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CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Rev. J. Patrick Niles
Administrative Pastor

Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

Patrick Vanic
Principal

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Times

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday - 6:00pm

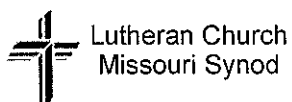
Bible Studies

Saturday evening ~ 4:15 to 5:15pm

Sunday morning ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

July 2024

MEMBERSHIP



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

July 2024

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Worship w/HC 6:00pm	Happy 4th of July! Join Bethlehem at the parade. Offices are closed. 	Offices are closed.	Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
7 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible classes 9:15am	8	9 Quilters 9:00am	10 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	11	12	13 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
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July News

SUMMER MUSINGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

We often think of summertime as a time of ease, but do we also think of our retirement years as a time of "taking it easy", when considering working in God's Kingdom? We've all heard someone say, "I've done my share in the past, let someone else take over now". But what does God say about maturing people?

Through the psalmist He says, "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming 'the Lord is upright; He is my Rock'".

Think about it. In what areas can you stay "fresh and green" at church?

Ask God what He wants you to do and He will enable you to do it.

SATURDAY WORSHIPPERS: HERE'S YOUR BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Century Room, 4:15-5:15pm

July 6th: Pastor Hanson leads "The book of Acts"

July 13th: Pastor Hanson continues with "The book of Acts"

July 20th: Pastor Niles delves into "What is wisdom?" - an introduction to Proverbs

July 27th: Pastor Hanson and "The book of Acts"

August 3rd: Pastor Hanson and "The book of Acts"

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS PARTICIPANTS: HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE

Century Room, Pastor Niles, 9:15-10:15am OR Library, Pastor Hanson, 9:15-10:15am

July 7th: Pastor Niles with "What is wisdom?" - an introduction to Proverbs OR Pastor Hanson with "Acts"

July 14th: Pastor Niles with "Wisdom for the next generation" OR Pastor Hanson with "Acts"

July 21st: Pastor Niles with "Wisdom and foolishness" OR Pastor Hanson with "Acts"

July 28th: Pastor Niles with "Fruits of wisdom" OR Pastor Hanson with "Acts"

A MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

Orders for 2025 Thrivent calendars are now taking place and they must be ordered no later than July 31st.

Please help Social Ministry by ordering your 2025 calendar today. Calendars received will be given to nursing home residents and our homebound individuals. If you have ordered a Thrivent calendar since 2022, nothing needs to be done. However, if you have not, simply visit www.thrivent.com/calendar and complete the online order form. Once received, place the 2025 calendar in our basket located in the Century Room. One small way you can help Social Ministry help others. Thank you!

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you miss out on a photography session for the next church photo directory?

Don't worry, you can still be in it! We are accepting a limited number of submitted photos.

Simply email your photo to amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com **by July 15th**, along with your name as you'd like it to appear in the directory, address, and phone number. Digital photos only (no prints or hard copies), and the images must be in a vertical format, in jpg, pdf, or tif format, have a relatively solid, uncluttered background, and be a minimum of 300 dpi.

THE STAR GALA PRESENTS THE 2024 BLUE & WHITE BALL ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

We are seeking brand new items for our live and silent auctions! We need items that will fit into many different categories, so we encourage creative donations. If you'd prefer to give a monetary donation, the Gala committee can purchase & package for you. Another easy donation option is 1 bottle of wine and a

\$25 gift card to a favorite restaurant. Please see the donation form in this edition of the Visitor.

We also have many Star Sponsorship levels available. If you have any questions about donating or sponsorship levels please contact thestargala@ourbethlehem.com.

JOIN THE QUILTERS

The next quilting dates are July 9th and July 23rd, beginning at 9:00am in the Century Room.

More July News

UPCOMING NEAT REPEATS SALES

7/2, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6 - jewelry 50% off
7/9 - 30% off everything in the store
7/10-7/13 - baskets and vases 50% off
7/16-7/20 - toys, games and puzzles 50% off
7/23-7/27 - candles and candle holders 50% off
7/30-8/3 - purses, duffels and luggage 50% off

SHEBOYGAN A'S GAME—SAVE THE DATE & SIGN UP NOW!

