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Administrative Pastor

Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

Mr. Joshua Klug
Principal

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

Sunday School ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

Aug 2026

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

August 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Youth Colorado Mission Trip departs Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
2 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	3 BCDS meeting 6:00pm	4 Quilters 9:00am National Night Out @ End Park 4:30-7:30pm Stewardship meeting 6:30pm	5 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	6	7	8 Youth Colorado Mission Trip returns Altar Guild meeting 9:30am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
9 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	10	11	12 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Parish Planning Council meeting 7:00pm	13	14	15 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
16 Church Family Picnic @ LHS 10:30am	17	18 Quilters 9:00am	19 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	20 September Visitor deadline (noon) Back-To-School Night 6:00pm	21	22 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
23 - Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am - Bible class 9:15am - Bible Study Task Force meeting 11:30 30 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	24 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! (1/2 day) 31 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	25	26 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voters' meeting 7:00pm	27	28	29

August News

DO YOU TAKE A VACATION FROM GOD?

It's easy to do, isn't it? Maybe you have house guests and you need to see to their comfort. Perhaps you're away from home and the last thing you're thinking of doing is finding a worship service to attend on Sunday morning. Unfortunately sin doesn't take any time off. We always need to be talking to God, praising and worshipping Him, having His Word read and explained to us, and partaking of His body and blood. Fortunately, God never takes a vacation from us!

WHAT DOES THE MONTH OF AUGUST BRING?

April showers might bring May flowers, but here at Bethlehem, August brings a continuation of two wonderful pastor-led Bible studies. Pastor Niles continues ***"Faith Lives: The Christian Life in Practice"***. Some of his key topics will be *Faith & Works, The Tongue, Humility, and Patience*. Pastor Hanson will delve into ***"How to Welcome Visitors and Newcomers with Christ's Love"*** and ***"How to Share Our Faith with Confidence and Humility"***, plus additional topics. Either study will surely prove to be a personal blessing. Don't miss out on these golden opportunities.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN BETHLEHEM'S 50/50 RAFFLE

Watch for individuals selling tickets in the Century Room during weekend worship. **1/\$20 or 3/\$50.**

- 1st Prize - 25% of total proceeds.
- 2nd Prize - 10% of total proceeds.
- (3) 3rd Prizes - 5% of total proceeds.

The remaining proceeds will go towards the operating budget. The winning tickets will be drawn at our Church Picnic, being held August 16 @ Lutheran High School.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Attention Altar Guild Ladies:

Your presence would be greatly appreciated at the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, August 8 at 9:30am. See you there!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Do you have a child entering **6th grade this fall** who attends public school?

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is excited to invite our incoming 6th grade public school students and their families to begin their formal catechetical instruction this school year.

As part of Bethlehem's Confirmation Program, families will participate in our new **Family Catechesis at Home** study, followed by a **Confirmation Retreat** this fall, focused on the **Sacrament of the Altar**. At the conclusion of the retreat, students who have completed the catechetical preparation and pastoral examination will receive the **Rite of First Communion**, while continuing their Confirmation instruction from 6th through 8th grade. The **Rite of Confirmation** will continue to be celebrated at the end of the student's 8th grade year.

If you have an incoming 6th grader and would like to enroll them in Bethlehem's Confirmation Program, please contact the church office as soon as possible so we can include your family in the upcoming Family Catechesis meeting and Confirmation Retreat.

We look forward to partnering with you as together we pass the Christian faith on to the next generation.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAKE SURE TO ATTEND!

Bethlehem's 2026 Winter Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7.

Are you a crafter or a vendor? Would you like to rent a booth or would you like to know more?

Contact Gail at craft_fair@ourbethlehem.com for more information or stop by the church office to pick up a rental agreement form. Spaces fill up fast, so don't delay!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL INFO!

The 2026-2027 school year is right around the corner!

Bethlehem's first day of school is Monday, August 24 - this will be a half day of school.

Also happening that day will be a Dine to Donate Fundraiser, happening at Rocky Rococo Pizza.

Dine in, carry out or use the drive thru from 4:00-8:00pm.

Use the flyer below during your visit!



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday, August 24th

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Dine In - Carry Out or Drive Thru

3740 S. Taylor Drive

Sheboygan

920-783-6639



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Dine In or Carry Out must present the voucher below. Digital version will be accepted.

Flyers/Vouchers cannot be distributed on premises of Rocky Rococo. Must present voucher at time of purchase to be eligible for donation.

Please complete and present to a Rocky Rococo employee at the time of purchase.



