

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for August 16, 17 & 20

BULLETINS – Amy & Natalie, in honor of John Weir's 58th (heavenly) birthday.
ALTAR FLOWERS – Celebrating the birthdays of Linda Herber, Paula Siech & Pat Brown.

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Tammy Barthels, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidkofer, Jeff Lampe, Brian Pool, Ken Gundlach, Lee Steffen, Barbara Prigge, Susan Schultz, Ashley Holt, Eric Johnson, Janice Richardson, Linda Herber, and Dean Usadel.

BETHLEHEM STAFF RECOGNIZED – During this weekend's worship service at the church picnic, we will rededicate our current Bethlehem staff for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note that we will also be installing new staff members during this time. Bethlehem is blessed with a large group of dedicated teachers and staff; please join us in giving thanks for all of these individuals.

DON'T FORGET! – Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, August 21 from 6:00-7:30pm. The first day of school (and school pictures) is Monday, August 25.

CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE – The next collection deadline is August 31.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE – Sunday School is set to resume on Sunday, September 7 from 9:15-10:15am for grades 3K-8. For those interested, please plan to meet in the church and we will then separate into groups. Our Sunday School team is looking for a helper for the 3K-1 group. If you are able to volunteer or if you have any general questions, please feel free to email Dusty at dusty1363@yahoo.com.

SPANISH CLASS UPDATE – Pastor Blas will be offering a Spanish class here at Bethlehem, open to all ages and skill levels (however, children must be able to read). This is a 10-week class, Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. **Please note the new start date for the class is September 11.** The cost is \$100. To register, call Pastor Blas at 630-229-2455, as soon as possible, for him to begin preparations.

DONATIONS REQUESTED! – The 2025 Star Gala is in need of more donations. We are looking for bottles of wine and \$25 restaurant gift cards, to be used for our Wine & Dine sales. We are also requesting silent auction items such as gift baskets, sports items, gift cards, tickets or experiences – just to name a few ideas. All items should be in new condition and can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering to donate! Do not forget to sign up to attend this fun evening in support of Bethlehem.

PASTOR NILES INTRODUCES “TWO KINGDOMS THEOLOGY” – On Saturday, August 16, at 4:15pm in the Century Room, Pastor Niles will discuss how God rules the world in two distinct but complementary ways.

NO SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS – Due to the church picnic being held on Sunday, there will be no Bible class. Be sure to join next weekend.

LOOKING AHEAD – On Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, Pastor Hanson's Bible study will revolve around *“Worship in the Old Testament”*. On Sunday, August 24, Pastor Niles will introduce *“Two Kingdoms Theology”* and will discuss the kingdom of the left – the role of government, vocation, and civil obedience.

A SNEAK PEEK AT A SEPTEMBER EVENT – *Bible Studies Weekend* will be celebrated on September 6 & 7. The Bible Studies Task Force will offer refreshments on both Saturday, September 6 (4:00-4:15pm) and on Sunday, September 7 (in-between services). Special, hand-crafted bookmarks will be distributed that weekend and also on Wednesday, September 3. Mark your calendar.

VOTERS – Our next regular Voters' meeting will be on Wednesday, August 27, beginning at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

COMMUNITY FAMILY FAIR AT SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN - Join us for family fun at Lutheran High School on Saturday, September 6, 2-6 pm! Enjoy giant inflatable play structures, carnival games, a pie-eating contest, trunk-or-treat (no costumes required!), raffles, concessions, and more! While you're there, learn about life at LHS by touring the campus and chatting with Crusaders. This event is open to the public, so bring a friend! Details are available at www.lutheranhigh.com/familyfair.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND VENDORS! – The Bethlehem Winter Vendor and Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. Please mark your calendars to attend. If you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Gail Milatz at craft_fair@ourbethlehem.com. Spots are filling up fast, so don't delay!

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*



Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

Sunday, August 17

10:00am – Church Picnic @ Kiwanis Park

10:00am – Bethlehem Installation / Rededication of staff

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

9:00am - Quilters

Wednesday, August 20

First day of school for LHS (1/2 day)

5:30pm – Board of Christian Day School meeting

6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

7:00pm – Parish Planning Council meeting

Thursday, August 21

6:00pm – Back to School Night @ Bethlehem

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

4:15pm – Bible class

5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 24

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion

9:15am – Bible classes

10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion

AUGUST 25: BETHLEHEM'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



Rev. Patrick Niles, Administrative Pastor

Rev. Jeremy Hanson, Associate Pastor

Mr. Joshua Klug, Principal

Parish Music/Organist – Sandra Kasten

School Music/P.E. – Rachel Bult

3 yr. Kindergarten – Joely Buss

4 yr. Kindergarten – Sonia TenPas

5 yr. Kindergarten – Holly Leibham

Grade 1 – Katrina Niles

Grade 2 – Jessica Usadel

Grade 3 – Ellen Vanic

Grade 4 – Heidi Wallner

Middle Grades – Aidan Diener

Middle Grades – Pam Carlson-Gugel

Middle Grades – Jon Krueger

Middle Grades – Ryan Sines

Spanish – Jenna Walkenhorst

Resource – Sarah Klug

Band Instructor – Elizabeth Bredman

Aides – Joy Tschudy, Mary Irish, Sarah Hanson

Church Office Manager – Amy Weir

School Secretary – Dawn Hemschemeyer

Custodian – Trisha Fischer

Custodian / Lunch Room – Crystal Payne

Lunch Coordinator – Monica Cyr

Extended Care Director – Rose Albertin

Extended Care – MaKenna Lindsay & Nylah Albertin

✂ The 10th Sunday after Pentecost ✂
August 16, 17 & 20, 2025



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