

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

### News & Notes for December 13 & 14

*BULLETINS – Tom & Lynn Rusch, in celebration of their anniversary.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS – Tom & Lynn Rusch, in celebration of their anniversary.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS – Steve Pautz family, in memory of Anna Pautz.*

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

**ADVENT SERVICE** – The Bethlehem student body will host this Wednesday's Advent services. Join us on December 17 at either 9:00am or 6:00pm (in the gym). The students have been working hard to make this a special program.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Please note that the offering envelopes for 2026 are now ready and located in the Century Room. Please take yours at your earliest convenience.

**3K, 4K PROGRAM** – As we continue our push to grow Bethlehem's early childhood program, please remember that 3K & 4K will be offered free for the 2026-2027 school year. Grab a flyer from the Century Room or contact the school office at 920-452-5071.

**SCRIP CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** – Scrip-on-the-Go orders will not be filled during Christmas break, but will resume the regular schedule on Friday, January 9, 2026. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**NOVEMBER MISSION UPDATE** – The LWIM November mission was the Lutheran Early Response Trailers (LERT). **\$836.00 was raised!** Thank you to all who supported this worthy mission.

**LEADING WITH MISSIONS** – The Bethlehem LWIM have chosen Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs as the **December mission of the month**. There are 7 comfort dogs living with host families in southern Wisconsin. They are often called upon to deploy to disaster areas. This then becomes an out-of-pocket expense for the sponsoring families. Comfort dogs are one of the ways we can connect with people who may be open to hearing God's Word. Comfort dogs can bring calm and can offer comfort to people experiencing very difficult circumstances. Please support and pray for this mission. Donation envelopes are on the back table in the church.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH** – Pastor Niles is doing a short series on this topic. Join him in the Century Room on Saturday, December 13 (4:15pm) for *"Held together: faith, hope & practical care"* or Sunday, December 14 (9:15am) for *"Naming the fracture"* (how did we get so broken and how does Christ meet us amid the noise, fog, and the ache?).

**ARE YOU FASCINATED BY COSMIC BATTLES IN VIDEO GAMES?** – Be sure to join Pastor Hanson in the library on Sunday, December 14 (9:15am) to learn about a real battle going on now – the cosmic battle between Christ and Satan. The lesson title is *"The woman, the dragon, and the beast"*. Be on hand to find out who these entities are.

**IT'S ALMOST HERE – THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!** – Start Christmas week off on the right track by attending an inspiring, re-telling of the Christmas story. The Sunday School program will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 21 at 4:00pm. Hear familiar scripture passages, join the children in singing beloved hymns, and enjoy special musical offerings. We hope to see you & your family there!

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT** – Pause from the holiday hustle and join us for a fun evening of fellowship on Friday, December 19, from 6:00-9:00pm in the cafeteria. This 21+ event includes a light dinner and plenty of laughs! Form a team of 4 and sign up in the Century Room (by Dec. 14). Don't miss this chance to test your Christmas movie knowledge and celebrate the season together. Contact Martha Becker at [martha.becker.96@gmail.com](mailto:martha.becker.96@gmail.com) with any questions.

**LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Young adults (ages 21–35) are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 20 at 5:00pm at Luther Memorial Chapel (gym), 3833 N. Maryland Ave, Shorewood, WI 53211. Join us for a semi-formal evening of fellowship, a Christmas meal, and reflection on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. RSVP to: [lyalchristmasparty.rsvpify.com](https://lyalchristmasparty.rsvpify.com)

**CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE** – The last collection date is December 31.

**2026 USHER SCHEDULE** – Ushers, please feel free to take a copy of the 2026 schedule, which can be found in the usher room.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – If you are able to help with the removal of snow on Bethlehem's campus this winter, please contact the church office at 920-452-4331.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK** – The last day of school is Friday, December 19. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

## Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

### Sunday, December 14

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:15am – Bible classes  
9:15am – Sunday School  
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
2:00pm – LHS Christmas Concert

### Monday, December 15

### Tuesday, December 16

### Wednesday, December 17

9:00am – Advent worship, presented by BLS student body  
1:00pm – Reading Partners  
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class  
6:00pm – Advent worship, presented by BLS student body

### Thursday, December 18

7:00pm – Adult choir practice

### Friday, December 19

#### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

6:00pm – Christmas Movie Trivia

### Saturday, December 20

4:15pm – Bible class  
5:30pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 21

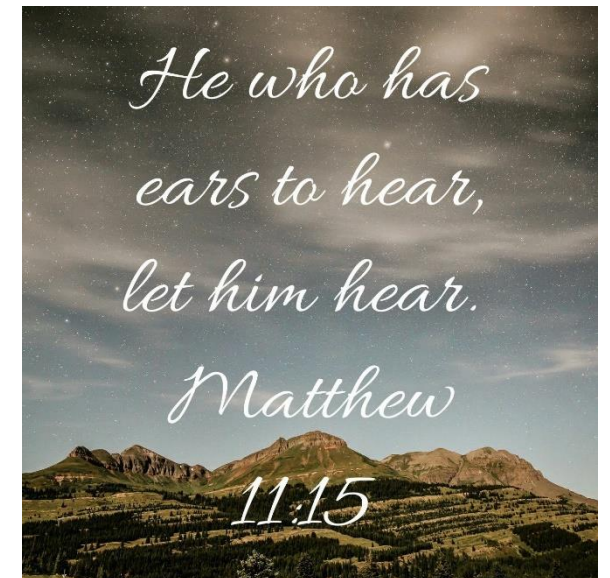
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4:00pm – Sunday School Christmas Program



**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  
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 Third Sunday in Advent ✂  
December 13 & 14, 2025



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