

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

### News & Notes for August 9, 10 & 13

*BULLETINS – Jeff & Maddy Ehlert, in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*ALTAR FLOWERS – The Brown family, in celebration of Erika's birthday.*

*COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by the Boenisch family.*

**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.

**NEXT WEEKEND!** – Join your Bethlehem family at Kiwanis Park on Sunday, August 17 for our annual picnic. Worship begins at 10:00am, with food, fellowship, and activities to follow.

**CHURCH PICNIC DONATION INFORMATION** – The church picnic committee needs your help and donations. They are requesting food donations, gift cards to purchase food, and BINGO prize donations (\$5 or under). They are also needing volunteers to take tickets, fill order forms, and serve food & drinks on picnic day. All sign-up forms and donation bins are in the Century Room (please turn gift cards into the church office). Please have all items donated by Wednesday, August 13. Let's make this year's picnic a great one!

- If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to use an envelope located on the table in the Century Room. The envelope can be dropped off in the church office.

**BETHLEHEM STAFF TO BE RECOGNIZED** – During the worship service at the church picnic (Aug 17), 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.

**UPCOMING SALES AT NEAT REPEATS** – Visit the store and check out these sales:

- 8/12: everything in the store, 30% off
- 8/13-8/15: linens, 50% off
- 8/16: everything in the store, 50% off – National Thrift Store Day!

**SPANISH CLASS** – 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, September 4 – November 6 (Century Room). The cost is \$100. To register, call Pastor Blas at 630-229-2455.

**SATURDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS** – Did you miss “*The Armor of God*” topic last Sunday? No worries. Join Pastor Hanson on Saturday at 4:15pm as he repeats this topic. He will answer questions like “What exactly is that armor?” and “Who are we fighting?”.

**SUNDAY'S TOPIC TO BE “WORSHIP AS GOD'S SERVICE TO US”** – No, this title is not a misprint. Join Pastor Hanson at 9:15am in the Century Room on Sunday, to learn how the Divine Service is not primarily us worshipping God. If this concept surprises you, be sure to be on hand to hear more!

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD** – 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.

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

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

**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](mailto:craft_fair@ourbethlehem.com). Spots are filling up fast, so don't delay!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: A BIG SUCCESS!** – Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all of our incredible volunteers and donors who helped make the School Supply Giveaway such a wonderful success!

Together, we were able to bless our community with 140 full school supply kits for students ranging from PreK through high school, including 44 fully-stocked backpacks! Each kit was packed with essential supplies like notebooks, pocket folders, a binder with paper, crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, glue sticks/white glue, a ruler, pens, pencils, and erasers. Many kits also included bonus items like highlighters, pencil boxes, and lunch bags.

We received a generous outpouring of support, and I'm so thankful that so many neighborhood children are now equipped and ready for a great school year. It's truly a joy to see the fruit of our efforts in the smiles of these kids!

God's blessings to each of you, and I look forward to partnering together again for this meaningful community outreach next year! ~ Pastor Hanson ~

## Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

### Sunday, August 10

8:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:15am – Bible class  
10:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:30am – Elders meeting

### Monday, August 11

6:00pm – PTL meeting

### Tuesday, August 12

### Wednesday, August 13

6:00pm – Worship w/ Holy Communion

### Thursday, August 14

### Friday, August 15

### Saturday, August 16

4:15pm – Bible class  
5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion  
5:30pm – LHS Installation / Rededication of staff (during Bethlehem worship)

### Sunday, August 17

10:00am – Church Picnic @ Kiwanis Park  
10:00am – Bethlehem Installation / Rededication of staff

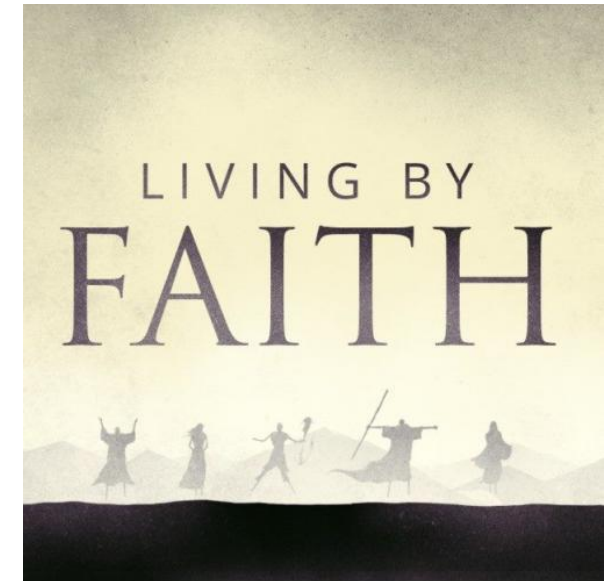
✠ The 9th Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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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  
Resource – Sarah Klug  
Band Instructor – Elizabeth Bredman  
Aide – Joy Tschudy  
Aide – Mary Irish  
Aide – 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



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