



On Eagle's Wings

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will
soar on wings like eagles;*

February 9, 2012– Bethany School Notes

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Lunch Servers:

Mon., Feb. 13:	A. Rauth & D. Beikmann
Tue., Feb. 14:	B. Deen & G. Dopson
Wed., Feb. 15:	G. Owens & A. Rosales
Thur., Feb. 16:	C. Walton & T. Reaman
Fri., Feb. 17:	No School - Teacher Inservice

Only 16 More Days Until the Gala! February 25th ♦ 5:30 p.m.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Our tuition rates are some of the lowest around - both for Lutheran schools and other private Christian schools - and our fundraisers are what allow us to continue keeping rates as low as possible. If you have not registered yet, please do that soon! It's a very enjoyable evening and one that will make you proud to be in the Bethany Lutheran School family!

Following dinner our guest speaker will be Mr. Brian Young who will address such topics as:

- ♦ **Where did all the flood waters go?**
- ♦ **Where did different races come from?**

Registration forms can be found at both Missions or by contacting any Bethany Lutheran School staff member.

Register Early and Save!

Jan. 21-Feb. 16: \$15 per person
Feb. 17-Feb. 25: \$20 per person

If you have any questions, please contact Bethany Lutheran School at (913) 648-2228, ext. 122.

Weekly Vocabulary Word

Our word this past week: *apathy*

Congratulations to our winning class: 1st Grade

Troy Gounev, Jaren Khiew, and Abby Rasmussen knew this word and correctly defined it and used it in a sentence to earn a prize for their class!

Our word for next week is: *garrulous* - very talkative

We shouldn't be garrulous during the movie.

Registration for Bethany Lutheran School

Information packets for new students are available now and registration is underway. If you have friends or neighbors that would be interested please provide them with this information as well. You are welcome to come by anytime for a tour or for more information!

**Third & Fourth Grade
Choir Singing**
at the 5:30 p.m. service at
Overland Park this
Saturday, February 11.
Meet in the Third Grade
room at 5:15 p.m.



Reminder ~ Whole Group Advanced Band is before school this coming Wednesday (due to trip to St. Paul's Food Pantry).

Please be in the music room ready to play at 7:40 a.m. Thank you!

5th-8th Graders Sing at Stilwell

Sunday, February 19th the 5th-8th graders sing at the Stilwell Mission. The kids should arrive by 8:40 a.m. We want to encourage everyone to attend. Please let Barbara Kjergaard, bskjergaard@yahoo.com, know that your child is planning to sing in church that Sunday by Tuesday, February 7. Thanks!

Pep Rally

Next Week!

2:45 p.m. in the gym
Thursday February 16th

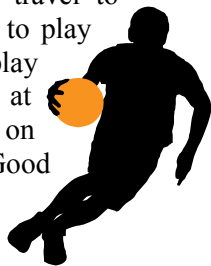
Come ready to cheer on our 7th/8th grade basketball teams as they prepare to leave for the Topeka Basketball Tournament! The cheerleaders have a special dance we'll be saving for the closing of the pep rally. You won't want to miss it!

7/8 grade basketball team members may wear their basketball uniform shirt with jeans to school that day. A T-shirt must be worn under the jersey (any matching color is fine - white, black, maroon, gray).

All K-8 students may wear spirit wear and jeans that day. If spirit wear is not worn, kids need to wear their school uniform.

7th/8th Grade League Basketball Tournament

This weekend our 7th/8th teams will travel to Trinity Lutheran School in Atchison, KS to play in their league tournament. The boys play Friday night at 8:00 and the girls play at 9:00. They will then both have games on Saturday and possibly Sunday as well. Good luck Eagles!!



Congratulations to our 5th/6th Grade Basketball Teams!

Our 5th/6th grade girls basketball team won the league championship last weekend at their tournament, beating the undefeated team by one point in overtime in the final game. Thanks to all our fans who turned out for the game. It was an awesome time!

Our 5th/6th grade boys also played in the championship game and brought home the 2nd place trophy after a hard-fought game with Christ Lutheran - another undefeated team this year.

This was the first time in school history that both the girls and boys teams from Bethany have both been in the championship game of a tournament! Great job Eagles!

Team Pictures

5th/6th grade team basketball pictures - and cheerleading team pictures - are this coming Wednesday after school! Order forms are coming home today in your Friday Folder. Please turn in your order and money to Mrs. Grossman by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

Track Team

If you are interested in coaching our track team this year please contact Mrs. Fries. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5:30.

