Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School News & Notes for January 18, 19 & 22

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by the Board of Christian Day School. Welcome, Josh & Sarah Klug!

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Tammy Barthels, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidlkofer, Jeff Lampe, Brian Pool, Ken Gundlach, Lee Steffen, Barbara Prigge, Susan Schultz, Ashley Holt, and Eric Johnson.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK – Bethlehem will kick off this exciting week with <u>1 worship service on Sunday</u>, January 26 at 10:00am in the gymnasium. Stay for a time of fellowship and enjoy a donut after the service! Please plan to attend as we give thanks for the great opportunity of being a part of Lutheran education!

NO SCHOOL – Please note that there will be no school on Friday, January 31. Parent-teacher conferences will take place on January 30 & 31.

BADGER BASKETBALL SEASON! -

- Please use the following link if you would like to donate items to the concession stand OR if you would like to work a shift in the concession stand. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445A8A72CA2FB6-concession</u> If you choose to donate items, please feel free to drop them off in the school office.
- Our Badger basketball teams love to see fans in the stands! Cheer on the teams on January 20 (games begin at 4:30pm).

NEAT REPEATS ANNOUNCES RECORD DONATION TO LHS – With a spirit of thankfulness, Neat Repeats' Board of Directors humbly announced a record donation to LHS for the year 2024 in the amount of **\$250,000**! That brings the total contribution since the store opened to over \$1,800,000! Neat Repeats thanks you for your ongoing prayers and your support. Call Neat Repeats if you are interested in volunteering.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT – Attention individuals, groups, boards, and committees: we are looking for your help to make the Lenten Soup Suppers a success! Would you be willing to make a large crock-pot of soup? Would you prefer to supply baked goods? On average, 60 people attend soup suppers each Wednesday. Set-up begins around 4:00pm, with supper beginning at 5:00pm. The following dates will be in need of help & hosting: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, and 4/2. Please contact Laurie Reuter at 920-331-0187 if you can help.

PASTOR NILES TACKLES "HE>I" – Does this headline look like a misprint? Actually, it's short for *He (God) is greater than I.* Is that what we really believe? Just be in the Century Room on Saturday, January 18 from 4:15-5:15pm or Sunday, January 19 from 9:15-10:15am to hear more about this question. You'll also learn about American Protestantism and Lutheranism. You won't want to miss this discussion!

WHY STUDY THE BOOK OF LUKE? – Luke, a doctor, as well as the traveling companion & coworker of the apostle Paul, has written an orderly account of *"the things that have been fulfilled among us"*. Doesn't that sound like something worthy of looking into? Join Pastor Hanson in the library from 9:15-10:15am on Sunday, January 19 to learn what Luke says.

FEEL LIKE YOU'VE HEARD THE CREATION ACCOUNT OFTEN ENOUGH? – Perhaps not, especially when you try to reconcile Biblical accounts with science. Join Rick Zeuner, science teacher and Bible scholar, in the Century Room from 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, January 20 for some answers to puzzling questions. You'll enjoy his friendly and informal style.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION & HOT SHOT NIGHT - The Crusader boys basketball teams will take on Roncalli in the LHS gym on Tuesday, January 21, and we invite members of Bethlehem to attend the game FREE OF CHARGE! Plus, Bethlehem Badgers will compete in Hot Shots during halftime of the varsity game. JV tips off at 5:50 pm, with varsity to follow at 7:15 pm. We hope to see you in the gym!

JANUARY YOUTH GROUP EVENT – Bethlehem's youth group has been invited by our friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls to join them at the Sheboygan Falls Aquatic Center for a **free** swim event. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 26 from noon-2:00pm.

VOTERS' MEETING DATE CHANGE - The next meeting will be on January 29 @ 7:00pm.

SCRIP MESSAGE – Scrip-on-the-Go orders <u>will not be filled from January 31-February 6</u>. Scrip-on-the-Go will resume on Friday, February 7. However, Scrip can still be purchased during the regular weekend sales. Sorry for the inconvenience.

GET READY FOR TORTES! – The Bethlehem youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans will be hosting a fundraiser on <u>February 8 & 9</u>. They will be selling pieces of torte before and after the Saturday & Sunday services. It will be a free will offering.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS – End-of-year giving statements are ready for you. They are located in the Century Room.

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

Sunday, January 19 8:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion Special coffee hour as part of Mr. & Mrs. Klug's visit to Bethlehem 9:15am – Bible study 9:15am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion

<u>Monday, January 20</u> 6:00pm – Rick Zeuner Bible study 7:00pm – Board of Christian Day School meeting

Tuesday, January 21

9:00am – Quilters 5:00pm – Board of Evangelism meeting 5:30pm – Board of Social Ministry meeting 5:50pm – Bethlehem Night & Hot Shots @ LHS basketball

Wednesday, January 22

1:00pm – Reading Partners 3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class 6:00pm – Worship w/Holy Communion 7:00pm – Parish Planning Council meeting

<u>Thursday, January 23</u> 7:00pm – Adult choir practice

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25 4:15pm – Bible study 5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 26

10:00am – Worship in the gym – **National Lutheran Schools Week kick-off** *Coffee & Donut Fellowship* in the gym, following worship 12:00pm – Youth Group swim event @ Sheboygan Falls Aquatic Center



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The Baptism of Our Lord January 18, 19 & 22, 2025