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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

June 2022

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
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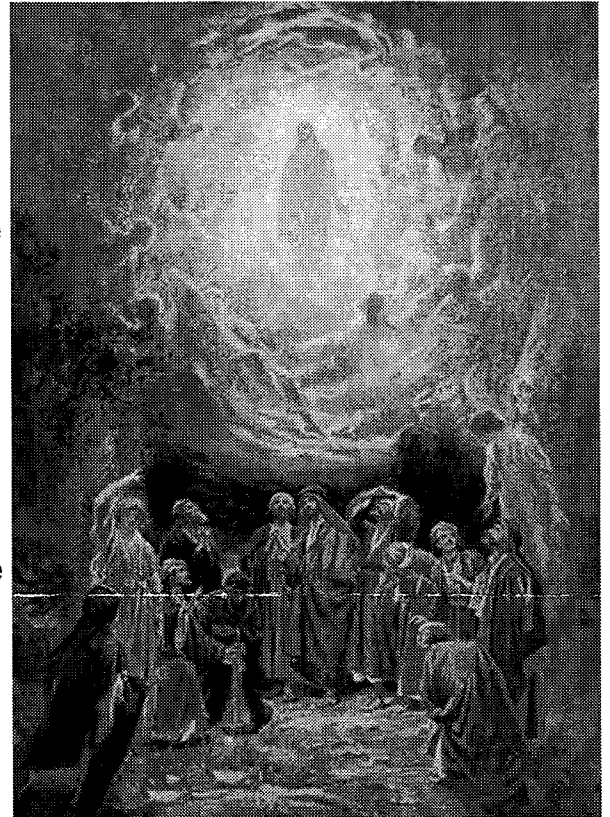
			1 Last day of school. Closing service. School picnic. (Roosevelt Park) Worship w/HC 6:00pm	2	3 SALSA 8th Grade Graduation Service at LHS 7:00pm	4 Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
5 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am * <u>Alaska send-off</u> 8:00am * <u>8th grade recognition & high school graduates</u> 10:30am Bible Class 9:15am	6	7	8 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	9 Youth Group departs for Alaska! God's Blessings! 	10	11 Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
12 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible Class 9:15am South WI District LCMS Convention (6/12-6/14)	13	14 Quilters 9:00am	15 Recipe deadline for Bethlehem Cookbook Worship w/HC 6:00pm Parish Planning Council meeting 7:00pm	16 July Visitor Deadline (noon)	17 LHS Annual Golf Outing	18 Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
19 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible Class 9:15am Youth Group returns from Alaska	20 Board of Christian Day School meeting 7:00pm	21	22 Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voters' meeting 7:00pm	23	24	25 Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
26 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible Class 9:15am	27 Co-Op VBS, held at Good Shepherd (6/27-6/30) 10:00am-noon	28 Quilters 9:00am	29 Worship w/HC 6:00pm	30		

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR NILES

True Power

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ~Acts 1:6-9~

In this first chapter of Acts, Luke documents the last conversation that the disciples have with Jesus. It is quite apparent that they were still misunderstanding the words and teachings of Jesus. They were still under the delusion that the power of God was going to manifest itself through earthly means. The disciples understood the power and authority of God to be equated to earthly rule and power. Yet, Jesus is quick to correct them and refocus their perspective on the definition of power and authority. He moves them away from thinking about worldly kingdoms and dominion towards thinking about the Kingdom of God and what its dominion includes. It is not about rule and power. It is about being the witnesses of Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel and the works of God. These works center around Jesus' sacrifice and service for the life of the world. In response to the disciples' question, Jesus reminds them what they are here to do. They are here to be witnesses. And what is more? He gives them the power to do so through the work of the Holy Spirit coming upon them.



As Christians, it is important for us to remember these words of Jesus. It is so easy for us to grumble and complain about the views of our society, the contexts of our lives, or the general direction that secularism has driven our society. We may long for God to come down and institute a divine reset of morality, Christian commitment, or any other set of buzz words we like to use. But that actually, proverbially, puts the cart in front of the horse. We so often wished that we lived in a world that reflected Christianity back to us. However, Christ has told us that we are to reflect Him to the world. Through our baptism, God's Word, and His Supper, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Christ to the world. As Christ used His power and authority to serve, we are called to use the power and authority that we receive to serve, to forgive, and to proclaim. This power does not just give us dominion here on this earth, but it gives us everlasting life and frees us to serve our God. Until the church realizes where it's true power lies, it will always be one step behind our culture. When we realize that our reality lives outside the culture, nothing can touch the hope, the love, and the mercy that we proclaim!

In Christ,
Pastor Niles

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MOON

Wandering Wonderings

We've all been there... We read a section of scripture, or we hear something in a sermon, or we notice a lyric in a hymn, or we read a devotional, or hear a quote on TV or the radio, etc. We hear or read something thought provoking and the mind begins to wander. I wonder if baby Jesus ever did his business all over Mary's lap. I wonder if Jesus was ever picked on by the neighborhood kids for being a goody two shoes. I wonder if Jesus ever passed gas around his disciples. I wonder if Joseph ever accidentally cut Jesus with a carpenter's tool.