Bethany has a track team open to all students in grades 4-8. Practices begin after Spring Break, with some optional practices before Spring Break.

Track meets are on Saturdays and run from approximately 9:00-3:30. The following dates are set so far:

- ♦ **Alma Track Meet (Alma, MO):** Saturday April 28th (Rain date May 5th)
- ♦ **Lutheran High Track Meet (held in Blue Springs, MO):** Saturday May 12th

Hope's Track Meet will most likely be on Saturday, May 19th.....this is still being finalized.

Principal Call Committee Update

The principal call committee is reviewing the credentials of two more new candidates for the principal position. One has been interviewed. Chris Anderson who was interviewed in person in January is still being considered as well.

~ Glenn Person, Chairman
Principal Call Committee

Chapel Service Change During Lent

New this year, Bethany will be adding a 12:00 noon church service during the Lenten season (in addition to the 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. services). All school kids will attend this service each Wednesday instead of our regular morning chapel service. This will occur on the following dates:

Feb. 22 (Ash Wed), Feb. 29, Mar. 7, Mar. 21,
Mar. 28, and Thursday Apr. 5 (Maundy Thursday).

We will eat lunch earlier on these days so we can be in the sanctuary by noon.

This will be a 30 minute service and we encourage all parents, friends, working adults that can take a lunch break, etc. to join us for these services during this special time of the church year. What a great way to prepare for Good Friday and the wonderful celebration of Easter!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member?? Do you have choice dollars to designate?? If your investments or premiums are over a certain amount, you have the privilege of designating where Thrivent donates some of their charitable giving.

This money does not come from your account or affect you in any way - you are simply telling Thrivent where to donate their money (it's their charitable grant dollars)! Bethany Lutheran School is one of the choices. Please consider us when designating your choice dollars! We look forward to our letter each month informing us of how much is being sent our way!

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Steve Hatesohl at 913.631.7742 or steven.hatesohl@thrivent.com. He is a great help and can explain anything if you have questions. The whole process is really very easy and painless!

By phone:

1. Call 800-847-4836, say "Thrivent Choice"
2. Say "Choice Dollars", then press 1 to direct Choice Dollars (a representative will work with you to help direct Choice Dollars to Bethany Lutheran School).

Online:

1. Visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your User ID and password (If you haven't yet registered, click "Register Now.")
2. Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount in the Thrivent Choice box
3. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" button
4. Enter "Bethany Lutheran School", "Overland Park", and "KS" in the boxes
5. Click the "Direct Now" button, then enter your desired amount (Please note the "Set Up Recurring" option if you wish to direct future funds to Bethany Lutheran School.)

7th/8th Grade

St. Paul's Food Pantry

Our 7th and 8th graders work at St. Paul's Food Pantry this coming Wednesday, February 15th.

**All 7th/8th graders need a sack lunch that day.

**These students may wear jeans and spirit wear, or jeans and a school uniform shirt are fine too.



Integrity

Actual definition

Integrity- the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.

Another definition

Integrity - doing the right thing when no one is watching

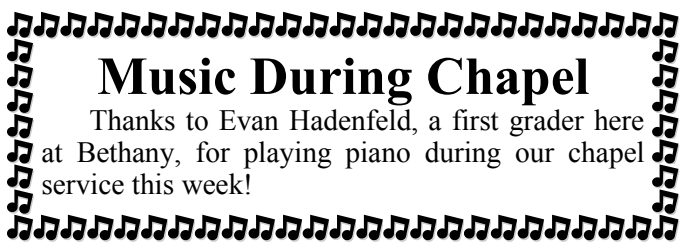
Bible Verses:

*Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his **integrity**, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." Job 2:3*

*Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by **integrity**. 1 Timothy 4:11*

Integrity has to do with your own personal moral code or ethics. It is your personal set of standards of what is moral or right. Integrity is the adherence to the moral code.....it means you are willing to 'do the right thing'.

- ◆ When you pick up litter that blew out of your backpack onto the playground - that's integrity.
- ◆ When the opportunity is there to cheat on a test, but you don't -that's integrity.
- ◆ If you make decisions as if Jesus was standing in person right next to you - You will live with integrity.



Music During Chapel

Thanks to Evan Hadenfeld, a first grader here at Bethany, for playing piano during our chapel service this week!

