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**WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

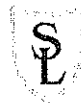
Worship Times  
Saturday - 5:30pm  
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am  
Wednesday - 6:00pm


Bible Studies  
Saturday evening ~ 4:15 to 5:15pm  
Sunday morning ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

**Apr 2024**

**MEMBERSHIP**

 Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod

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Lutheran Schools  
Association

# April 2024

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|  | <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>Spring Break</b></p> <p><b>Church &amp; School<br/>offices closed</b></p>                                  | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p> <p>LWML meeting<br/>7:00pm</p>       | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p><b>NO WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b></p>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Adult Choir practice<br/>7:00pm</p>   | <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Mother-Son<br/>BINGO</b><br/>5:00-7:00pm</p>                      | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p>  |
| <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am<br/><b>NEW MEMBER</b><br/>class begins</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Elders mtg 11:45am</p>    | <p><b>8</b></p>  | <p><b>9</b></p>   | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p>   | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Adult Choir practice<br/>7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>DANCE<br/>(SALSA Schools)<br/>Grades 6-8</b><br/>6:00-8:00pm</p> | <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>NO Bible class</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p> <p><b>LHS Auction<br/>Dinner</b></p> |
| <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p>  | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Spring Pastor<br/>Conference</p> <p>PTL meeting<br/>6:00pm</p> <p>Board of Christian<br/>Day School meeting<br/>7:00pm</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Spring Pastor<br/>Conference</p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p> <p>Parish Planning<br/>Council meeting<br/>7:00pm</p> | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>May Visitor<br/>Deadline (noon)</p> <p><b>LWML Zone 8<br/>Spring Rally</b><br/>6:00pm</p> <p>Adult Choir practice<br/>7:00pm</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Bethlehem School<br/><b>FUN FAIR</b><br/>5:00-7:00pm</p>            | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p>   |
| <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class/Sunday<br/>School 9:15am</p> <p>Bible Study Task<br/>Force mtg 11:30am</p> <p>Youth Group Party<br/>4:00-6:00pm</p> | <p><b>22</b></p>   | <p><b>23</b></p>  | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Reading Partners<br/>1:00pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>6:00pm</p> <p><b>Voters' meeting</b><br/>7:00pm</p>              | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Adult Choir practice<br/>7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>5:30pm</p>   |
| <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Worship w/HC<br/>8:00am &amp; 10:30am</p> <p>Bible classes<br/>9:15am</p> <p>Sunday School<br/>9:15am</p>  | <p><b>29</b></p>   | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Quilters<br/>9:00am</p>                                     |  |  |   |   |

## ◊◊ Tischreden with Pastor Hanson ◊◊

*Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson! Pull up a chair and let's talk about the Season of Easter and ask ourselves.... "Now what do we do?"*

### **"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"**

Now what do we do? Our Lenten Journey is over. We traveled to the upper room on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and his disciples. We heard Jesus say those powerful, effective words that are still effective when we hear them on Sunday mornings, "*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins*" (Mt 26:28). We traveled to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and heard Jesus utter a lonely cry of abandonment, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me*" (Mk 15:34)? We heard the words of finality that Jesus spoke with his last breath, "*It is finished!*" (Jn 19:30), paying in full the price for our Sin that separates us from God. And we traveled to the empty tomb to hear again about the group of women that traveled there early on the first day of the week to find it empty. We heard once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, "*Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.*" (Mark 16:6). The final, culminating Day of the Resurrection is over. Now what do we do?

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an "every Sunday" celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an "every day" celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25) for us.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, St. Luke tells us that "*they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest*" (Lk 24:8-9, emphasis mine). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an "every day" witness of God's power over Sin, death, Hell, and Satan himself.

So where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus' first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (Jn 21:1-14). They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them.

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Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are “every day” witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside of us. Also, like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we have vocations or stations in life that God has given to us as gifts. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, student, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As repentant Christians, by God’s grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy, love, peace, and forgiveness of Christ. And, more than likely, others will take notice and God will bless your faithful work by giving you opportunities to “*tell all these things to all the rest*” (Lk 24:9).

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God’s forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God’s Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as “every day” witnesses. “For thee delightfully employ whate’er thy bounteous grace has giv’n, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heav’n” (LSB 854, “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go,” stanza 5).

### **LSB 854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go**

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And ev’ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

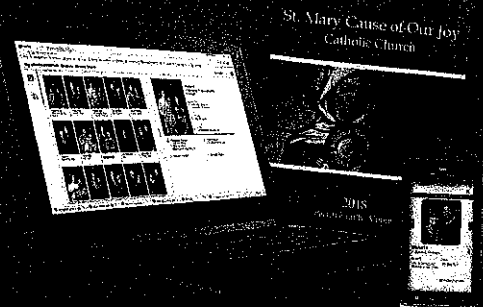
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In Christ,

◇◇ Pastor Hanson

# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



### **Bethlehem Photo Directory Online Scheduling Now Available!**

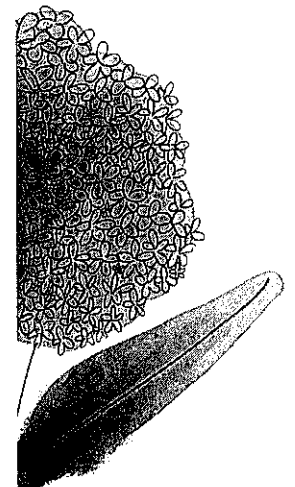
To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on **Photography Appointment Scheduling Login** on the right side, enter **wi339** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule your appointment(s) as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you choose to wait until worship time to sign up, no problem! There will be assistants available to help you get your photography appointment reserved.