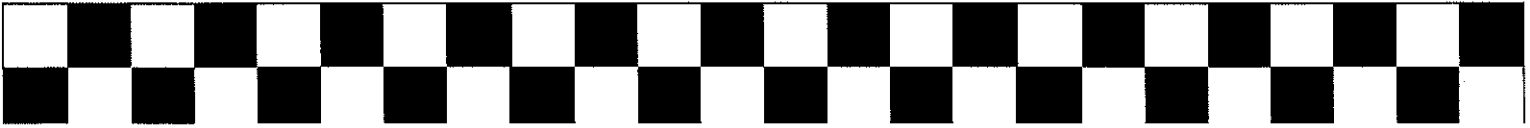
**PLEASE PRESENT IF
DINING IN**

My Name is _____

I support Bethlehem Lutheran School

Total Net Sales _____

(to be filled out by a Rocky Rococo employee and attached to the receipt)



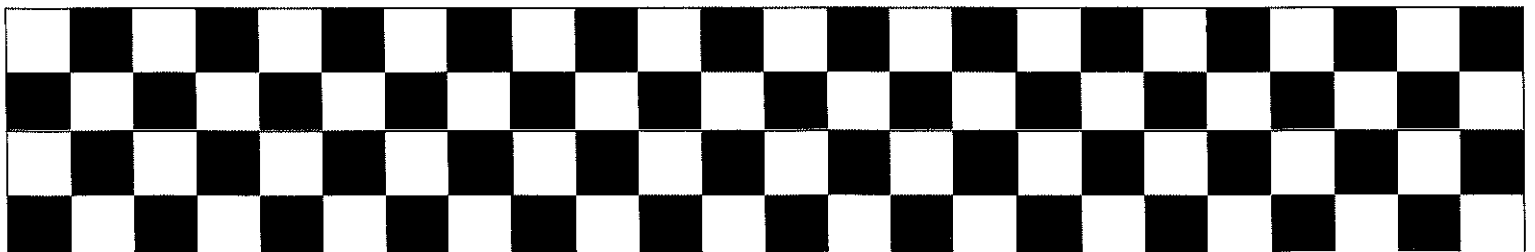
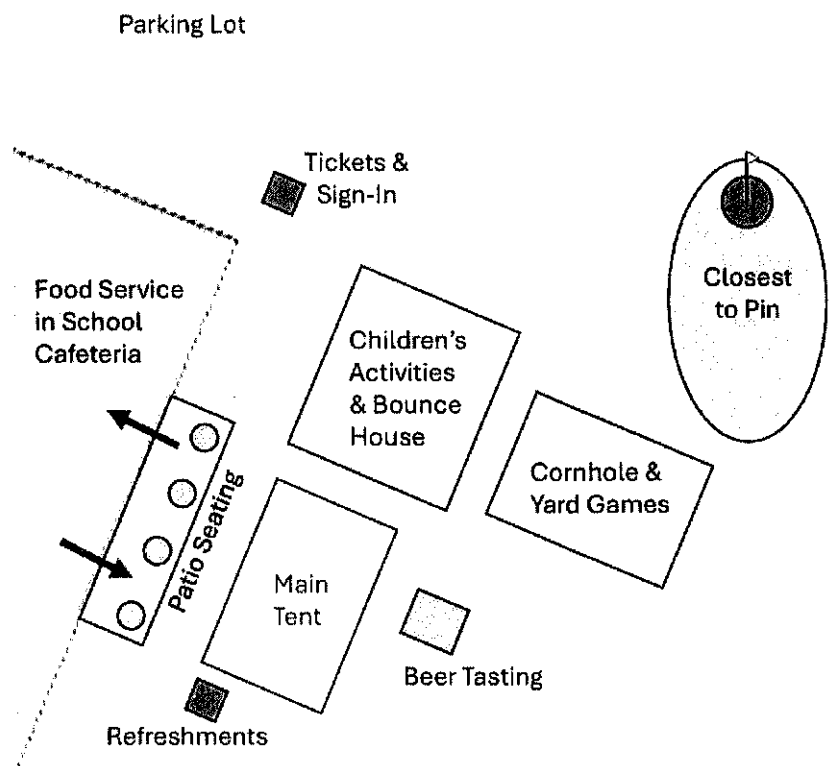
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 16TH
10:30AM

LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for
Worship, Food,
Fellowship & Fun

DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE



The Annual Bethlehem Church Picnic is coming up!



Please join your Bethlehem family on Sunday, August 16th for the service at 10:30 am at Sheboygan Lutheran High School. We'll have food, music, fellowship, and a variety of activities for all ages following worship.