Iowa Test Scores

The scores from our Iowa Test of Basic Skills are in and again this year the Bethany students continue to show success in the classroom! The results from test given in November indicate that overall our students in grades 2 through 8 are performing at or above grade level. Reading continues to be a strength for our students and the Language subtests, which include spelling, capitalization, punctuation, usage and expression, are once again the highest scoring areas.

Your child's individual results were shared with you this weekend at conferences.

Fries Frame

Our Board of School Education has two important member changes coming up later this month:

Patrick Beach will be the new Elder representative on our board - replacing Maurice Nilson. This position serves as the communication link between the Bethany Lutheran Church Board of Elders and our Board of School Education. Patrick has two boys in our school in grades 2 and 3. His email is pfbeach@sbcglobal.net and his phone number is (913) 940-7860. The February 23rd meeting will be his first meeting as the Elder representative. Maurice will also attend this meeting, and then the position will be filled by Patrick.

Our board also has a new chairman! Martin Fries has been the interim chairman while the church council worked on appointing a new chairman. Dave Benzel will attend our February 23rd meeting - Martin will still be the interim chairman for that meeting - and then Dave will take over soon after that.

Dave has been an active member of Bethany for many years. He was on the youth board for 8 years - 4 of those as chairman. He served on the church planning committee for 2 years, was an elder for 5 1/2 years, has been on the personnel committee for 4 years and has been active on 5 different call committees throughout Bethany's history. Dave is active at our Stilwell location and serves as a head usher there.

Dave feels very blessed to have been associated with such great pillars in our Bethany family. He feels that God has great expectations for Bethany and now for the school and he looks forward to working with the staff and board members.

Dave can be contacted at BJBenzel@yahoo.com

I look forward to working with both of these men as they join the board. Please welcome them to their new roles and keep the entire school board in your prayers as they work hard at leading our school and planning for the future of Bethany!

I pray that your conference times go well and that the time is productive and beneficial for both you and your children!

Sharon

shareno@sbcglobal.net

Label Drive

Now through Feb. 23rd



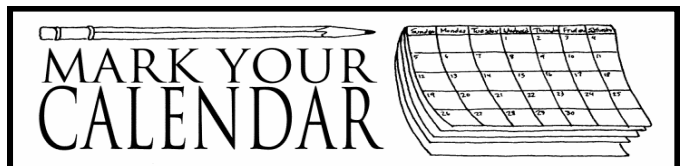
The spring Label Drive is off to a great start! The class that collects the most labels will win an EXTRA RECESS and have ICE CREAM TREATS.

So far this year, we have met 42% of our annual Box Tops goal. That means if each child turned in just 10 Box Tops, we would meet our goal.

Please remember to write your child's name or class on the bag when turning them in. There are collection boxes on the black filing cabinet outside the 1st Grade classroom and on the small table in the Kindergarten hallway.

We collect Box Tops for Education, Campbells Labels for Educations, Tyson Project A+, and Best Choice Save-A-Label.

If you have any questions, please contact Tonia Nelsen at trnelson@kc.rr.com



Coming Up:

- Feb. 10: No School - Parent Teacher Conf.
- Feb. 11: 3/4 Grade Choir 5:30 p.m. at OP
- Feb. 15: 7/8 Grade to St. Paul's Food Pantry
- Feb. 17: No School - Teacher Inservice
- Feb. 19: 5-8 Grade Choir 9:00 a.m. at Stilwell
- Feb. 20: No School - President's Day
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 23: School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24: Free Dress
- Feb. 25: 2012 Gala
- Feb. 27: PTL Skate Party 4-6 p.m.
- Mar. 2: Pre-K Music Night
- Mar. 4: NLSW Week Band Ensemble all services
OP Mission
- Mar. 9: End of 3rd Qtr - Noon Dismissal
- Mar. 11: NLSW Vocal Ensemble 9:00 a.m. Stilwell
- Mar.12-16: Spring Break - No School
- Mar. 29: School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 30: Free Dress
- Apr. 6: Good Friday - No School
- Apr. 9: Easter Monday - No School
- Apr. 11: 5/6 Grade to St. Paul's Food Pantry
- Apr. 14: Gathering of the Talents, Seward, NE
- Apr. 18: 7/8 Grade to St. Paul's Food Pantry
- Apr. 19: Fine Arts Showcase
- Apr. 25: Volunteer Appreciation Chapel
- Apr. 26: School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27: Teacher Inservice - Noon Dismissal
- Apr. 27: Free Dress
- May 2: 5/6 Grade to St. Paul's Food Pantry
- May 3: National Day of Prayer