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Rev. Jeremy Hanson
Associate Pastor

Mr. Joshua Klug
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

Oct 2026

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

October 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	2 LHS Grandparents Day 9:00am	3 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
4 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible class 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am	5 Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm PTL meeting 6:00pm BCDS meeting 7:00pm	6 Social Ministry meeting 5:30pm LWIM meeting 6:30pm	7 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	8 Board of Properties meeting 6:00pm Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	9	10 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
11 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am New Member Welcome & coffee hour Bible class 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am	12 NO SCHOOL	13 Quilters 9:00am	14 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	15 School Picture Retake Day Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	16	17 CONFIRMATION RETREAT 8:00am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm LWIM Weekend
18 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am LWIM Weekend Bible class 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Elders meeting 11:45	19 Rick Zeuner Bible Class 6:00pm	20 November Visitor deadline (noon)	21 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	22 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	23	24 BIDS FOR BETHLEHEM 4:30pm Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm Reformation
25 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Reformation Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am Reformation Service @ LHS 2:00pm	26 Rick Zeuner Bible Class 6:00pm	27 Quilters 9:00am	28 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm	29 Adult Choir practice 7:00pm	30 NO SCHOOL BETHLEHEM BASH 5:30-7:00pm	31 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm All Saints

The Art of Being a Christian

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ~Colossians 3:14~

We often think of art as something that requires practice. A musician practices scales, an artist learns to use a brush, and a craftsman spends years learning his trade. In many ways, being a Christian is also an art we learn throughout our lives.

This does not mean that we earn God's favor by becoming better Christians. Our salvation is entirely God's gift. We are sinners who have been forgiven through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Christ, we are God's beloved children. But having received God's grace, we spend our lives learning what it looks like to live as His people.

In Colossians 3, Paul tells Christians to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love. These are not merely ideas to understand. They are qualities we practice.

Patience, for example, sounds wonderful until someone gives us an opportunity to practice it. It is easy to be patient when everything goes according to plan. It is harder when our plans are interrupted, someone frustrates us, or life doesn't unfold as we expected. Yet God uses those very moments to shape us. The same is true of forgiveness. We know that Christians are called to forgive, but forgiveness becomes real when someone actually hurts us.

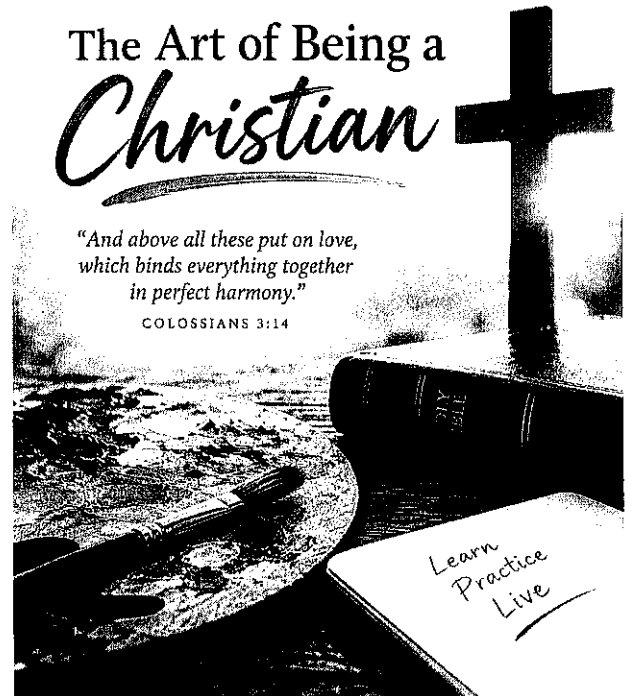
Because Christ has forgiven us, we learn to extend that forgiveness to others. We don't excuse sin, but neither do we cling to another person's sin as though we ourselves had never needed mercy. Then there is love. Christian love is more than a feeling. It is a way of living. It looks like listening when we would rather speak, serving when no one notices, encouraging someone who is struggling, refusing to participate in gossip, or simply being present when someone needs us. These things may seem ordinary. But they are the ordinary places where God teaches us the art of Christian living.

Sometimes, we will fail. We will lose our patience, speak harshly, become selfish, and fall short of loving our neighbor. When that happens, we cannot pretend otherwise. We return to Christ. At the cross, we find the One who has already forgiven us. In His Word, we hear again what He has done for us. In our Baptism, we remember that we belong to Him. In the Lord's Supper, Christ gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Then, strengthened by His grace, we continue learning.

The art of being a Christian is not about becoming impressive. It is about receiving God's grace and learning, day by day, to live in that grace. So perhaps today we can ask ourselves: *Where is God giving me an opportunity to practice being a Christian? Maybe it is patience. Maybe forgiveness. Maybe humility, kindness, or love.

Whatever the opportunity, we can face it with confidence—not because we have mastered the art, but because Christ has already been faithful to us. He is still shaping us. He is not finished with us yet.

In Christ,
Pastor Niles





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INVITES YOU TO THE

Bethlehem *Bash*

FRIDAY

OCT.
30

5:30-7PM



BOUNCE HOUSES
TRUNK OR TREAT
CONCESSIONS
GAMES
FALL CRAFTS

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR ENTRY!

OCTOBER NEWS

LEADING WITH MISSIONS - The Bethlehem Lutheran Women in Mission have chosen the Sheboygan County Warming Center Shower Bus, called Showers of Hope, as the October Mission of the Month.

