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Associate Pastor

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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

May 2026

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May 2026

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					V.I.P. DAY at Bethlehem, w/ Spring Concert @ 11:00am Noon Dismissal	Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm TRIVIA NIGHT 6:00pm
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Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study Task Force 11:30am	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (5/4-5/8) PTL meeting 6:00pm BCDS meeting 7:00pm	Site Committee meeting 6:00pm LWIM meeting 6:30pm	Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00 Stewardship meeting 7:00pm	Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	Mother-Son BinGlow Night 5:30-7:00pm	Altar Guild meeting 9:30am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am New Member Welcome (8:00am) and Coffee Hour Happy Mother's Day	Board of Properties meeting 6:00pm	Quilters 9:00am SALSA Band Concert @ LHS 6:30pm	Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	Joint Ascension Worship Service @ Good Shepherd 6:30pm Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	SALSA Track Meet @ Oostburg	Confirmation pictures 9:00am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am Sunday School & ice cream party 9:15am CONFIRMATION 1:30pm	June Visitor deadline (noon)		8th grade class trip Reading Partners 1:00pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	8th grade class trip Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	NO SCHOOL	Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL (offices are closed)	Quilters 9:00am	Worship w/HC 6:00pm	Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Closing service 8:30am School picnic 9:00am 8th Grade Graduation @ LHS 7:00pm	Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm

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Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson! Pull up a chair and let's talk about what it means to grow in Christian Discipleship through our callings and being sent by Christ.

“Called and Sent: Living as Disciples of Christ”

The month of May is a joyful and significant time in the life of the Church. Not only do we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in the Easter season, but we also rejoice as our young people are **confirmed in the faith** and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time after their study of the six chief parts of Christian doctrine in Luther's Small Catechism.

It is a month filled with celebration—but also with clarity. Because the readings appointed for these Sundays in the Easter season and Holy Trinity Sunday all press upon us a central truth of the Christian life:

We are a people who have been called by Christ—and sent by Christ.

Called by Christ: Known, Loved, and Kept

In the Gospel readings for these Sundays, we hear Jesus speak tenderly and powerfully to His people.

In John 10 (Good Shepherd Sunday [26 April], just before this stretch), Jesus declares that His sheep **hear His voice, and He knows them, and they follow Him**. That theme continues into May. We are not self-made disciples. We are called. Named. Gathered.

In John 14, Jesus comforts His disciples with the promise that He goes to prepare a place for them—and yet He does not leave them alone. He sends the Holy Spirit, the Helper, who teaches and reminds us of everything He has said.

This is the foundation of discipleship:

Christ calls us through His Word.

Christ claims us in Baptism.

Christ keeps us in His promises.

This is especially important for our confirmands. Confirmation is not graduation from the faith. It is a public confession that *Christ has called you and continues to call you*. The faith you confess is not your achievement—it is God's gift.

Formed in the Faith: Word and Sacrament

As our young people complete their study of the Small Catechism and receive the Lord's Supper, we are reminded that disciples are not only called—they are **continually formed**.

The Catechism teaches us the rhythm of the Christian life:

- The **Ten Commandments** show us our sin and our need for repentance.
- The **Apostles' Creed** proclaims what God has done for us.
- The **Lord's Prayer** teaches us how to call upon Him.
- **Baptism** gives us our identity.
- **Confession and Absolution** restore us daily.
- The **Lord's Supper** strengthens and sustains us.

This is not just instruction for the young. It is the lifelong pattern of discipleship for us all.

To be a disciple is to remain where Christ has promised to be: in His Word, in His Church, at His Table.

Sent by Christ: Bearing Witness in Love

But the Easter season does not stop at being called and formed. It moves us outward.

In John 16 and 17, Jesus prepares His disciples for life in the world. He prays for them. He sends them. He tells them they will face trouble—but also that He has overcome the world.

And then comes **Holy Trinity Sunday (Matthew 28:16–20)**, where Jesus gives His Church the Great Commission:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

Notice the pattern:

We are called into discipleship—and then **sent to make disciples**.

This sending doesn't always mean traveling far away. It happens in the ordinary places of life:

- In homes, as parents teach their children the faith
- In conversations, as we speak of Christ with gentleness and truth
- In acts of love and service toward neighbor
- In inviting others into the life of the Church

Our confirmands are not only confessing the faith—they are being sent into lives of witness. And so are all of us.

A Word to the Congregation

May is not just about “their” milestone—it is about *our* calling together.

To our confirmands:

Remain in what you have learned. Stay close to Christ in His Word and Sacraments. The Church is your home—not just for a season, but for a lifetime.

To our families:

Continue to nurture the faith in your homes. The promises made at Baptism and reaffirmed at Confirmation are lived out daily in the rhythms of family life.

To our entire congregation:

Let us renew our own calling as disciples—hearing Christ’s voice, receiving His gifts, and being sent into the world as His people.

Living as Called and Sent People

As we move through May and toward the summer months, let us remember:

- We are **called** by Christ through His Word.
- We are **formed** by His gifts of grace.
- We are **sent** to live as His witnesses.

