

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School

October 13, 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, October 14th, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Rossow.
All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"You do make a difference" and "You are appreciated" are words parents and teachers don't often hear. Do you feel taken for granted? Overworked and underappreciated? Stressed to the limit and then asked to do more? **Parents, you are appreciated and you do make a difference!!** Just like teachers however, you may have to wait twenty or thirty years to see what impact you have had on your child's life.

Don't let that discourage you, rather be encouraged that what you do **now** will set a pattern for your child's whole life. If you don't think so, the research is all against you. Sure it's a little overwhelming at times, and very frustrating at times. There is a reason for that adage "Like Father, like son." Parents, think of how strong your children can be with the right model set for them by you.

When you feel your well running dry, take a big gulp of the Living Water, our Savior provides. Get into **HIS WORD** and be refreshed with the Good News of His sacrifice for you. Find the wisdom that you need for those far-reaching decisions which will carry your child forward for the rest of his life. You will make a difference. What kind will it be?

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Parent/Teachers Conferences Coming Soon

Today in the "Connections" each family, Kindergarten through 8th Grade, received a Parent/Teacher Sign Up Sheet. Conferences will be taking place Thursday, November 5th, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and Friday, November 6th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please complete the bottom half of the sheet with your time preferences and return no later than Friday, October 16th. The teachers will be setting the conference schedule on Monday, October 19th, and the schedules will be sent out on the 26th. Families not returning a form will be randomly assigned a time for their conference.

The Friday morning "Book Bunch" will not be in session on Friday, November 6th.

Do You Have Presents to Wrap? Check it Out

The 8th grade class will be selling wrapping paper and candy for a class fundraiser. Please see the attached information and consider placing an order!

Pasta Lunches

If you haven't order pasta there is still time! Order forms are in the office. You can order for the pasta days in Nov thru Jan (the deadline for Oct pasta days has passed). Also, we had our wonderful vendor adjust the meat sauce and the marinara sauce. They toned down the garlic and kids loved it last week!

Let's Go To School!

Friday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: All current three year olds are invited to come to school in the four year old classroom. We'll have a great time experiencing a day in preschool – only shortened a bit! Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. We'll see you then! Please RSVP Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org.

Friday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: All current four year olds are invited to come to Kindergarten for a morning of fun! You will get to experience a typical Kindergarten day – only shortened a bit! Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. We'll see you then! Please RSVP Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org.

News Regarding "Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program"

We just received the following notification from the State Board of Education, "The lack of FY 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-09 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year we will promptly pay the 2008-09 claims that were submitted".

"Simply Giving"—What Is This, You Ask

"Simply Giving" is a program run by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. When you sign up for the program tuition and church contributions can be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on a monthly basis. This also applies for band tuition. If you would like more information about the "Simply Giving" program, please stop by the School Office.

Student Council and "CareNet DiaperDerby"

The Student Council is partnering with our church and helping with the 5th Annual CareNet Diaper Derby. We thought it would be a wonderful idea to have children in Preschool through 8th Grade be able to support life by helping CareNet (CareNet cares for women with unplanned pregnancies.) This is one of 2 organizations that Bethany currently supports. Children are asked to bring in their items to the classroom between now and October 16th. Items being collected are: Brand Name Diapers and Pull-Ups, baby food, baby wipes, and formula. Thank you from Student Council in advance for helping us help others!

"Daddy Daughter Dance"

The 8th grade class is sponsoring a "Daddy Daughter" dance to help offset the cost of their class trip. The dance will be held on Sunday, November 15th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a formal dinner and dancing. Each guest (Daddy and Daughter(s)) will receive a photograph, candlelight dinner, dessert, and dancing. Ticket prices are \$16.00 per couple. Each additional sibling will be \$1.00. The dance is for girls and their fathers/special someones from the ages of Kindergarten through 5th grade. To purchase tickets, turn in order forms to the School Office.

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. If you are able to donate candy for Bethany’s treat bags, please bring it to the church or school office with “Trunks or Treats” identifying it.

School Connections Assemblers

October 13th (Tuesday) Cheryl Buwick
October 19th Polly White
October 26th Elise Calhoon
November 2nd Teresa Rogers

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

MANNA/PTL/MARKET DAY UPDATES

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Please Note - Orders turned in on Tuesday for Wednesday delivery need to be in by **9:00a.m. Tuesday morning**.

Bonus Offerings – Shell additional 3% expires 12/31/09, Dominos 9% expires 10/30/09, Jiffy Lube 12% expires 12/31/09

New Vendors – Dairy Queen \$10 – 5%, P.F.Changs \$25 – 9%, and Fandango \$10 – 9%.

New Denominations: Applebees \$10 now also \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10 now also \$25 iTunes \$25 now also \$15. Houlihans \$25 (\$20 discontinued), and Dominos Pizza \$10 (\$5 discontinued).

Permanent Discount Increases: Boston Market 14%, Payless 14%, CVS 4%, Home Depot 5%.

Take advantage of the new Visa cards with no activation fees (\$25, \$50 and \$100). Use at any store, anytime!!

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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: Non needed

Serving Helpers: Pam Stricker, Teresa Wilder, Cindy Josupait

October 28th---mini bagel dogs, potato chips, fresh vegetables, brownie

Early Helpers: Michele Gertsen

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Brandi Paul, Colin Paul

November 4th---cheeseburger, baked beans, peaches, cookies

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Nancy Pavlopoulos, Kim Paquette

Pizza Day

The next "pizza lunch" for October is Friday, October 16th.

Pasta Lunch

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

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Volleyball Volunteers

The Batavia game on October 13th will only include the girls. They do not have a boys team this year. However, the girls game will begin at 5:30 NOT 4:30.

The following people will still be on the volunteer list for the 5:30 game.

Concessions: Gail VanHorn and Angie Groth

Score Table: Sally Heggeland Score Book: Marnie Esposito

The 4:30 volunteers are not needed: Stover, Mackey, Heggeland, and Krachenfels

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!