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Associate Pastor

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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

Nov 2025

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

November 2025

Sun

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Thu

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Sat

						1 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
2 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am Youth Group Fall get-together 4:00-5:30pm	3 PTL meeting 6:00pm BCDS meeting 7:00pm	4 LWIM meeting 6:30pm	5 Parent-Teacher Conf. Reading Part. 1:00 Public Confirm. 3:30 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Plan. Council 7:00	6 Parent-Teacher Conf. Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Bethlehem's Craft & Vendor Fair 9:00am-2:00pm Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
9 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am	10	11 Quilters 9:00am Youth Ministry meeting 7:00pm	12 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public school Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm Stewardship meeting 6:30pm	13 Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	14	15 Altar Guild meeting 9:30am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
16 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am Elders meeting 11:45am	17 Assimilation Advent Wreath activity 5:00pm	18 December Visitor Deadline (noon)	19 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public school Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voters meeting 7:00pm	20 Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	21	22 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
23/30 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am	24	25 Quilters 9:00am	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:00pm	27 NO SCHOOL Offices are closed Thanksgiving Day Worship 10:00am	28 NO SCHOOL Offices are closed	29 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm

<>< *Tischreden* with Pastor Hanson >>>

Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson! Pull up a chair and let's talk about what it means to be watchful for Christ's return.

"Watchfulness in Ordinary Life"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we reach the close of another Church Year and prepare to enter Advent, our lectionary readings from Luke 20 and 21 draw our attention to Jesus' words about the end times, perseverance, and faithfulness. It's easy to hear those texts and imagine far-off cosmic events—the shaking of heavens, the fall of nations, the return of the Son of Man. But if we listen carefully, Jesus' call is not only for some future crisis. It's a call for **watchfulness in the ordinary days**—right here and right now.

"Watch yourselves," Jesus says, "lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap" (Luke 21:34).

That word "watch" doesn't mean simply to look around nervously or to read the headlines with fear. It means to **be spiritually awake**—to live alert to God's Word, attentive to His promises, and grounded in His truth. Watchfulness is not about anxiety, but about faithfulness. It is about keeping our eyes fixed on Christ in the midst of our daily routines—our work, our families, our joys, our trials.

And where do we keep our hearts and minds awake to Christ's promises? In His Word.

The Word of God is what keeps us watchful. It sharpens our hearts when the world dulls them. It corrects our steps when our priorities wander. It strengthens us when our endurance runs low. Without the Word, the lamp of faith flickers; with the Word, it shines brightly in even the darkest times.

That's why being in the Word together—as the **body of Christ**—is so vital. The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. In worship, in Bible study, in prayer groups, in fellowship, we help one another stay spiritually awake. We remind one another of the promises we might forget. We speak the Gospel to one another's hearts when the noise of the world grows too loud.

In these closing weeks of the Church Year, I invite you to renew your commitment to being in God's Word *with* His people. Join in Sunday morning Bible study. Come to midweek study or small group devotions. Bring your children and grandchildren to Sunday School. Open your Bible daily at home, but don't stop there—bring what you learn into conversation with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Church is not a collection of individuals, but a living body. And the body is nourished and kept alert by the living Word of God.

As November moves toward Advent, we again hear Christ's promise that He is coming soon. May that promise not fill us with fear, but with faith. And may that faith express itself in a watchful, Word-filled life—in the ordinary days of work and home, as well as in the sacred gathering of God's people.

Let's stay awake together in Christ. Let's watch, not with worry, but with Word-shaped hope.

In Christ Jesus,
<>< Pastor Hanson

November News

LEADING WITH MISSIONS

The Bethlehem Lutheran Women in Mission (LWIM) have chosen Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs as the December Mission of the Month. There are 7 comfort dogs living with host families in southern Wisconsin. Often they are called upon to deploy to disaster areas and this becomes an out-of-pocket expense for the sponsoring families.

Comfort dogs are one of the ways we can connect with people who may be open to hearing God's Word.

Comfort dogs can bring calm and offer comfort to people experiencing very difficult circumstances.

We can use things in our culture that make a connection to those who don't know Christ.

Please consider supporting the December mission project!

YOU ASKED FOR IT - A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION!

What began on October 26 and will continue through 12 sessions, Pastor Hanson's "Revealed in Christ" series is being conducted in the Century Room. Sunday participants will have 12 consecutive lessons from 9:15-10:15am. Saturday participants will study Revelation on November 8, 22 & 29, from 4:15-5:15pm.

November topics will include:

- ♦ "The Purpose of Revelation; Christ revealed as Alpha and Omega".
- ♦ "Christ among the lampstands".

PASTOR NILES TACKLES A TIMELY TOPIC

Under the title "*The Church and Fellowship Issues: Why can't we all get along?*", Pastor Niles will deal with such questions as "what is the church" and "why is it so difficult?"

