

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School

### News & Notes for December 9 & 10

*FLOWERS – Steve Pautz family, in memory of Anna Pautz.*

**REQUESTED PRAYERS** – Brendan Cullen, Charlotte Jump, Sandra Eckert, Dottie Conard, Chuck Kiehl, Tiffany Prescher, Marion Pilgrim, Tammy Barthels, Gwen Kolbe, Vicky Almgren, Annie Kress, Michelle Markevitch, Alan Schmidlkofer, 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The last day for SCRIP-on-the-Go orders will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. These orders will be filled with inventory that we have on hand.
- There will be NO SCRIP sales on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE** – The final collection date for this year will be December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

**UPCOMING SALES AT NEAT REPEATS** – 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** – If interested, 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. The deadline is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS AT CHRISTMAS** – The discipleship cart, located in the Century Room, now includes gifts for Christmas. Take a look at the crafts, activity books, candy canes, and cross cloths. If you are visiting with individuals or groups this Christmas, feel free to take some of these items with you to share. Add something special to your gifts this year and share the Good News!

**2024 OPPORTUNITIES** – The 2024 coffee hour, bulletin sponsorship, and altar flower sponsorship boards are now up in their usual location. Take this opportunity to sign up!

**IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS?** – You might be surprised to learn that there’s a common thread connecting the scripture readings heard at each worship service. Wouldn’t it be meaningful to know what the theme is? To find out more, be in the Century Room on Saturdays from 4:15-5:15pm. Pastor Niles or Pastor Hanson will lead a “deep dive” into that very subject.

**WHY SHOULD WE “ASK, SEEK, KNOCK”?** – What does Jesus mean when He gives these directives? Join Pastor Niles in the Century Room on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15am as he sheds light on the meaning of Jesus’ words.

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

**NEW BIBLE STUDIES BEING PLANNED FOR JANUARY** – Watch for posters which will soon be up on walls throughout the building. Get a “sneak preview” of the interesting topics being offered in 2024!

**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](mailto: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** – Please join us **this** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm. This will be our Christmas party, with pizza, root beer floats, crafts, games and a devotion. 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 5<sup>th</sup> (beginning at 4:30), December 15<sup>th</sup> (beginning at 4:30), and December 18<sup>th</sup> (beginning at 5:00). We hope to see you in the bleachers!

# Upcoming Worship and Activities at Bethlehem

## 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)

## Monday, December 11

## Tuesday, December 12

9:00am -- Quilters

## Wednesday, December 13

8:30am – Advent worship (grades 3K, 4K, 5K & 7)  
1:00pm – Reading Partners  
3:30pm – Public school Confirmation class  
5:00pm – Soup supper  
6:00pm – Advent worship (grades 3K, 4K, 5K & 7)

## Thursday, December 14

7:00pm – Adult choir practice

## Friday, December 15

## Saturday, December 16

4:15pm – Bible class  
5:30pm – Worship w/Holy Communion

## Sunday, December 17

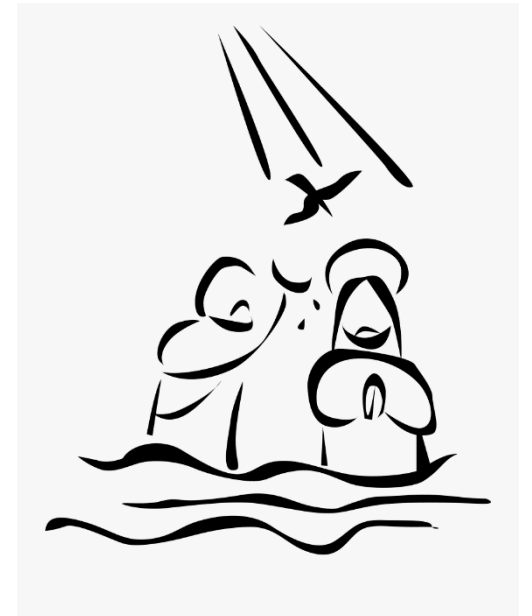
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**Rev. Patrick Niles, Administrative Pastor**  
**Rev. Jeremy Hanson, Associate Pastor**  
**Mr. Patrick Vanic, Principal**

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

The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9 & 10, 2023



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