lutheran Church &/or School and have a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old, please bring a pumpkin (one per family), dress in costume and come enjoy our second annual Pumpkin Party! There will be activities in the gym, pumpkin decorating and snacks! Please RSVP to 630-355-6607. Email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org with any questions.

Saturday, October 31st from 3 – 4 p.m.: Bethany will be hosting our first annual “Trunks of Treats”. Families will be able to trick or treat around our parking lot! If you would like to participate as a car with a trunk full of treats, please stop by the office to pick up a registration form. If you would like to trick or treat at Bethany – just show up in your costume! Please bring friends.

Help Wanted—Student and Family Directory

Soon the School Directory will be ready for assembling. We have had one person volunteer to help, but the more hands, the faster the job. If you can volunteer a few hours to help with the project, please call the School Office.

Box Tops Classroom Contest

During the month of October (1st-31st) we will be running a contest between classrooms to see who can bring in the most General Mills Box Tops. The class that brings in the most boxtops (per pupil average will be used to calculate winning classroom) will receive a special classroom treat. If you have been saving them up—now is the time to send them in! Remember to be sure to put them in your classroom collection container so that they can be credited to your classroom or mark the bag they are in with your grade.

Box Tops for Education is sponsoring an on-line contest to benefit schools called “The Big Clip” from now through October 31st. The grand prize is 50,000 bonus box tops (a \$50,000 value) for the winning school. The two second place winners each receive 25,000 bonus box tops which have a \$25,000 value. If you are interested in participating, go to www.thebigclip.com. Register your name and email address, being certain to choose Bethany Lutheran School, Naperville as the school you are supporting. Then return once each day to enter your school and increase its chances of winning.

Coupons for many General Mills products are available on their website at www.boxtops4education.com.

Field Trip Drivers

Any parents volunteering to drive for field trips or school activities will need to come to the School Office and fill out an "Automobile Insurance Verification and Drivers License" form. Even if you filled one out last year, you must come into the Office to verify that the information is still correct. We are now asking for not only the automobile insurance information, but also we will be taking a copy of your drivers license. Before you drive for any school event, please make sure you fill out this form and turn it in to the School Office.

School Connections Assemblers

October 5 th	Tracie Downs
October 13 th (Tuesday)	Cheryl Buwick
October 19 th	Lisa Bailey
October 26 th	Polly White

If you can't come on your scheduled day, please call and switch with someone from the list.

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

Manna

Please Note---Change in Deadline for Tuesday Orders---Orders turned in on Tuesday for Wednesday delivery need to be in by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. This is a change from the noon deadline.

Shell is offering an additional 1% bonus discount through September 30th.

New Vendors – Steak N Shake (9%) and Oberweis (10%).

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.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Caroline Martyn, Cheryl Buwick

October 7th ---pancake/sausage on a stick, yogurt cup, fresh fruit, granola bar

Early Helpers: Malinda Francis, Marian Flattum

Serving Helpers: Malinda Francis, Kim Zwartz-Kaempf, Lisa Hetherman

October 14th---corn dog, assorted chips, mixed vegetables, cupcake

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Brandi Paul, Nadine Parmenter

October 21st---King-size soft pretzel w/cheese sauce, broccoli, red grapes, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Teresa Wilder, Cindy Josupait

Pizza Day

The next "pizza lunches" for October are Friday, October 2nd, and Friday, October 16th.

Pasta Lunch

The “pasta lunches” for October are Tuesday, October 6th, Tuesday, October 13th, and Tuesday, October 27th. Orders for these lunches needed to be turned by Friday, September 25th.

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work concessions, admissions and score table at the tournament. We couldn't have done it without YOU! Other schools complimented Bethany on a well organized tournament.

The boys' team played in the Bethany tournament last weekend and took 6th place. The girls' team took home the 1st place trophy from the Burr Ridge tournament after defeating Elmhurst two out of three games. GO ROYALS!

Volleyball Home Games

Tuesday, September 29 6/8 boys 4:30pm; 7/8 girls 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1 5/6 co-ed 4:30pm

Volleyball Volunteers

Tuesday, September 29th—St. John Wheaton

Boys @ 4:30—Concessions: D. Ramsay & J. Caroll

Score Table: Krachenfels Clock: K. Brondyke

Girls @5:30—Concessions: C. Josupait & Flattum

Score Table: K. Bergrud Clock: M. Fauley

OTHER NOTEWORTH NEWS

Get ready for Bethany's “Family Reunion” on Sunday, November 1st at 12:30 p.m. We are family here at Bethany, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Families need to gather together for fun and recreation. Come and enjoy :

This is Your Grandfather's Church

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

We're planning a wonderful afternoon starting with a traditional Lutheran Luncheon. Yes, you guessed it, ham and potatoes! But we want other dishes and desserts to make the day special. Since our families carry on traditions passed down from our grandparents and parents, we are asking every family to bring a dish to share that is treasured in your family. It might be a recipe handed down for generations. It might be a type of ethnic food, a type of casserole, a type of dessert, a special cookie made at Christmas. What has been a comfort food in your family? What is something that you would love to share with your family at Bethany? This is what you can bring to our family reunion. Also that day we will have games and fun for all generations. Many of the games and activities are ones that you might remember from church socials many years ago.

* We would like to share some of your memories. If you have a special dish you would like to bring, please email Aimee Walsh the name of your dish and the story behind it (awalsh@bethanylcs.org). These recipes and stories will be published in the Bethany's News and Notes and Bethany's School Connections. Thanks so much for sharing!