Meet him in the library on Sundays from 9:15-10:15am or
in the Century Room on November 15 from 4:15-5:15pm.

ADVENT ACTIVITY

The Board of Assimilation welcomes our church and school families to join in creating a wall hanging Advent wreath. This will be a free, family-friendly & kid-friendly event, on Monday, November 17 at 5:00pm.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Century Room
or you can also RSVP to Emily Nickel at emclarenicks@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

Not sure? Read on.

A disciple is someone who does the 5 things we were put on earth to do:

- 1). Know and love God
- 2). Grow to spiritual maturity
- 3). Serve God through helping others
- 4). Share the Good News
- 5). Worship God with all your heart

How about it? Are you already a disciple? Or could you be one?

ST. MARK PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Mark Lutheran Church Men's Club will be holding their annual Pancake Supper, featuring potato pancakes, wheat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cake, coffee, and milk. It will be held on Sunday, November 9th, from 3:00-6:00pm, at 1019 N. 7th Street, Sheboygan, in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$6.00 for children 10 years old and younger, and \$11.00 for adults.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the St. Mark church office at 920-458-4343.

SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH'S FALL DRAMA: "THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW"

Under the direction of Miss Rachel Thuermer, the Sheboygan Lutheran drama department takes the stage on Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at 7 pm to perform this classic based on the story by

C.S. Lewis ("The Chronicles of Narnia" series) and dramatized by Aurand Harris.

Tickets are on sale at lutheranhigh.com/pac.



CHURCH DECORATION FUND

Please consider donating a monetary gift to the Altar Guild's Church Decoration Fund.
All donor names, along with the designation as to whether the gift is being given
in memory of, in honor of, or for blessings received, will be published.

Please designate which category, by circling in memory or in honor of.

Make checks payable to **Bethlehem Altar Guild** (drop off in church office).

**Deadline for submitting donations is
noon on Friday, December 12, 2025**

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Upcoming November & December Worship Opportunities

Wednesday, November 26, 6:00pm - Thanksgiving (Eve)

Thursday, November 27, 10:00am - Thanksgiving (Day)

Wednesday, December 3, 8:30am & 6:00pm - Advent (Soup Supper, 5:00pm)

Wednesday, December 10, 8:30am & 6:00pm - Advent (Soup Supper, 5:00pm)

Wednesday, December 17, 8:30am & 6:00pm - Advent and All-School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21, 4:00pm - Sunday School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00pm - Christmas Family Service

Wednesday, December 24, 6:00pm - Christmas Family Service

Wednesday, December 24, 10:00pm - Christmas Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25, 10:00am - Christmas Day Service



Newsletter Article

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates.

In 1971, Herb and Rachel lost their son in the Vietnam War. Though that was over 50 years ago, Herb and Rachel still remember the day they received the bad news. Today, their son would have been 73. They wonder why they are still living at 96, when their son's life was so short. They are thankful that in Jesus, both they and their son will live with Jesus in eternity.

A year before their son left for Vietnam, he had married, and his wife was expecting a child when he left. Through the years, Herb and Rachel felt responsible for this child, but now they know that at age 54, their grandson is a successful, happily married man with children of his own. The plans they included in their estate 54 years ago are no longer needed for his survival.

Herb and Rachel feel it is time to rebalance their estate plan, equally dividing the family inheritance between their two surviving children, and this grandson. As they contemplate this, they realize that both of their children, just like their grandson, are quite comfortable financially. But they have been hearing a lot lately at Church that families need scholarship support to send their children to the Lutheran School. There is an endowment fund set up for that purpose. They feel their estate plan should include a gift for this endowment. Yet at their age, the work of figuring this all out on their own seems intimidating. They called their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, who led them with some questions, to finally settle on a \$100,000 gift for ministry. They found out they could create this gift simply by changing a beneficiary designation on their IRA which they never touch. They are thankful more children will be taught about Jesus, just like their son was when he was in this school.

Do you sense that your plans are changing? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you organize that new plan. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to help facilitate these conversations and to assist you in making gifts for the family you love and the ministries you care about at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org



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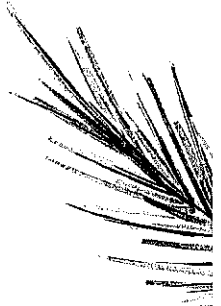
W I N T E R
VENDOR & CRAFT
Fair

Sat. November 8th, 2025

9am to 2pm

1121 Georgia Ave. Sheboygan WI

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Over 50 Vendors & Crafters
RAFFLES - BAKE SALE
CONCESSIONS



Get 1 FREE raffle ticket with
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Shop local. Support small business.
Find something for everyone.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

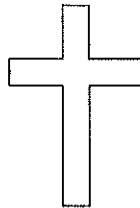
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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*.

DECEMBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the December Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. 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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