

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

News & Notes for December 2 & 3

COFFEE HOUR – Hosted by Yolanda Graf.

REQUESTED PRAYERS – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Marion Pilgrim, Tammy Barthels, Gwen Kolbe, Lillian Lorfeld, Vicky Almgren, Annie Kress, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidkofer, Jeff Lampe, Brian Pool, Ken Gundlach, Lee Steffen, and Judith Reinemann.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM –

- The last day to turn in special orders for delivery in time for Christmas **was** Friday, December 1st.
- The last day for SCRIP-on-the-Go orders will be December 17th. These orders will be filled with inventory that we have on hand.
- There will be NO SCRIP sales on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, and 31st.

CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE – The final collection date for this year will be December 31st.

ATTENTION ALL USHERS – The 2024 usher schedule is ready. Copies are located in the usher room. Please feel free to take one.

THE STAR GALA 2023 (update) – *An Evening of Denim & Diamonds* was a huge success! We raised a total of \$95,500 (this includes the Teacher Giving Tree and the Fund-A-Need). Thank you to all of the sponsors, volunteers, donors, attendees, and committee members. Save the date for September 21st, 2024; more information to follow.

UPCOMING SALES AT NEAT REPEATS – 12/5-12/9: purses, duffels & luggage are 50% off. 12/12: everything in the store is 30% off. 12/13-12/16: Christmas items are 50% off.

BLESSINGS BOARD – Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for all details. Questions can be directed to the Board of Social Ministry.

CHURCH DECORATION FUND – There is still plenty of time to make a donation to the church Christmas decoration fund. Please fill out the green insert found in your bulletin. The form, along with your payment (cash or a check made out to Altar Guild) can be turned in to the church office.

DESKS AVAILABLE – There are currently 16-18 middle school desks available. See the example in the Century Room. If you are interested, please call the church office. A free will offering would be appreciated.

NO BIBLE CLASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND – “*Searching the scriptures*” continues on December 9th.

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT JUDGING OTHERS? – Judging others hypocritically or self-righteously is something we all struggle with. Join Pastor Niles in the Century Room from 9:15-10:15am on Sunday, December 3rd to take a look into Jesus' words on this important topic.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – Join Pastor Hanson at 9:15am in the downstairs Youth Room (#301), for a Bible study for 7th-12th grade students. He continues the study on the book of Judges. All junior and senior youth are welcome.

LADIES: ENJOY A PRE-CHRISTMAS GATHERING WITH LWML – You're invited to come to the Century Room on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00pm to enjoy a pre-Christmas gathering with LWML. A skit entitled “*Three Wise Women*” will be performed, and hymns and carols of the season will be sung. After a short business meeting, light refreshments will be served and good old-fashioned sociability will follow. Come, be our guest!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE LHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Lutheran High School has begun the search for a new Executive Director. If you know of someone who you feel would be a good candidate for this important position, please either email Aaron Anger, Call Committee Chair at playbirdrangeline@gmail.com or call him at 920-627-3718. Please provide Aaron with the candidate's name and contact information.

ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH – We will have 1 youth group get-together for the month of December. Please join us on Sunday, December 10th from 4:00-6:00pm. This will be our Christmas party so bring a friend! See the flyers posted around the building.

GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS? – It's Bethlehem Badger basketball time! Our coaches and players are gearing up for a fun season. How can you support the program? We have several opportunities for you to show your support.

1). **WORK THE CONCESSION STAND.** Check out the Sign-Up Genius for ways to help out at the concession stand: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D45AEAB2CABFB6-46477609-basketball>

2). **STOCK THE CONCESSION STAND.** Check out the Sign-Up Genius for items to purchase for the concession stand. These items will be used for Bethlehem home games and tournaments: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445A8A72CA2FB6-concession>

3). **CHEER ON THE BADGERS.** We have 3 home games this month. December 5th (beginning at 4:30), December 15th (beginning at 4:30), and December 18th (beginning at 5:00). We hope to see you in the bleachers!

Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

The First Sunday of Advent
December 2 & 3, 2023

Sunday, December 3

8:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible classes
9:15am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion
11:30am – Holiday lunch & caroling
11:45am – Elders meeting

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

7:00pm – LWML meeting & pre-Christmas gathering

Wednesday, December 6

8:30am – Advent worship (grades 4, 5 & 6)
1:00pm – Reading Partners
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class
5:00pm – Soup supper
6:00pm – Advent worship (grades 4, 5 & 6)

Thursday, December 7

3:15pm – Student Council
7:00pm – Adult choir practice

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

4:15pm – Bible class
5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion
7:00pm – LHS Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10

8:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion
9:15am – Bible classes
9:15am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion
2:00pm – LHS Christmas Concert
4:00pm – Junior & Senior Youth Group Christmas party (4:00-6:00)



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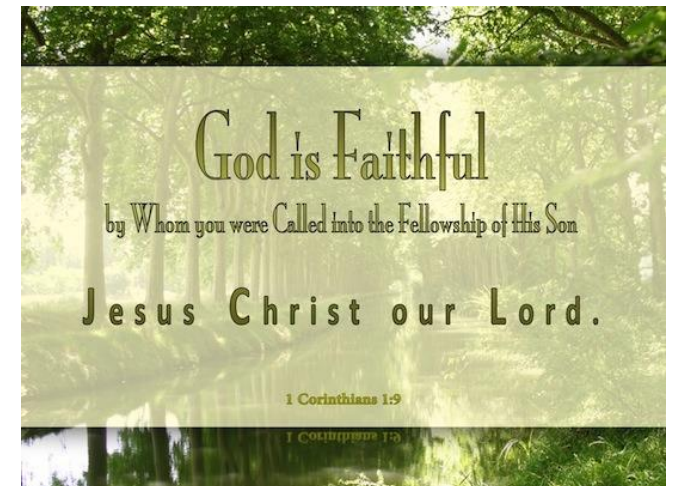
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Rev. Patrick Niles, Administrative Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Hanson, Associate Pastor
Mr. Patrick Vanic, Principal

Parish Music/Organist – Sandra Kasten
School Music/Resource – Rachel Bult
3 yr. Kindergarten – Joely Buss
4 yr. Kindergarten/Resource – 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 – Jeff Wegner
Middle Grades – Pam Carlson-Gugel
Middle Grades – Jon Krueger
Middle Grades – Ryan Sines
PE/Spanish – Laurie Schultz
Band Instructor – Geoff Schuh
Extended Care / Aide – Rose Albertin
Aide – Sue Kubow
Aide – Katie Wheelan
Aide – Mary Irish
Church Office Manager – Amy Weir
School Secretary – Dawn Hemschemeyer
Custodian – Trisha Fischer
Lunch Coordinator – Amy Morrelle
Lunch Aide/Extended Care – Monica Cyr
Extended Care – Sarah Hanson



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