

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: Wednesday, October 21st, at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher.
All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This past week the faculty attended the Northern Illinois District Teachers' Conference in Merrillville, IN. The theme for the conference was "Secure in His Arms". This theme is based on Psalms 27:1 "*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*"

As I listened to the speakers and presenters focus on that theme, I thought about the children our parents have entrusted to our care. As parents, you trust us to nurture, love and instruct your children. As parents, you trust us to show each child the love of Jesus through examples of excellence in our word and actions. As teachers and parents we trust God to guide us as we strive to respond and meet these overwhelming expectations. We are secure in His arms!

The highlight of the conference was twofold. First, Mr. Sonlitner was honored for his 40 years of teaching in Lutheran Schools. And secondly, Mrs. Bolt received the honor of being Teacher of the Year for Preschool through 2nd grade. Congratulations to both Mrs. Bolt and Mr. Sonlitner!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

Parent/Teachers Conferences Coming Soon

Friday, October 16th, was the deadline for turning in your Parent/Conference time requests. Today, after school, the teachers will going through the requests and putting together the schedule. These schedules will be sent home in the "Connections" On Monday, October 26th. Families not returning a form will be randomly assigned a time for their conference. If you did not receive yours, please call the School Office.

There will be no school for Preschool through 8th grade on Friday, November 6th.

Bethany's Book Fair

Once again Bethany will be having a book fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The books will be on display and can be purchased beginning Thursday, November 5th, at 4:00 p.m. through conferences on Friday, November 6th. The proceeds of books purchased goes to help support the Library.

Picture Retakes

School picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd. If you child was absent on picture day or you would like to have the pictures taken again Tuesday is the day. If your child was absent please send in the picture envelope with a check if you are ordering a package of pictures. Additional picture envelopes are located in the School Office. If you are having your child's pictures retaken, please return the complete package on Tuesday. Packets will need to be returned for retakes to be taken.

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. Children must also be 24 hour fever free and 24 hour vomiting free before returning 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.

Do You Have Presents to Wrap? Check it Out

Did you order wrapping paper yet??? Please turn in your order forms to the school office by tomorrow, Tuesday the 20th. This is an 8th grade fundraiser for their class trip to Springfield in June. Thank you!!

Family Directories Sent Home

The new Bethany Family Directory was sent home last week with your oldest child. If you did not receive yours, please check with your child first, then stop in the School Office to pick up a copy.

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!

“Lets Go To School”

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.

“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.

“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. Order forms for the dance are included in today “Connections”. Additional order forms can be picked up in 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 19 th	Polly White
October 26 th	Elise Calhoon
November 2 nd	Teresa Rogers
November 9 th	Kristin Kozuh

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 - 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!!

Market Day

All pie order forms are due back to school by November 2nd. Please make sure all orders are prepaid and checks are payable to Bethany Lutheran School.

Pennies for Pies, our fundraiser for Loaves and Fishes food pantry. Our goal is 250 pies! Let’s sell, sell, sell. or donate, donate, donate to reach this goal and hopefully go beyond!

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

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

November 11th---sloppy joe sandwich, tater tots, fresh carrots, ice cream bar

Early Helpers: Jackie Harris Doorn

Serving Helpers: Jackie Doorn, Kiko Holbomb, Lisa Hetherman

Pizza Day—Friday, October 23rd
Pasta Lunch—Tuesday, October 27th

SPORTS

Congratulations to Angela Jurek

The weekend of October 10th, the 7/8 grade girls volleyball team competed in the Christ Lutheran School, Peoria, volleyball tournament. Sixteen (16) teams competed and while Bethany did not place in the tournament, one shining moment was when Angela Jurek was named as one of 15 girls to be named to the “All Tournament Team”. Congratulations Angela!

Volleyball Volunteers

The next home volleyball game is on Thursday, October 22nd, with St. John, Lombard—4:00 p.m. 7/8 girls; 5:00 p.m. 6/8 boys

4:00 game:	Concessions: John Carroll and Lisa Stover		
	Score Table: Steve Holcomb	Score Book: Kuehl	
5:00 game:	Concessions: Marsha Jurek and Angie Groth		
	Score Table: _____	Score Book: Mackey	

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!

Bethany Family Looking for Babysitter

Bethany church family is looking for a temporary babysitter for their 5 month old son. Time frame is November 9 – end of November/possibly early December; Monday – Friday, 8AM-4PM in their Oswego home. Dad works out of the home but needs someone to watch their baby during working hours. If interested, please contact Phyllis in the church office, 630-355-2198.

Bethany Alumni News

Elizabeth Guebert, Bethany’s Class of 2006, Senior at Christ Lutheran Academy, has been named a 2010 National Merit Semifinalist. Beth is one of three high school seniors in Plainfield to be named a semifinalist, and the only semifinalist this year from an Illinois Lutheran high school. Of this singular recognition, Beth comments, “God has blessed me with this intelligence and also with teachers who recognize that and challenge me”.