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Rev. J. Patrick Niles
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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

Sept 2025

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

September 2025

Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>1</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>No school & offices are closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p> <p>LWML meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Reading Partners 1:00pm</p> <p>Public school Confirmation 3:30pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p> <p>Stewardship meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Youth Ministry meeting 7:00pm</p> <p>Adult Choir practice 7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LHS Family Fair 2:00-6:00pm</p> <p>Bible Study Task Force refreshments 4:00pm</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am</p> <p>Bible Study Task Force Coffee Hour</p> <p>Elders meeting 11:45am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm</p> <p>PTL meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Reading Partners 1:00pm</p> <p>Public school Confirmation 3:30pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Adult Choir practice 7:00pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Board of Christian Day School meeting 5:30pm</p> <p>Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm</p> <p>Gala meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Reading Partners 1:00pm</p> <p>Public school Confirmation 3:30pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm</p> <p>LHS Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire 7:00pm</p> <p>Adult Choir practice 7:00pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>LHS Homecoming Football Game @ Kohler field 7:00pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p> <p>LHS Homecoming Coronation & Dance 8:00pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class (New Member Class begins) & Sunday School 9:15am</p> <p>Youth Group kick-off bonfire 5:00pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>October Visitor Deadline (noon)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Reading Partners 1:00pm</p> <p>Public school Confirmation 3:30pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 6:00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pastor Blas Spanish Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Online Safety Event @ LHS 6:00pm</p> <p>Adult Choir practice 7:00pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bible class 4:15pm</p> <p>Worship w/HC 5:30pm</p> <p>Bethlehem Gala: An Evening of A Million Dreams 5:30pm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bible class & Sunday School 9:15am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rick Zeuner Bible class 6:00pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Quilters 9:00am</p>				

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Welcome to Table Talk with Pastor Hanson! Pull up a chair and let's talk about what it means for Christians to live each day in Jesus' flock.

"Returning Home Daily"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the season of Pentecost continues, September's Gospel lessons (Luke 14–16) bring us face to face with Jesus' urgent call: repent, return, and live in the kingdom of God. In these chapters, our Lord tells us what it means to be His disciples—counting the cost (Luke 14:25–33), rejoicing in the lost being found (Luke 15), and warning us about the seriousness of ignoring God's Word and misusing His gifts (Luke 16).

Running through each of these Gospel readings is a consistent theme: **life in God's kingdom is one of daily turning away from sin and daily returning home to Him.** That's really what repentance is—not a one-time event, but a lifelong rhythm of confession and faith.

Martin Luther captured this beautifully in the Small Catechism when he asked, "*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*" His answer:

"It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Daily repentance means daily return to the Shepherd's flock, daily homecoming to the Father's embrace, daily rising again to live in the forgiveness Christ has won for us. And what a gift it is to begin and end each day with the assurance of our Baptism: we belong to Christ.

Luther also suggested a very simple, physical way of remembering our Baptism: **making the sign of the holy cross upon ourselves.** In the morning and in the evening, we begin with the invocation, "*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*" And as we do, we make the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that we are the baptized children of God, marked by Christ's own cross, redeemed by His blood, and sealed by His Spirit.

Now, I know that for many of you this may feel "strange." Perhaps you were even told as children that "making the sign of the cross is a Catholic thing, and we Lutherans don't do that." But the truth is, **Luther himself encouraged this practice** as a simple, biblical way to remember the promises of God in Baptism. It's not "Catholic" or "Lutheran"—it's Christian. It's a way to put body and soul together in prayer, uniting our faith with our physical selves.

At first, yes, it might feel awkward. But like any habit of faith—prayer, Scripture reading, coming to worship—the more we practice, the more natural it becomes. And every time you make the sign of the cross, you are preaching to yourself: "*I am baptized into Christ. His death is my death, His life is my life, His victory is my victory.*"

So this September, as we hear Jesus' call to discipleship, His parables of the lost being found, and His warnings about living carelessly apart from Him, I encourage you to take up this daily habit of repentance and remembrance. Start and end your days with the cross. Let it be for you a daily "return home," a daily renewal of your baptismal identity, a daily joy that you are part of God's flock.

Let's live each day as those who have been found by Christ, washed in His mercy, and called to walk in His kingdom.

In Christ,
◇< Pastor Hanson



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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

Over 50 Vendors & Crafters



**RAFFLES - BAKE SALE
CONCESSIONS**

*Get 1 FREE raffle ticket with
\$2 entrance fee*

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

September News

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH PICNIC COMMITTEE

"THANK YOU" to everyone who donated money, supplies, prizes, and time to help make this year's Bethlehem Church Picnic a success. It was a beautiful day spent together in fellowship as a congregation. We had a great turnout and saw so many wonderful, smiling faces, enjoying time with friends and family. Without your support and without our amazing volunteers, this would not be possible. Thanks, again!

DON'T MISS THE INFO ON NEW WEEKEND BIBLE STUDIES

Check out the orange posters around the building, along with bulletin inserts.

Don't let these positive opportunities pass you by!

Pastor Niles will be conducting the *"Two Kingdoms"* topic, to be followed by a 5-week series on *"What Lutherans Believe"* (beginning Sept. 21, for new members and anyone who would like a review of Lutheranism).

Pastor Hanson will continue *"The Theology of Worship"*, a topic which delves into why we worship the way we do.

LADIES: HOW ABOUT GETTING TO KNOW LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)?

Our September gathering will be on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00pm in the Century Room.

Featured will be a light-hearted skit, reports on the projects that our gift mites support, a bit of business, and a lot of good old-fashioned fellowship. We're usually on our way home by 8:30pm.

Why not drop in and see what we're about?

