

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for May 16, 17 & 20

ALTAR FLOWERS – Altar Guild, in celebration of our 2026 Confirmands!
COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by Yolanda Graf.

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, Dean Usadel, Sue Braun, Paul Geib, Oliver Yurk, and Case Wesely.

BETHLEHEM APPAREL – We are excited to roll out a new apparel store! There are many items and logos to choose from. Your order can be shipped either to your home or to school. Use the following link or scan the QR code found on the Century Room flyers:
<http://bethlehemlutheran.itemorder.com/> HAPPY SHOPPING!

LWIM'S MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH – The Bethlehem LWIM have chosen **A Place of Refuge** in Milwaukee as this month's mission. This wonderful place is in need of a new van to transport mothers to their doctor appointments, church, and job interviews. They support unwed, homeless mothers and their preborn child, by giving them a safe space to live, along with teaching them life and parenting skills, and referring them to other community resources. Please pray for this mission. Donation envelopes are in the back of church.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE! – Take a look at the boards at the top of the ramp in the Century Room. You'll find many open spots for bulletin sponsorship and coffee hour hosting. If a date works for you, we'd love for you to sign up!

READY TO GET MUDDY FOR A MISSION? – Pastor Hanson is gearing up to take on his first (5K) Spartan Tough Mudder on Saturday, August 29, in Spring Grove, IL. He's looking for a team from Bethlehem to join him! This isn't just a race; it's a challenge of endurance, teamwork, and perseverance....and a chance to *“run with endurance the race set before us”* (Hebrews 12:1) in a whole new way. If you're willing to climb, crawl, splash, and push yourself (and your teammates!) through the mud for the glory of God, we'd love to have you on the team. All skill levels welcome (ages 14+). Interested? Let Pastor Hanson know by the end of May so we can get our team registered and start preparing TOGETHER!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Mark your calendar for July 27-30 (8:30-11:30am). This year's theme is “The Nature of God”, at Rainforest Falls. Children in 4K-8th grade will experience a fun, faith-filled adventure of games, crafts, Bible stories, music, snacks, and more. Register or volunteer at <https://vbspro.events/p/7598e1> Questions should be directed to Dusty at dusty1363@yahoo.com .

JUST WHERE IS CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT? – Join Pastor Hanson on Saturday, May 16 (4:15pm) to discover how the Old Testament accounts of Joseph and Moses point forward to Christ. The “how” might surprise you.

“MOSES AND THE EXODUS” TO BE SUNDAY TOPIC – On Sunday, May 17 (9:15am) in the library, Pastor Hanson will lead a deep dive into how the great deliverance from Egypt points forward to Christ, who frees us from sin and gives living water to His people. You'll want to be on hand to study this great Biblical account.

PASTOR NILES BEGINS A NEW STUDY ON SUNDAY, MAY 17 – If you're a parent, grandparent, or a member of a family, this series is for you! Join Pastor Niles in the Century Room on Sunday (9:15am) as he begins a series entitled *“A Christian approach to parenting and family”*. The focus of the first session is God's design for family and generational faithfulness. Grab a coffee, have a seat, listen, and learn.

A LOOK AT NEXT WEEK – Saturday, May 23 (4:15pm), Pastor Niles concludes a study on grief and suffering. Sunday, May 24 (9:15am), Pastor Hanson discusses the High Priest, the sacrifice, and Melchizedek. Pastor Niles will discuss raising children in grace, truth, and discipline.

LHS SPRING POPS CONCERT - Join us in the LHS Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 20th at 7 pm for our Spring Pops Concert, "Starlight Sounds." You will hear songs and soundtracks from different movies. In addition to our bands and choirs, there are a number of small ensembles that students have prepared on their own that they are excited to share! A freewill offering will be collected, and tickets are not required.

BIDS FOR BETHLEHEM – Planning is underway for this year's Dinner Auction, scheduled for October 24. We are looking for volunteers to help take this event to the next level and make it a fun and successful fundraiser for our church and school community. Volunteer opportunities and subcommittees include: Advertising & Marketing, Auction Item Coordination, Raffles & Games, Food & Beverage, and Set-Up & Decorations. Join us on Tuesday, June 2 to learn more! Questions can be directed to this year's committee chairs: Melinda Oetzel (920-254-4022) or Kristine Faucher (920-287-9690).

LET'S VOTE! – We're proud to share that Bethlehem has been nominated for Best Preschool in Sheboygan County! Voting is quick & easy and you can vote once per day, per email address, now through May 18. Thank you for supporting our Bethlehem community.

- Go to: <https://sheboyganpress.gannettcontests.com/2026-Sheboygan-Community-Choice-Awards/>
- Scroll to Kids & Education
- Find Preschool
- Select our name, enter your info, and click Vote

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

Sunday, May 17

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible study
9:15am – Sunday School & ice cream party
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
1:30pm – Confirmation service

Monday, May 18

6:00pm – Board of Social Ministry meeting (library)

Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, May 20

8th grade class trip
1:00pm – Reading Partners
6:00pm – Board of Assimilation meeting
6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

Thursday, May 21

8th grade class trip
7:00pm – Adult choir practice

Friday, May 22

NO SCHOOL – offices are closed
7:00pm – LHS graduation ceremony

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible study
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (includes Rite of First Communion)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL – offices are closed



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

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

✠ **Seventh Sunday of Easter** ✠
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*Cast all your anxiety
on Him, because He
cares for you*

1 Peter 5:7