The Board of Assimilation invites you to a day at the Sheboygan A's ballpark, on Sunday, July 28th. Lunch will begin at 11:30am, with the first game beginning at 1:00pm (this is a double-header day). The cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and your ticket. Sign up now in the Century Room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Check out the flyer in this edition of the Visitor.

VBS will be held July 29th—August 1st, right here at Bethlehem. Sign up now to either attend VBS or to volunteer. Also, take a look at the VBS wish list and consider donating; it would be greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Franklin Park Neighborhood Association is participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th. This year, both St. Peter Claver and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, who are part of the Franklin Park Neighborhood, are working together to collect the supplies. They are asking their parishioners to participate in a school supply drive **during the month of July**.

They are looking for donations of **new** pencils, pens, folders, notebooks, rulers, 24-count crayons, glue sticks, and colored pencils.

Bethlehem will have a marked bin in the Century Room during the month of July for donated items.

Thank you in advance for your help with this community event.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM

Scrip-on-the-Go orders will be accepted during the summer months. All orders will need to be in by 3:00pm on Thursdays and can be picked up Tuesday-Thursday between 7:30am-3:00pm.

PRE-SCHOOL POSITION

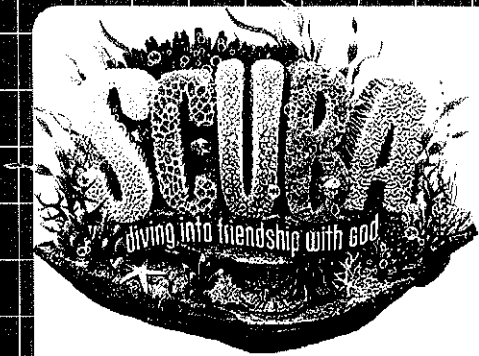
St. Paul's Lutheran School in Sheboygan is seeking a passionate and dedicated Christian preschool teacher to join their nurturing educational team. As a Lutheran preschool, they are committed to providing a loving and supportive environment rooted in LCMS teachings, where children can grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you are interested, please contact the school at 920-452-6882 or send a resume to mrs.kretsch@gmail.com

JOB OPENING

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer (3027 Wilgus Ave., Sheboygan) is looking to hire a part-time janitor to clean the church building 7 hours a week. Please call the church office at 920-452-0717 to request a description of the duties and a job application.

AUGUST VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the August Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, July 18th, 2024. 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WISH LIST

WATER BOTTLES FULL (TO DRINK) AND
EMPTY BOTTLES (FOR CRAFT)

LARGE PRETZEL RODS

GOLDFISH CRACKERS

VEGGIE STRAWS

POPPED WHITE POPCORN (LIKE VALLY
POP)

MINI PRETZELS

MINI SWEDISH FISH CANDY

MINI GUMMY WORMS

BOXES OF BLUE JELLO MIX

RICE KRISPIES CEREAL

MINI MARSHMALLOWS

VANILLA WAFERS

WHITE FROSTING

BLUE HAWAIIAN PUNCH / SHELF STABLE

JUICE OR LEMONADE

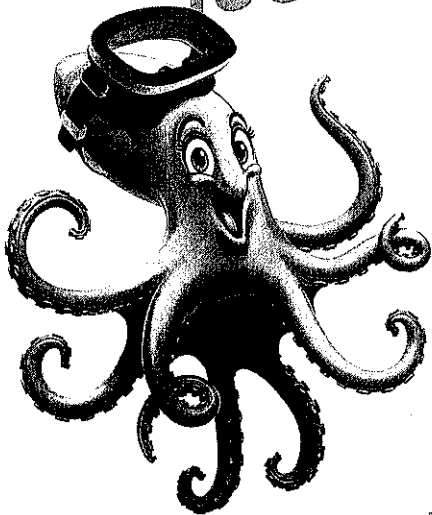
ALL DONATIONS CAN BE PLACES IN THE
PURPLE VBS BIN IN THE CENTURY ROOM

CONTACT KATIE SCHALLOCK THANK

414-708-1112 WITH ANY ?