These are just the silly ones. There are plenty of more serious things to wonder about. Salvation altering ones in different cases. I wonder what would have happened if Adam and Eve obeyed their entire lives. I wonder why God created a tree of knowledge of good and evil. I wonder if God considered alternatives to crucifixion. I wonder how the Trinity works. I wonder why some people still refuse to believe in Jesus. I wonder why God _____ fill in the blank with your own wonderings...

These thought exercises are often futile. These questions either have no answer (for the moment anyway), or they have no impact on how we live our lives. Even the most entertaining of these Wandering Wonderings, are not worth the effort.

For many non Christians these are the things that consume their minds. These are the worthless thoughts that distract them from believing the message we are spreading to them. They cannot help themselves after all we are a society that teeters between the scientifically driven scrutinizing tendency of modernity and the absolute free-for-all of post-modernity. (If these terms make no sense, do yourself a favor and enjoy the bliss.)

Please hear me rightly. Wondering about God and his nature and attributes, etc can be a beautiful thing... if they lead you to Him. If it leads you to a deeper relationship with Him, if it leads you into further study of the Word, if it leads you into service of your neighbor, then WELL DONE good and faithful servant. Your Wandering Wonderings have done their job. But do not let these peripheral things get in the way of the main thing.

Did Jesus ever twist his ankle while he was walking? Sprained ankles are the worst. Well, the Bible makes no mention of this. But Jesus certainly suffered in the passion and crucifixion. Thanks be to God that Jesus was willing to do that.

I wonder what it was like for Jesus to become a baby. Babies are cute. Thanks be to God that Jesus was willing to do that for our benefit.

Let us never neglect the things that are concrete and certain for the things that God has kept hidden. As His creatures let us be content with what He has revealed. It will be a good exercise in upholding the 1st commandment, I promise.

Peace of the Lord,
-Pastor Moon

June News

HOW'S YOUR SUMMER SHAPING UP?

Planning some trips? Family gatherings? R&R time? How about church? Planning to attend worship services regularly? We need to remember that God has always promised to meet us in there; and to offer us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Summertime, when schedules are more relaxed, can be the perfect time to attend a weekend Bible class. Each of our pastors leads interesting and thought-provoking classes in an informal setting. Why not give them a chance to show you how faith-building this type of adult education can be?

Let's add a third "R" to "R&R" — Religion!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR BETHLEHEM'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Spark Studios—VBS 2022, will take place August 1st-August 4th, from 8:30-11:45am at Bethlehem.

- ◆ Rotation stations for students going into 4K—5th grade
- ◆ S.W.A.G. (Saved with Amazing Grace) is for youth members going into 6th—8th grade. There will be specific Bible studies, snacks, games, and servant events planned for the S.W.A.G. group by pastors and other volunteer leaders.
- ◆ To register children, S.W.A.G. members, and volunteers, use this link:
<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=64332>

OPERATION BACKPACK

For the school year 2022-2023 is sponsored by the Hispanic Outreach.

The distribution date is August 13th from 1:00-3:00pm at Good Shepherd. If you're interested in being a part of this, please bring the new school supplies to Good Shepherd (1614 S. 23rd St.). You can also mail a check donation to *Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach (memo: Operation Backpack)*, 730 County Rd PPP, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

If you know of a family who may benefit from this event, please share the information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Blas at 630-229-2455.

BETHLEHEM COOKBOOK

The Bethlehem Cookbook Committee is collecting recipes. Recipes can be submitted online or written. More information can be found in the Century Room by the Recipe Submission basket or in this edition of the Visitor. Please submit your recipes by June 15th.

LHS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Everyone is welcome to participate in the LHS Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 17th at Quit Qui Oc Golf Course in Elkhart Lake. A 10:00am shotgun start, a box lunch and a 19th-hole awards reception are included. The cost is \$105 per individual or \$400 for a foursome. Find registration forms on the LHS website under *Ways to Give / Golf Outing*. Get out and golf for a great cause!

4TH OF JULY

Join your Bethlehem Family for the Freedom Fest Parade! Bethlehem Church & School will once again be participating in Sheboygan's 4th of July parade, held on Monday, July 4th this year. We would LOVE to have as many church and school members as possible representing Bethlehem so please consider joining us. All ages are highly encouraged. We typically line up in front of the JMKAC around 8:45 in the morning but that location is always TBD so watch for updates as we get closer to the event. All participants should wear patriotic or Bethlehem clothing. We will march together behind the Bethlehem banner.

We are also looking for candy donations to pass out to parade watchers. All donations can be placed in the labeled bin in the Century Room. Please, no chocolate. Thank you everyone for your participation.