THERE'S A NEW CELEBRATION COMING ON SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

The Bible Study Task Force invites you to celebrate the opportunity we have to *"Grow in Christ through Bible Study"*. Refreshments will be served at 4:00pm on Saturday, September 6 and then during morning coffee hour on Sunday, September 7.

AND....the Task Force has a special gift for you! At the end of worship on September 3, 6 & 7, the ushers will be distributing beautiful bookmarks, featuring eight different inspirational designs, created by our own Evelyn Grasse. You might have other bookmarks at home, but these are definitely "keepers".

Be sure to be on hand.

WHAT INSPIRES A CHRISTIAN ARTIST?

When asked about her artistic background and what inspires her, Evie Grasse wrote the following:

"Watercolor is my passion. I have been making art since the age of about 11. I have taken numerous workshops from artists whose work I admire and my work has been juried into many exhibits throughout the USA. When contemplating the scenes on the bookmarks, I wanted to portray Jesus on all of them, as Jesus is the living embodiment of God's message and plan. I pray that the 8 different verses on the bookmarks, which center around themes of Faith, Love, and Wisdom, will encourage believers to grow in their relationship with God, and will provide guidance and reminders in everyone's daily life."

RICK ZEUNER TO LEAD A MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS SERIES

Beginning Monday, September 8, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Century Room, Rick Zeuner will lead a 6-session series with the intriguing title *"The Facets of Christ"*. Just like facets in a gem reveal different sparkling pathways for light to travel, we will see, in both the Old & New Testament, how God reveals new understandings of His Son, His saving grace, and the work of His redemption.

You'll enjoy Rick's entertaining and informative style. Bring a friend to learn from this master teacher.

JOB OPENING

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 3027 Wilgus Ave., Sheboygan, has a job opening for Church Secretary. The position is currently Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Please stop by Our Redeemer for an application, email ourredeemersheboygan@gmail.com, or call the office at 920-452-0717.

More News....

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Sunday School is set to resume on September 7 from 9:15-10:15am for grades 3K-8. For those interested, please plan to meet in the church and we will then separate into groups. Our Sunday School team is looking for a helper for the 3K-1 group. If you are able to volunteer or if you have any general questions, please feel free to email Dusty at dusty1363@yahoo.com.

NEAT REPEATS SALES

9/2—9/6: kitchen items, 50% off
9/9: everything in the store, 30% off
9/10—9/13: games & puzzles, 50% off
9/16—9/20: candles & candleholders, 50% off
9/23—9/27: all clothing, \$1.00

2025 GALA: AN EVENING OF A MILLION DREAMS

The 2025 Star Gala is in need of donations. They are looking for bottles of wine and \$25 restaurant gift cards, to be used for the Wine & Dine sales. They are also requesting silent auction items such as gift baskets, sports items, gift cards, tickets or experiences – just to name a few ideas. All items should be in new condition and can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering to donate!

Do not forget to sign up to attend this fun evening on September 27, in support of Bethlehem.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Bethlehem's Youth Group (grades 6-12) will hold their annual kick-off on Sunday, September 21.

Join us at the beach, near North Point, from 5:00-7:00pm.

Hot dogs, chips, and smores will be provided. Bring a friend!

ATTENTION CRAFTERS & VENDORS

The Bethlehem Winter Vendor and Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 9:00am-2:00pm. Please mark your calendars to attend. If you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Gail Milatz at craft_fair@ourbethlehem.com. Spots are filling up fast, so don't delay!

UPCOMING LWML EVENT

On Sunday, October 5, the Bethlehem LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will celebrate LWML Sunday. Pastor Niles will present information on a church plant in Monticello, WI. This is an area in southeastern Wisconsin where there were no Missouri Synod Lutheran churches, so the LCMS "planted" Pastor Josh Benish to help grow Peace Valley Lutheran Church (which is currently in a storefront in Monroe, WI). The Bethlehem LWML will have a special collection on that LWML Sunday weekend, to help grow this vital mission.

WELCOME BACK!

The halls are bustling with our 151 students!

Please keep these students, their families, our amazing and hardworking teachers & staff, and all of the volunteers in your prayers. We look forward to a school year full of God's blessings!



Colossians 3:17

**And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father**

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THE STAR GALA INVITES YOU TO

an evening of

Saturday

September 27 2025

5:30 pm

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
Parish Activity Center
1121 Georgia Ave. Sheboygan, WI 53081

in Church Office or
ourbethlehem.ejoinme.org/thestargala2025



The Star Gala 2025 presents An Evening of a Million Dreams Donation Form

We are seeking brand new items for our annual event! Items will fit into many different categories, so we encourage creative donations! Please reply by Sept 1, 2025, so we can fully recognize you! If you have any questions about donating to Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School-The Star Gala 2025 presents An Evening of a Million Dreams on September 27, 2025, 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.



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2025 SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

Please join us for the 2025 Sheboygan County
Caregiver Conference to learn and stay updated with
caregiving techniques, tools & resources.



**MONDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2025**



**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**3323 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Reimagining the Family
Caregiver Experience*



**Jody Krainer, MSW, LCSW, MBA &
Dementia Diagnosis Network Manager
Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute**

CONFERENCE FEES

\$8* Before or on October 13, 2025

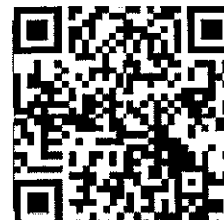
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For questions, please contact:

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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

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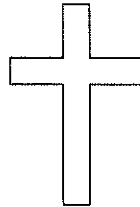
OCTOBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the October Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Monday, September 22, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT

GALA: An Evening of A Million Dreams:

Plan to attend this event on Saturday, September 27 in the Parish Activity Center. Sign up now!



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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