The shower trailer is located in the back parking lot of St. Luke Methodist Church and is open three days a week. Guests receive hygiene items and clean clothes upon request. Since arriving in Sheboygan on June 3, 2026, Showers of Hope has expanded access to essential hygiene services while creating opportunities for connection, support, and resource navigation. Showers of Hope fills a critical gap by providing a consistent welcoming space where people can care for themselves with dignity.

Both monetary donations and needed items will be collected through October. There is a basket in the LWIM corner in the Century Room for donated items. Clothing needed for both men and women are: thick winter sweaters (size XL or larger), long sleeve shirts (size XL or larger), sweatpants in larger sizes, and socks.

Go to <http://www.scwarmingcenter.org> for information on how to volunteer for their many service opportunities provided to our neighbors. Please pray for and support this wonderful mission.

OUR BIBLE CLASSES MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK! - Whether you try one of the pastor-led classes or the Rick Zeuner Monday night series, you find a friendly, informal atmosphere. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions or make comments; however, no one is ever called upon to answer or to read aloud. You won't feel out of place because we're all Bible-learners. Check out other articles in this edition of the Visitor to find out what's being offered, then take your pick. Remember, God wants you to know what He has to say.

PASTOR HANSON LEADS "A LUTHERAN APPROACH TO APOLOGETICS" - If the word "apologetics" is new to you, you're not alone. Be assured it has nothing to do with apologizing. October topics include: "Can we know Christianity is true?", "Can we trust the Bible?", and "When we encounter other faiths". Meet Pastor Hanson on Sundays at 9:15am or on Saturdays (Oct. 10 & 24) at 4:15pm.

HERE'S WHAT PASTOR NILES WILL BE DOING - "*What Lutherans Believe*" will be held on October 4 at 9:15am. in the library. Beginning the weekend of October 17, Pastor Niles will begin a study of "*Living in a Confusing Age: Seeing the World through Scripture*". Topics will include: "Who gets to tell us what is true?" and "What's wrong with the world?". Join this study on Sundays at 9:15am or on Saturdays (Oct. 17 & 31) at 4:15pm.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME – The Board of Assimilation invites you to join them in welcoming our newest members on Sunday, October 11 during the 8:00am worship service. All are invited to stay for a special coffee hour and then for a time of Bible study with Pastor Hanson.

(NEWS CONTINUED.....)

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON MONDAY NIGHTS? – Rick Zeuner continues “*Tell Me a Story*”, which is a study of parables. His class will meet on October 5, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16 from 6:00-7:00pm in Bethlehem’s Century Room. Who doesn’t love a good story?

ONLINE WOMEN’S STUDY STARTS OCTOBER 5 – MaryJo Cyr will post daily devotions with Bible verses for meditation and discussion. All materials will be shown online; there is no need to purchase anything. To sign up for this inspiring 7-week series, email maryjocyr4@gmail.com.

LADIES: DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR MISSIONS? – If so, how about joining hands with other mission-minded women? Bethlehem’s Lutheran Women in Mission (LWIM) is gathering at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 6 in the Century Room. Why not stop in and see what we’re all about?

BIDS FOR BETHLEHEM – IMPORTANT INFO - The event is right around the corner and the committee is hard at work getting everything ready! Donating an auction item or experience? Please bring it to the church or school office by October 12 with a completed *Auction Donation Form*, available on the Century Room bulletin board.

To arrange pickup, please email BidsForBethlehem@ourbethlehem.com.

Planning to attend? Register today at ourbethlehem.com/bidsforbethlehem!

PLAN TO ATTEND THE CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR - Bethlehem's 2026 Craft Fair is coming up on November 7 from 9am - 2pm. Mark your calendars and come shop the crafters and vendors and plan to grab lunch and visit the bake sale and raffles. We are looking for volunteers to work at one of the admissions tables and help in concessions. Please contact Heidi Detlaff at heidi.detlaff@yahoo.com if you are willing to help in one of those areas.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. TENPAS – Dear Bethlehem Congregation Members,
I just want to say a special “Thank You” for all the well-wishes and for the monetary gift, in honor of my recent retirement. I loved my time at Bethlehem, teaching the kindergarten and preschool classes. It was so special to me! I am blessed with many friendships and great memories from throughout the years. I am grateful! Thanks again. Sincerely ~ Sonia TenPas

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER UPDATE – We’ve been working behind the scenes to improve how we communicate with our Bethlehem family. There are a lot of moving parts, and this transition will take some time! For now, the physical mailing of the monthly Visitor Newsletter will continue. However, if you previously signed up on our email mailing list, you will **also receive** the Visitor by email as we slowly transition to digital delivery. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process!

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE – Bethlehem Church & School is seeking a part-time custodian. This position would be from 10:00am-2:00pm, not to exceed 20 hours per week. Interested individuals should contact the church office.



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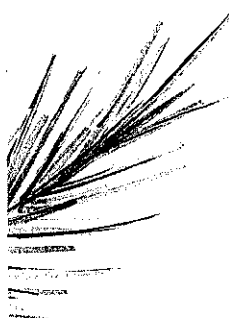
W I N T E R
VENDOR & CRAFT
Fair

Sat. November 7

9am to 2pm

Bethlehem Lutheran
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Over 50 Vendors & Crafters
RAFFLES - BAKE SALE
CONCESSIONS



FREE raffle ticket with each
\$2 entrance fee

Shop local. Support small business.
Find something for everyone.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

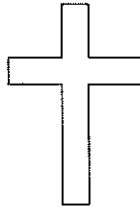
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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*.

NOVEMBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the November Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on **Tuesday, October 20, 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.



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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