We will need several volunteers and dessert donations to help make the picnic successful so please see the sign-up sheets in the Century Room and consider signing up to help and donate. We will also be offering a free hot dog lunch for all kids 12 and under.



We are also looking for some donations of new items for BINGO prizes (valued at \$5 or less per item approximately). Please place donations in the marked bin in the Century Room.



Returning this year is Craft Beer Tasting with Josh Ursprung. The cost is \$15/person, payable to Josh at the picnic. We will have two sessions - one that is an introduction to craft beer and another session for the craft beer aficionado. Sessions are limited to 10 people each and sign-up sheets are in the Century Room.



Also, don't forget to sign up your 2-person team for the cornhole tournament; use the sign-up sheet in the Century Room.



Final note: Please reserve the parking spots closest to the green space and the patio seating at LHS for members and others with mobility concerns. We want everyone to feel comfortable while enjoying this year's picnic. We will have seating set up, but lawn chairs are always encouraged. Thank you for your consideration to help and donate. See you at the picnic!

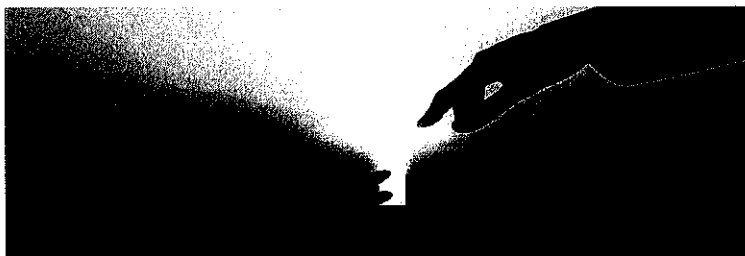
~ The 2026 Picnic Committee

The Most Important Lesson

*"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.
You shall teach them diligently to your children..." ~Deuteronomy 6:6-7~*

As another school year begins, our homes once again become places of early alarms, packed lunches, homework, sporting events, music lessons, and full calendars. It is an exciting time filled with new teachers, new classmates, and new opportunities to learn. Yet amid all the subjects our children will study this year, there is one lesson that remains the most important: the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Long before there were classrooms and report cards, the Lord instructed His people to keep His Word at the center of daily life. Moses told Israel that God's Word was not merely to be heard on the Sabbath but woven into the ordinary rhythm of family life—spoken when sitting at home, walking along the road, lying down, and rising up (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). God's people have always been formed not only by formal instruction but by the constant proclamation of His promises.



That remains true today.

Our culture measures success by grades, athletic accomplishments, college acceptance letters, and career opportunities. These are good gifts and worthwhile pursuits, but none of them can give what only Christ gives: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

The greatest education any child—or adult—can receive is to know that Jesus Christ has lived, died, and risen again for sinners. Every other lesson prepares us for life in this world; the Gospel prepares us for life everlasting.

As Lutherans, we understand that faith is not something we manufacture through effort or determination. Rather, the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith through the Means of Grace—the preaching of God's Word and the administration of His Sacraments. That is why gathering around Word and Sacrament each Lord's Day is not simply another item on the family calendar. It is the very center from which the rest of life receives its direction and strength.

As this school year begins, let us recommit ourselves to faithful hearing of God's Word. Parents and grandparents, continue speaking the promises of Christ in your homes. Students, remember that your identity is found not in your performance but in your Baptism, where Christ has claimed you as His own. Teachers, coaches, and all who serve our children, thank you for reflecting Christ's love through your vocations.

Our congregation also has an important role. Together we encourage one another, pray for one another, teach the faith, and proclaim Christ crucified to the next generation. The Church does not merely prepare children for successful lives—it prepares sinners for eternal life through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So as backpacks are zipped and school bells ring once again, may the Word of Christ dwell richly among us. May our homes echo with His promises, our congregation remain steadfast in proclaiming His saving Gospel, and our children grow not only in wisdom and knowledge, but also in the sure confidence that they belong to Jesus.

May the Lord bless our students, families, teachers, and schools with His protection and wisdom throughout the coming year, and may He keep all of us steadfast in the faith until the day we see Him face to face.

In Christ, Pastor Niles

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

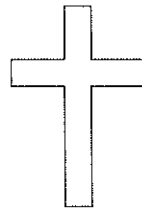
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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. See the calendar of important items. Find helpful information by clicking on the various tabs under *Church* and *School*.

SEPTEMBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the September Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on **Thursday, August 20, 2026**. Please feel free to email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note that it is for the Visitor.



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 the 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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