

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

Bethany Lutheran School
November 30, 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."

Holiday Worship: Wednesday, December 2nd, marks the first Wednesday service in Advent. If you do not have a home church, please plan on joining us for worship. The Advent vespers begin at 7:15 p.m. There will also be Advent services on Wednesday, December 9th, and Wednesday, December 16th.

Chapel: Wednesday, December 2nd, beginning at 8:48 a.m. led by Pastor Schumacher. All are invited to attend.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are about to journey into a most exciting season of the church year. Yet as Christians we don't often take up the challenge of the journey to prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

All too often we become so involved in what the world has going on that we don't take the time to watch and prepare for the coming Savior. He is the fulfillment of God's promise made to Adam and Eve.

Too often we breeze over this wonderful season of hope, love, joy and peace because the world seemly has more to offer us than the church. Take time during this Advent season to take the journey to watch and prepare for our Savior's birth. Some possible ways to help your family prepare are to attend Wednesday evening Advent Services together. You are most welcome, here at Bethany. Our services begin at 7:15 p.m.

Another favorite of mine is to assemble an Advent wreath and have family Advent devotions together. This was certainly a family tradition in the Mueller household as I was growing up. I vividly remember having my dad read the nightly devotion as my mom lit the advent candles. (I remember thinking it was so neat to have our very own Advent wreath just like the one in our church.)

All of these activities set the tone for a very meaningful Advent season. I encourage you to consider adding an Advent tradition to your family.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

PTL Says "Thank You"

The PTL would like to thank all of the families and teachers that came out and supported our third annual movie night. It is truly a joy to see everyone having a great time. Special thanks to all the volunteers: Mr. Johnson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Walsh, Tim and Jennifer Gutzwiller, Kevin Bergrud, John and Suzanne Carroll, Stephen and Kim Rodriguez, Mike and Jennifer Kronemann, Andy and Jen Neubauer, Jennifer Brideson, and Caroline Martyn. We couldn't have done it without you!

Parents Wall of Fame

Check out our new Parents Wall of Fame above the gym doors. Many families have already completed their PIP hours. As soon as you turn your sheet in, you will get your very own sports ball on the wall and we'll add to the Parents Wall of Fame our Total Number of Volunteer Hours. Thank you so much for all you do. Bethany has the best parents!

Looking for 7th Grade Parents

Just around the corner is the time to be thinking about and ordering "school supply packets". This typically has been a fund raiser for the 8th graders and is run by the upcoming 8th grade parents with the profits being the first in the fund for the 2010-2011 graduating class. If any parents are interested in taking on this project, please stop in the School Office.

"O Come, The Symbols of Advent"—Tuesday, December 15th

On Tuesday, December 15th, Bethany Lutheran School will be presenting the Christmas program "O Come, The Symbols of Advent". This program will include grades Preschool through 8th grade. This is usually a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season. Mark your calendars for this event.

Bring on the cookies! All families are asked to bring two dozen Christmas cookies to the kitchen on either Monday, December 14th or Tuesday, December 15th. These will be the treats provided at the reception after Bethany's Christmas Program. Please email Aimee Walsh at awalsh@bethanylcs.org with questions.

Bethany Finishes in 3rd Place in the Diaper Derby

CareNet is so grateful for the partnership of not only many individuals, but churches as well. Every fall CareNet sponsors a Diaper Derby, a competitive event between churches to see who can collect the most diapers and other baby items to help supply CareNet's parenting program. Of the 16 churches who participated over 28,000 diapers were collected, more than double the year before. Also collected were 366 diaper wipe containers, 187 cans of formula, 756 jars of baby food and 57 cereal boxes.

Bethany came in 3rd with 2,930 diapers, 90 diaper wipes, 21 cans of formula, and 77 jars of baby food.

Thank you Student Council for organizing this event.

School Connections Assemblers

November 30 th	Kim Paquette
December 7 th	Tracie Downs
December 14 th	Cheryl Buwick

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 - Manna will be sold all mornings for the month of December (including Mondays). Stock up now for Christmas gifts and avoid backorders later in December. Teacher and Staff wish lists are available at the manna desk.

Beginning the Week of November 30th, manna orders will still be due on Tuesdays at 9:00, but for the month of December (only) all orders will be filled on THURSDAYS not Wednesdays. This is part of the Manna Group's holiday schedule.

SPORTS

Basketball season is underway with all teams practicing for their first game. The first home game of the season is on Tuesday, December 1st, with the 7/8 grade teams playing Trinity Roselle. The girls will play at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m.

Parents, please be aware that no players are allowed in the gym unsupervised. If players are going to remain after school until game time, they will need to be in "after school care" or supervised by an adult.

FOOD COURT

Hot Lunch

December 2nd—hot ham/cheese sand., pretzels, apple sauce cup, oreo cookies

Early Helpers: Nancy Dashut, Michele Gertzen

Serving Helpers: None needed

December 9th—Lasagna, bread stick, salad, ice cream cup

Early Helpers: None needed

Serving Helpers: Laurie Velasquez, Lisa Hetherman, Kim Paquette

December 16th—baked potato bar (Wendy's), peaches, bakery cookie

Early Helpers: Kiko Holcomb, Lisa Martin

Serving Helpers: Caroline Martyn, Brandi Paul, Colin Paul, Koko Holcomb

January 6th—chicken wrap, assorted chips, apple sauce cup, cookies

Early Helpers: None

Serving Helpers: Denise Collins, Polly Patterson, Nancy Pavlopoulos

NOTE: Hot Lunch Helpers---if you can't work on your assigned day, please call Gina Stoehr as soon as possible so a replacement can be found.

Pizza Day—Friday, December 4th and Friday, December 11th

Pasta Lunch—Tuesday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 15th

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Bethany's junior church youth groups, Koinonia (4-5 grades) and Oasis (6-8), will have Christmas parties on Friday, December 4. Koinonia meets from 6-7:30 and Oasis meets from 7:30-9:00. We will enjoy some open gym time, games, snacks and devotions. Contact Patty Pedigo 815-577-7452 or patty_pedigo@yahoo.com for more information. Chaperones are always needed and welcomed!