This is the life of discipleship—not just for a moment, but for a lifetime.

And it is a life filled with joy, because it is grounded not in what we do for Christ, but in what Christ has done—and continues to do—**for us**.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In His service,

◇< Pastor Hanson

Note:

Rite of Confirmation (for our 8th Graders & Adult Catechumens) – **17 May @ 1:30pm**

Rite of First Communion (for our 7th Graders) – **24 May @ 10:30am**

God's Blessings to our 2026 Confirmands

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ✘ Carter Allen Anderson | ✘ Lauren Victoria Markevitch |
| ✘ Mason Elijah Bell | ✘ Luke David Milatz |
| ✘ Isabella Lynn Crego | ✘ Elias Guadalupe Robledo |
| ✘ Griffin Mark Anthelm Cyr | ✘ Emilie Sophia Rouse |
| ✘ Julia Naomi Detlaff | ✘ Everleigh R. Schook |
| ✘ Jax Alois Fehlhaber | ✘ Zachary Michael Sines |
| ✘ Jaxen Scott Freyberg | ✘ Brady William Stelter |
| ✘ Conrad Hasler | ✘ Logan Robert Stelter |
| ✘ Emily M. Haese | ✘ Athena Adelle Stopar |
| ✘ Eoin Craig Irish | ✘ Annabelle Diane White |
| ✘ Vincent Erick Lemus | ✘ Robert Julius Wildman |

May News

LEADING WITH MISSIONS

The Bethlehem Lutheran Women in Mission have chosen a national grant for **A Place of Refuge** in Milwaukee as their May Mission of the Month.

A Place of Refuge Ministries cares for women facing crisis pregnancy, by giving them a home throughout their pregnancy and while preparing to transition to independent living.

This grant is to help purchase a new van to be used for the transportation of residents to church, doctors appointments, and grocery shopping.

Please pray for and support this worthy mission. Use the designated envelopes for your donation.

"CONFESSIONS OF A PRAYER WIMP" TO BE THE NEXT LWIM TOPIC

How do you talk with God? Are you comfortable just talking with Him as you would with a friend?

Or are you more at ease using a printed devotion?

Lutheran Women in Mission will take a look at this topic at their May 5 gathering in the Century Room, beginning at 6:30pm. If this subject sounds interesting to you, please join us. We love company!

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Attention Altar Guild ladies: your presence is requested and appreciated at the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 9:30am.

LOOKED AT OUR WELCOME NOOK RECENTLY?

Maybe you're not even sure where it is. It's located just around the corner from the doors which lead from the Sanctuary into the Century Room. You might have to excuse your way through some conversations to get to it, but the array of free material located there is well worth the effort. You'll find informational pamphlets, devotional booklets and posters; all free and waiting to be picked up and read.

Why not check it out next time you're at church?

DON'T MISS OUT!

There are plenty of available opportunities to sponsor the bulletin, sponsor the altar flower arrangement, or host coffee hour. Take a look at the sign-up boards and find a date that works for you!

HOW ABOUT SOME POST-RESURRECTION RESOLUTIONS?

Certainly it's not New Year's already, but it could be time to follow up on Pastor Niles' recent challenge regarding the Resurrection: "What are you going to do about it?"

The following are some ideas for you to consider:


- 1). Make attendance at worship services a regular part of your week. Invite family & friends to join you.
- 2). Attend a group Bible study. Learn under the expert leadership of our pastors or guest presenters.
- 3). If you're a communicant member of Bethlehem, become a voting member and begin to help influence the direction our church is taking.
- 4). Offer to help! Assess your God-given talents. Where can they best be used to further God's kingdom?
- 5). Begin an active prayer life. Make a mental list of people or situations which you know need prayer.
- 6). The rest is up to you! May God bless your post-Resurrection resolutions.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE THAN MAY FLOWERS!

They also bring May Bible studies.

Pastor Hanson will continue to show us "*Christ in the Old Testament*". We will see how all scripture testifies to Christ and finds fulfillment in Him.

Pastor Niles will finish up "*What Lutherans Believe*" and will guide our new members into fellowship at Bethlehem Church. After that, Pastor Niles will begin a new study. Watch weekly bulletins for more info.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE ANNUAL

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SUN. AUG. 16 2026

NEW LOCATION!

On the Grounds at Lutheran High School

**Outdoor Service
with Food, Music &
Activities to Follow**



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.

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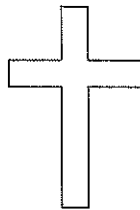
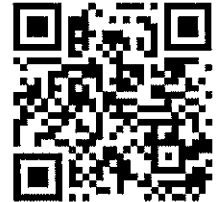
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JUNE VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the June Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on **Monday, May 18, 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.

JOIN OUR UPCOMING EMAIL & COMMUNICATION LIST!

Stay informed with weather-related cancellations, receive The Visitor newsletter by email, and obtain special event announcements. Simply scan the QR code. We kindly ask that each adult in your household completes their own sign-up. We look forward to keeping you informed on all the happenings at Bethlehem Lutheran Church! This is on the calendar as a summer project. Stay tuned - we appreciate your patience!



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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