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*A newsletter for the families of*  
**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*March 18, 2020*

Per the emergency order issued by Governor Evers on Tuesday, March 17, all public and private schools in the State of WI shall close for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts this specific restriction. At this time there is no return date for classes to resume. Please watch your email and Facebook accounts for updates.

#### **Student Medical Supplies**

If you have medical supplies or medication at school that you will need during the school closure, please make sure that you pick these items up in the office on either Thursday or Friday during the designated pick up times. If you require them before Thursday, please contact the office to arrange a pick up time.

#### **Message Regarding Student Personal Property**

Because of the cleaning that will be taking place in the building over the shutdown please take all personal belongings (coats, boots, gym bags, tennis shoes, gym uniforms, etc.) from the hallway and lost and found with you. Items left in locker rooms will be placed with the lost and found items. We will have tables set up during the designated pick up times on Thursday and Friday for these items. It is important that you take the time to go through these items and take anything that belongs to your students. **All items not claimed at the end of the week will be disposed of at the school's discretion.**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ended on Monday due to the closing of the campus. Report cards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be ran Monday, March 30. You may view and print a copy (if you wish) by visiting your Sycamore site. You may either click on "My Family" on the left-hand side. From there click "Students" and then on the blue student code and "Documents". You may also hover over the student's picture in the upper right and click "Documents". Students will receive a hard copy of their report card upon returning to school.

#### **Tuition Update**

Some people have asked what will happen with tuition payments for April and May due to moving to "Virtual Learning/Homebased Learning" on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The answer to that question is, payments will continue as normal.

There are two reasons why this is the case: 1) The cost to educate a child at Bethlehem for a year is just over \$8,700. Your tuition payment only covers a portion of that expense. Instead of requesting payment all at one time we make it easier for families to pay it over 10 equal payments. 2) Our faculty is still working towards educating your child/children through this difficult situation. Just like many who are working from home they are still receiving their salaries at this time for the work that they are doing. We are not giving up on our educational responsibilities, we will try and educate your children the best that we can at this time.

If you have questions or concerns about making payments on April 1 and May 1 please contact Mr. Vanic to discuss your situation, as it is different from one family to the next.

## Worship Update

To keep up to date with what Bethlehem is doing, check our website: [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com). If you have questions or concerns, please email [patrick.niles@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:patrick.niles@ourbethlehem.com) or [alan.kubow@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:alan.kubow@ourbethlehem.com). You may also feel free to call the church office at 452-4331. The following procedures will be followed until further notice:

The CDC recommends and the Governor has mandated that any gathering, including the Divine Service, be limited to 10 people. Bethlehem will offer the Divine Service with Communion for 8 people at a time on the following days and times at the church:

Sundays - [8:00](#) am, [9:00](#) am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am

Mondays - [9:00](#) am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am

Tuesdays - [5:00](#) pm, [6:00](#) pm

Wednesday - [8:00](#) am, [9:00](#) am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, [5:00](#) pm, [6:00](#) pm

Thursday - [5:00](#) pm, [6:00](#) pm

You must sign up to attend one of our Divine Services by calling the church office (452-4331) or by signing up online. To sign up online go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4AA8A822A7F49-divine>.

We are going to endeavor to livestream our Sunday services. Our Sunday services will also be available on the website.

Pastor Niles is also going to be putting out daily devotions during this time via Facebook. There will be a longer sermon live-streamed Sundays also.

We are also exploring opportunities to use interfaces like Zoom to conduct online Bible classes.

Sunday school, Face-to-face Bible classes, Confirmation classes, choirs, and other Bethlehem sponsored events are suspended until further notice.

The Offering will be received at the door for those attending the Divine services through the week. We ask those who will not be in attendance to send your offering (1121 Georgia Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081), or we are currently analyzing the feasibility of online giving. More information will be available when that materializes.

Once again, we appreciate everyone's patience during these unprecedented times in our lives. For information about school closures and the steps our tremendous faculty is taking for the education of the children of the school, please contact the school office. Continue to keep everyone in your prayers during this time of continually changing circumstances.

If you are high risk (over 60 years of age or have an underlying health condition), please take advantage of our online options for growth in God's Word. The goal of all of this is to minimize the spread of the virus, and the detrimental effect it has on those with compromised health.

May God's peace and blessing rest upon you at this time.

## Lunch Menu

### Monday, April 6

Breaded Chicken Patty\*  
W/G Bun  
Tater Tots  
Corn  
Mixed Peaches & Pear Cups

### Tuesday, April 7

Sausage Pizza\*  
Applesauce  
Grapes  
Salad  
Vegetable Cups

### Wednesday, April 8

French Toast Sticks\*  
Sausage\*  
Bananas  
Sliced Apples  
Hash Brown Patty  
Carrots

### Thursday, April 9

Chicken Noodle Soup\*  
Grilled Cheese\*  
Salad Bar  
Mandarin Oranges  
Peaches

### Friday, April 3

Good Friday  
No School

Sandwich of the Week:  
Cold Turkey and Cheese  
Same sides as daily lunch  
(Items marked \* are not side items  
but considered the main course)

“This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider”

## Virtual Learning Update

All families were sent an email on Tuesday, March 17 regarding the Virtual Learning Day Program that we will be using to educate our students in the coming weeks. If you did not receive the email, we do not have a current email address on file for you. During this time, to ensure that you receive timely and up to date information it is extremely important that the contact information we have on file for you is current. Please contact the school office at [infoschool@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:infoschool@ourbethlehem.com) or 920-452-5071 to update any information.

We are asking that parents pick up student supplies, books and personal belongings during the following times:

Thursday, March 19 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20 from 8:00 am to noon

Please keep in mind that our building is technically on lock down for all purposes other than picking up items. Because of this **students will not be allowed in the building.**

## Free Student Meals During Shut Down

Free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch will be available for any child 18 years of age or younger to pick up while schools are closed. The following schools will be offering meals at Cooper, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Longfellow, James Madison, Pigeon River, Sheridan, North and South.

Children may stop at the above locations anytime between 7:30 – 11:00 am to pick up a breakfast and lunch meal at the main entrances of each school to take home. Students may not eat meals on site.

## Scrip Sales

All Scrip sales have been suspended until school resumes. This includes Scrip on the Go, on-line orders and in person sales. Thank you for your understanding.

## Hey! Adults Ages 20-35

#somethingawesomcoming—Bethlehem’s first totally online Bible class. April 20 – May 29 Private group on Facebook. You buy the book on Kindle, “The Reluctant Witness” by Don Everts. To sign up shoot us an email at [bethlehemsheboyganFB@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemsheboyganFB@gmail.com) by April 13. Questions? Contact facilitator maryocyr4@gmail.com.

## Happy Birthday!

The following members of our Bethlehem family will observe their birthday during the coming weeks:

**Isabella Crego**

**Mrs. Hemschemeyer**

**Elliott Leibham**

**Max Lemus**

**MaKenna Lindsay**

**Leilani Medina**

**Brixton Roeh**

**David Vanic**

**Isabella Warah**

The following members will observe the anniversary of their baptism during the coming weeks:

**Jet Kubow**

**Emma Niles**

**Adalyn Ursprung**

**Bradley VanEngen**