More June News

JULY VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the July Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, June 16th, 2022. Please feel free to email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the Visitor.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY SEXTON

Lutheran Cemetery is seeking a personable, self-motivated, computer literate individual to serve as the sexton. The position includes 15-20 flexible hours per week. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Sales of graves, crypts and niches
 - ◆ Answering phone calls
- ◆ Recordkeeping (computer and paper)
 - ◆ Light grounds-keeping tasks

If interested, please call Lutheran Cemetery at 920-452-6507 or email office.sextonlc@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM BETHLEHEM'S PRINCIPAL

Even as the end of the school year is coming quickly, many exciting things are happening at Bethlehem Lutheran School.

Twenty 8th graders will be graduating this year.
The ceremony will take place on June 3rd at 7:00pm at Lutheran High School.

The following 8th grade students received scholarships and awards to LHS for next school year:

- ◆ Elaine Ebert Memorial Scholarship = Ayden Wildman
 - ◆ Kenneth & Gladys Kroenig = Kalen Scheidel
- ◆ The Elmer & Francis Stowig Scholarship = Kenya Verhulst & Allysen Morrelle
 - ◆ Sandra Prescher Memorial Scholarship = Brennan Hackbarth
 - ◆ Morkert Music & Ministry Award = Owen Adameak

With the help of federal funds (\$152,000) the school was able to purchase Chromebooks, iPads, document cameras, interactive flat panels, laptops, science tables, classroom tables, and English & Science curriculum for next school year.

The Geography Bee winners this year were Sam Detlaff (7th grade) and Jakoby Moctezuma (5th grade).

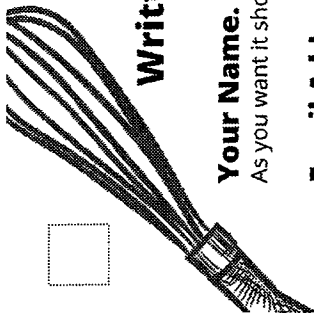
The school was reaccredited again by the National Lutheran School Accreditation commission.
Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a part of this process.

If you or someone you know is interested in sending a child to Bethlehem next year, please contact the school office. There is still room in many of the grades. We would love to share God's love with everyone.

We want to wish Mrs. Katie Schallock our best as she is leaving Bethlehem. She has served for 14 years as our 5 year old kindergarten teacher. We will certainly miss her.

Patrick Vanic





Bethlehem Cookbook

Written Recipe Submission

Your Name.

As you want it shown in the cookbook.

Email Address.

In case we have a question. This will not be put in the cookbook.



Recipe Category. Check only one (1) box.

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetables
- Main Dishes
- Breads and Rolls
- Desserts
- Miscellaneous

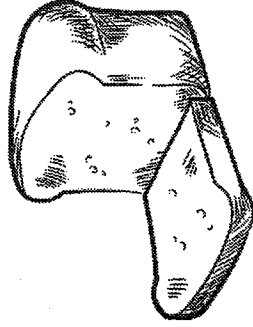
Recipe Name.

As you want it shown in the cookbook.

Ingredients. Abbreviate where appropriate (i.e. tbsp, tsp, c, lb, oz).

Instructions. Write in paragraph form (do not use numbers or bullet points).

Attach more pages as needed.



Bethlehem Cookbook

Bethlehem members are collecting recipes to assemble in a cookbook. Do you have a crave-worthy salad? Or a go-to cocktail creation? Share with us!

How to submit.

There are two ways to submit your recipe.

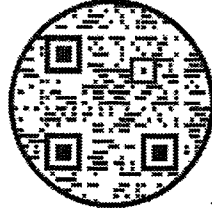
1. Submit your recipe online (preferred)!

You can submit online in two ways:

- a. Scan the QR code -or-
- b. Go to

<https://forms.gle/UC3XXrSTmTFvYvW28>

2. Write your recipe using this form and place it in the recipe box in the Century Room.



How many to submit.

Submit as many recipes as you'd like! We want them all! The online form can be completed multiple times and extra paper submission are in the Century Room.

When to submit.

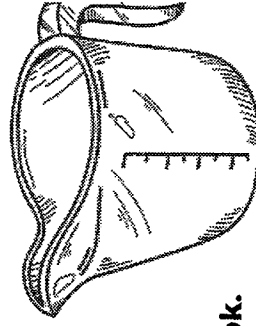
Submissions can be done NOW!

Please submit before June 15th, 2022.

I don't have a recipe but I'd like a book.

When can I buy one?

We aren't taking orders for books yet; but read your Bulletin and Visitor regularly so you don't miss when we start!



Questions? Email Martha Becker at martha.becker.96@gmail.com

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.

ROOM RESERVATION REMINDER

Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know if and when you need to reserve a room so we can be sure that there are no conflicts. Thank you!

BETHLEHEM'S DAILY DEVOTION

Take a moment each day to get online! Check out our Facebook page, daily at 2:30pm!

VISIT US ONLINE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School are 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. Scroll down to see a calendar of important items. Find helpful information by clicking on the various tabs under *Church* and *School*.

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 a 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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