All Welcome

**LWML  
ZONE 8 SPRING RALLY**

HEAR CAROL FLANARY TELL HOW  
LUTHERAN COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES  
HELPS TROUBLED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES,  
AND ENJOY TORTES AND A LIGHT-HEARTED SKIT.



**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:**

LEGOS  
COLORING BOOKS  
PLAYDOUGH  
PUPPETS  
BINGO DAUBERS  
UNO CARDS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH  
6:00 PM  
IN CENTURY ROOM AT  
BETHLEHEM CHURCH  
GEORGIA AVE, SHEBOYGAN**

# April News

## **NEW BIBLE CLASSES TO BEGIN IN APRIL: TAKE YOUR PICK!**

Adult Bible-learners (and isn't that all of us?) will have a choice of two subjects beginning Sunday, April 7th from 9:15-10:15am.

- 1). In the library, Pastor Niles will discuss *"What Lutherans Believe"*. Although originally designed for new members, this 5-week series also provides a meaningful review for anyone who wants to "brush up" on his or her faith.
- 2). In the Century Room, David Ames will show the first of 4 videos from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The series is *"Nurturing Your Faith"* (inspired by the book of Ephesians). *"How do we know we're called by God?"* will be one of the topics featured. Following each video, David will facilitate a discussion of reflective questions. Who among us doesn't want to have a stronger faith?

## **ONGOING STUDIES**

- 1). Saturdays, from 4:15-5:15pm in the Century Room, one of our pastors will lead a discussion of the Scripture readings selected for each week's worship services. What a great way to prepare for church.
- 2). Women's online study on *"God's Provision in a Wilderness World"* continues through April 26th.

## **RICK ZEUNER LEADS A 3-WEEK MONDAY NIGHT CLASS IN SHEBOYGAN FALLS**

On April 22nd, April 29th, and May 6th from 6:00-7:00pm, we are invited to join Rick as he discusses **THREE MIRACLES OF JESUS**: the transformation of water into wine, the healing of the blind man, and the feeding of the 5000. This series will take place in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul LCMS Church in Sheboygan Falls, located west on Hwy.28 and is accessed from Cty. Hwy. PPP.

Pastors of that church will follow up with small-group discussions for those who wish to take part.

## **DID YOU NOTICE THE PURPLE & WHITE POSTERS IN THE CENTURY ROOM?**

The posters invite all of you, men, women (LWML or not) to our LWML Spring Rally on Thursday, April 18th. Check out the full-page ad in this edition of the Visitor to see the good stuff being planned.

## **HELP LWML ACQUIRE ITEMS FOR "GIFTS FROM THE HEART"**

A collection basket is located in the Century Room, together with a list of items needed for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services. Bethlehem's LWML thanks you for helping us help them.

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT BETHLEHEM HAS A QUIET, BEHIND-THE-SCENES GRIEF MINISTRY?**

A series of 4 inspirational booklets dealing with various aspects of grief is sent by volunteers, over a year's time, to any member of our congregation who is dealing with the grief process. We get to know about those whose funerals are conducted by our pastors, but if this is not the case, we might not hear about the death of a member's loved one. Please call the church office if you know of any such situation.

We want to help bear each other's burdens.

## **THE QUILTERS ARE BUSY!**

Join them! Quilting experience is not necessary; they welcome assistance with cutting, tying, ironing, and designing. They meet every other Tuesday at 9:00am (April dates are 4/2, 4/16 & 4/30). They also accept donations of sheets, large pieces of fabric, and thread. Come check it out, even for an hour or two!

## **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR LUTHERAN HIGH'S ANNUAL AUCTION DINNER**

Reservations are open for the annual Crusade for Bids Auction Dinner, being held on April 13th. Register online at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com) under the Events/Dinner Auction tab.

## **THE STAR GALA MEETING**

Come and join us for The Star Gala meeting on May 6th at 6:00pm in the library. We will recap last year's event and begin discussing plans and needs for this year's event.

We are excited for this year's Blue & White Ball, taking place on September 21st - Save The Date!

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## ROOM RESERVATION REMINDER

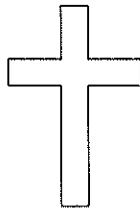
Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know if and when you need to reserve a room so we can be sure that there are no conflicts. Thank you!

## VISIT US ONLINE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is on Facebook. Please also visit us at our website, www.ourbethlehem.com. Check out the main page where you will find information about upcoming events and activities. Scroll down to see a calendar of important items. Find helpful information by clicking on the various tabs under *Church* and *School*.

## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Allen Hilpertshauser - March 3, 2024  
Dawn Liebergen - March 9, 2024  
Judith Reinemann - March 13, 2024  
Marion Pilgrim - March 16, 2024



# VISITOR SPONSORSHIP

To help us defray expenses for producing and mailing our monthly newsletter, we have established a sponsorship program which includes a congregational contributor for a cost of \$50 per year; and a commercial contributor for the cost of \$120 per year. If interested, please drop off your payment or call the church office at 920-452-4331.

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