



In All Things – Truth (By: Dr. Steven Christopher)



The TV program “To Tell the Truth” ran from the mid-1950s all the way up to the early 1990s. It has now been reimaged with current host Anthony Anderson and a few variations, including the presence of his extroverted mother who gives input at various times. There are usually three contestants who claim to tell the truth about who they are, what they have done or what they do. A panel of judges asks questions, with the hope of discerning which one is the truthful individual. It is usually a lot of fun and often filled with surprise endings.

As parents, one of the most important values we want to see our children put into practice is to tell the truth – not just occasionally, not just when it benefits themselves, but all the time.

In our current culture, we often seem to experience people who deny the truth, just won't tell the truth or have their own spin on what is the truth. There are also those who tell false truths – claiming to be truth. None of these behaviors are helpful.

Back in the early 1500s, an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther was having trouble finding truth within the church, as there were several leaders teaching what he found to be contrary to the truth written in the Bible. Luther had been doing a great deal of study in Scripture and began to recognize the many errors of these church leaders. He shared his concerns in 95 sentences or theses, which he posted on the door of the local church in Wittenberg, Germany, initiating the start of the Reformation.

The Reformation was a quest to find the truth of God's Word in proclamation and practice in the church. This quest still continues to this day in the church and in society. Truth can be elusive and difficult to discover among fallen people who can't always recognize and speak truth, but we press forward, knowing that it is the right path to follow as it is truth which sets us free.

As people who want to put faith into practice in our communities, and as parents who want truth in our homes, it is our goal to raise up our children to be faithful to God's truth. Even more than 500 years later, we can continue to follow the example of Luther to seek the truth, speak the truth and put the truth into practice.

May your home be filled with words of truth centered on Jesus, who is the way and the truth and the life.

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Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Beth Landon

Chapel Offering: Erin MacKenzie, Our Missionary

We are collecting money offerings for our missionary to Central America, Erin MacKenzie. The students were able to meet Erin on August 31 when she was back in the United States for a few months. Our few dollars along with the many dollars of others will enable Erin to continue to speak the truth of God's word and God's love to the many people she reaches.

We give thanks for Erin and the ministry she has in our stead in these Latin American countries.

Parent Teacher Conferences Preschool to Grade 5



Parent Teacher Conferences for Preschool to Grade 5 are coming. Parent Conferences for grades K-5 will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after school. Please see the Sign Up Genius link sent out earlier through your FastDirect account.

Conferences for preschool will be set up after preschool times. Contact Mrs. Raby for more details.

We pray these moments of conversation will be of great benefit to the children and the education goals they are setting.

Preschool 3 Picture Day



Picture Day for Preschool 3 is Tuesday, October 26. Students who missed the original picture day will also have pictures taken on this date.

Pictures taken September 24 will be back at school prior to this picture date.

Scrip News



SCRIP News-October

Raise your school support level to pro by shopping with SCRIP in October. Purchase SCRIP cards and use them to purchase items for your child's class auction basket or donate cards to the class basket. The school gets the rebate from SCRIP and the proceeds from the auction basket.

- **BonusFest:** Starting Oct. 8, flash bonuses will be available each Friday-Sunday. The cards that have bonuses will change each weekend (10/8-10/10; 10/15-10/17; 10/22-10/24 and 10/29-10/31). Sign-up for SCRIP to get emails about the weekly flash bonuses or find them in the RaiseRight app.
- **October Order Schedule:** Physical card orders will be placed on **Monday 10/11, and Monday 10/25**. Order by noon on Monday to get your order in the same week. E-card orders and reloads to existing cards can be done at any time and are either instantly available or available overnight.
- **Raise Right App:** Shop for SCRIP right from your phone. E-cards can be scanned and used directly from the app at many stores and restaurants.

Haven't tried SCRIP yet? It's an easy way for you to use your regular shopping to support the school.

1. You sign up at shopwithscrip.com or in the RaiseRight app using our enrollment code: **54LFL6745963**.
2. You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or give as gifts.
3. SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

Upcoming Events

October chapel offering – Our missionary, Erin MacKenzie

Oct. 13	Chapel: Grades 3-8 attend in person
Oct. 15	End of 1 st Quarter (42 days)
Oct. 19	1 st Quarter report cards Parent Teacher conferences Grades K- 5, after school
Oct. 20	Chapel: K, Grades 1-5 attend in-person
Oct. 21	Parent Teacher conferences Grades K- 5, after school



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Oct. 22 NO SCHOOL
Oct. 26 Preschool 3 Picture Day
Oct. 29 PTO Pizza Lunch and Out-of-Uniform Day

Easy Donations to Bethlehem Lutheran School



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: When you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you could be supporting Bethlehem Lutheran School without making any additional donations. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, when you link your Kroger Plus Card to the Bethlehem Lutheran School's nonprofit number (80102), Kroger will donate to our school every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card.

Please go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to check your enrollment status.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each): Box Tops can be redeemed by sending a photo of your receipt where the product was purchased to the Box Tops site. This program requires each family to be involved. Bethlehem cannot collect and send pictures for you.



POP TABS: Pop tabs are on most aluminum cans. Please: *remove* them, *send* them to school, we *deliver* them to the local Ronald McDonald House. RMDH can *redeem* them for cash to support their ministry of providing housing for families with a child in the hospital.



ALUMINUM CANS: BLS recycles aluminum cans. Two large garbage cans are located under the steps by the Extended Care entrance for aluminum. The cans are redeemed for cash. (We are not currently recycling large appliances.)



GOODSEARCH: A search engine, similar to Google, Goodsearch will donate a penny each time you use it. Also affiliated with it is Goodshop. A portion of your purchase through them also goes to the school. Set up your account at goodsearch.com



OFFICE DEPOT & OFFICEMAX: The Give Back to School Program lets you earn FREE supplies for Bethlehem when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide Bethlehem ID number at checkout. Bethlehem's ID number is **70123252**.