YOU

looking for oceans of fun?



we hope to "sea" you here!

New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Sheboygan
(church name)

Save these dates: Mon July 29 - Thur Aug 1
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 8:30 - 11:30 AM
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: Katie Schallock
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: vbspro.events/p/c9a720
(registration web address)

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The Star Gala Presents

*Blue & White
Ball*

Join the Bethlehem family, past and present, for an evening of generosity to impact our mission & ministry.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

— 5:30 PM —

BETHLEHEM PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

1121 Georgia Avenue, Sheboygan

\$50/person includes all-you-can-enjoy buffet dinner

Live & silent auction

Table sponsorships available

Register online at ourbethlehem.com or in the church office
by September 14.

— Formal attire —



The Star Gala 2024 presents The Blue & White Ball Auction Item Donation Form

We are seeking brand new items for our annual auction! Items will fit into many different categories, so we encourage creative donations! Please reply by Sept 1, 2024, so we can fully recognize you! If you have any questions about donating to Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School-The Star Gala 2024 presents The Blue & White Ball, please contact thestargala@ourbethlehem.com.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (MUST BE COMPLETED BY DONOR)

Name/Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

NAME YOU WOULD LIKE _____

PUBLISHED: _____

Description/Items of
Donation: _____

Value of Donation: _____

The Star Gala is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**Please make a copy of this form for your tax records

Sponsorship Information

We have many different Sponsorship levels available. Please contact thestargala@ourbethlehem.com for more information or to set up a meeting with our sponsorship team.

✠ A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NILES ✠

Preach the Word

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

In this section of 2 Timothy, Paul is encouraging a young pastor to be faithful in fulfilling the Office of the Holy Ministry despite the context and challenges of the world around him. Paul reminds Timothy that the Word needs to be preached, the Gospel needs to be proclaimed, and God's people need him to care for them. It is clear in 2 Timothy that Timothy was struggling in his ministry. Paul writes these two letters to Timothy to remind him that he is never alone. God is always with him... and so is Paul... and so is the church. Timothy just needs to keep going. He needs to keep preaching. Keep teaching. Keep fulfilling his office. God will take care of the rest.



There will always be challenges that face the church, its workers, and its members. There will always be aspects of society that we abhor. There will always be people to teach and reach with the Gospel. Many times the sheer amount of work to do or immense amount of people who need to hear the Gospel can cause us to feel overwhelmed or helpless. However, we are to remember that the work of the church continues. Each person reached with the Gospel message is one more citizen in the kingdom of God. This is way too much for simply one person to do. We must all be working together and striving for the same goals.

If we bring this closer to home, pastors and church workers exist for this reason. They exist to aid us in growing in our faith so we can help others grow in their faith. This is done primarily through preaching and teaching God's Word, and administering the Sacraments. However, there are many other tangentially related things that pastors and workers do. We visit roughly 30 homebound members a month (or try to do so). We help lead the administration of the church. We perform weddings, funerals, and hospital visits. We have counseling appointments. We create sermons and bible classes. We teach religion class, confirmation class, and are present in the school. These are all good and wonderful things, and Pastor Hanson and I consider ourselves honored to do many of these things. However, our congregation is too big for this to be handled by only two people.

Moving forward it is important for Bethlehem to look at how members can be involved in the ministry of the church in their day-to-day lives. How can you be proclaimers of our Savior in your every day life. It is also important for us to look at staffing. The addition of a DCE would allow a more intentional focus on youth ministry and parish education that cannot really happen right now. It would also allow for a more seamless integration of school families and church families than what can happen now. These are vital areas for us moving into the future. They will allow us to meet the challenges around us, and the opportunities that God provides for us to *always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill [our] ministry.*

In Christ,
Pastor Niles

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

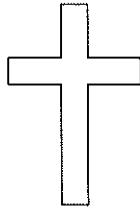
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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*.



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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