

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for October 17, 18 & 21

BULLETINS – Celebrating Bennett Wheelan's 11th birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Sponsored by Bethlehem's Lutheran Women in Mission.

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by Bethlehem's Lutheran Women in Mission.

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Tammy Barthels, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidkofer, Jeff Lampe, Barbara Prigge, Susan Schultz, Ashley Holt, Eric Johnson, Janice Richardson, Dean Usadel, Sue Braun, Paul Geib, Case Wesely, Dale Becker, Steve Schlelein, and Michael Schmidt.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR BIDS FOR BETHLEHEM! – Register today at the table in the Century Room. While you are there, check out the *Sneak Peek* items that will be available at the auction. There's something for everyone to bid on!

MITE BOX MESSAGE – This weekend, October 17 & 18, Bethlehem's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWIM) is collecting mite boxes at all 3 services. Mites are additional offerings used by the South Wisconsin LWIM to fund district and national grants. Please add your mite box to help fill our large mite box. We appreciate your support in helping those in need.

CRUSADER DAY - 7th & 8th graders: Let's get excited about Sheboygan Lutheran High! Join us on campus on Monday, October 26 for a fun-filled morning exploring life at LHS! You'll meet teachers and current Crusaders, experience interactive educational sessions, and enjoy a free pizza lunch. Parents, there will be a special info session for you as well. Details and registration are available at lutheranhigh.com/crusader-day

BETHLEHEM BASH – Bethlehem will once again be holding the Bash on Friday, October 30 from 5:30-7:00pm. There are several ways to participate. Are you willing to donate bags of candy? Please drop off candy in the designated bin in the Century Room. If you are interested in hosting a trunk for the "Trunk or Treat", please sign up by using the QR code on the Century Room flyer or by emailing Heidi at heidi.wallner@ourbethlehem.com. Thank you in advance for your help with this fun event!

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH – LWIM have chosen the Sheboygan County Warming Center Shower Bus, which is a safe and consistent place to shower, allowing individuals to care for themselves, feel more confident, and take important steps toward stability. Both monetary donations & needed items will be collected through October. Please pray for and consider supporting this mission. Envelopes are on the back table in church.

AN APPEAL TO BIBLE STUDY ATTENDEES – Please be sure you sign the attendance sheet each time you attend Bible study. Lately the number of signatures does not line up with the robust number of attendees we actually see in class. Accurate records are very important, both at the synod and local level. Thank you for your cooperation!

DOES IT PAY TO COME EARLY TO SATURDAY NIGHT CHURCH? – How about 4:15pm? On October 17 Pastor Niles will discuss "Who gets to tell us what is true?" and "What's wrong with the world?". On October 24 Pastor Hanson will delve into "Can we know Christianity is true?" and "Can we trust the Bible?". Come early? It's a great idea!

WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM & CAN WE TRUST IT? – Maybe you've asked one or both of these questions? Join Pastor Hanson on Sunday, October 18 (9:15am) as he discusses aspects of Biblical reliability. After all, we Lutherans boldly confess "Scripture Alone".

"LIVING IN A CONFUSING AGE: SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH SCRIPTURE" – Pastor Niles begins this new study on Sunday, October 18 (9:15am). Do you struggle with trying to lead a truly Christian life in the secular world of today? If your answer is yes or maybe, then this study is for you. He'll discuss "Who gets to tell us what is true....scripture, culture, and the Christian mind".

RICK ZEUNER RETURNS ON OCTOBER 19 WITH MORE PARABLES – Does a study of parables seem lightweight to you? If so, you might be surprised to discover what we can learn from them. After all, parables were one of Jesus' favorite ways of teaching. Join Rick in the Century Room on Monday at 6:00pm. Snacks are available before 6:00pm 😊.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE – Bethlehem Church & School is seeking a part-time custodian. This position would be from 10:00am-2:00pm, not to exceed 20 hours per week. Interested individuals should contact the church office.

CARING GROUPS ARE COMING! – Caring Groups are small groups of 4-5 families that look after one another. Maybe you sit together during a worship service or maybe you check in if you don't see each other at church. Over time, relationships are built. We currently have right around 415 families at Bethlehem. The Boards of Evangelism & Elders will soon be looking for Caring Group leaders, in an effort to strengthen our in-reach ministry. Please watch for more information coming out in November.

CRAFTERS & VENDORS NEEDED – We still have room at our annual Bethlehem Winter Craft & Vendor Fair, taking place on November 7. If you or anyone you know would like a booth, please contact Gail or the church office. Don't delay, this is such a fun event! (Gail: gailmilatz@gmail.com or 810-299-1210).

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

Sunday, October 18

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWIM weekend)
9:15am – Bible study
9:15am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWIM weekend)
11:45am – Elders meeting

Monday, October 19

6:00pm – Rick Zeuner Bible study
6:00pm – Bids for Bethlehem (training) meeting

Tuesday, October 20

6:00pm – Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, October 21

1:00pm – Reading Partners
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class
6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

Thursday, October 22

7:00pm – Adult choir practice

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

4:15pm – Bible study
4:30pm – **BIDS FOR BETHLEHEM** dinner & auction
5:30pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion (Reformation weekend)

Sunday, October 25

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (Reformation weekend)
9:15am – Bible study
9:15am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (Reformation weekend)
2:00pm – Reformation service @ LHS



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 – Joy Tschudy
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 – Samuel Dunbar
Aides – Mary Irish, Charmaine Kempf, Kayla Boenisch
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 & RuthAnn McLaughlin

Member: Sheboygan Lutheran High School Assoc. & The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

✂ The 21st Sunday after Pentecost ✂
October 17, 18 & 21, 2026

Be faithful,
even to the point of death,
and I will give you
the **crown of life.**

Revelation 2:10