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Associate Pastor

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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

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MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

November 2024

Sun

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Sat

					1	2 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
3 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible classes 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am	4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL LWML meeting 7:00pm	6 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm Stewardship meeting 7:00pm	7	8	9 Bethlehem's Craft & Vendor Fair 9:00am-2:00pm Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
10 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible classes & Sunday School 9:15am Elders meeting 11:45am Youth Group 4:00-5:30pm	11 Forensics practice 3:15pm	12 Quilters 9:00am	13 Read. Partners 1:00 Public school Confirm. class 3:30 Youth Gathering meeting 5:00pm Worship w/HC 6:00 Planning Council meeting 7:00pm	14	15	16 Altar Guild meeting 9:30am Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
17 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible classes 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study Task Force meeting 11:30	18 Forensics practice 3:15pm PTL meeting 6:00pm	19	20 Reading Partners 1:00pm Public school Confirmation class 3:30pm Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voters' meeting 7:00	21 December Visitor Deadline (noon)	22	23 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
24 Worship w/HC 8:00am & 10:30am Bible classes 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am	25 Board of Christian Day School meeting 6:00pm	26 Quilters 9:00am	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:00pm	28 NO SCHOOL (church & school offices are closed) Thanksgiving Day Worship 10:00am	29 NO SCHOOL (church & school offices are closed)	30 Bible class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm

From the desk of Pastor Niles

All Saints' Day: The "What" and "Why" of the Christian Life

All Saints' Day is a cherished tradition in the Christian church when we are invited to reflect on the saints who have gone before us and the hope we have in Christ's resurrection. All Saints' Day, observed annually on November 1st (or the first Sunday following it), celebrates both the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) who have entered into glory and those believers among us who continue to persevere in faith. The day reminds us that the Church includes all believers—those on earth (the Church Militant) and those in heaven (the Church Triumphant).

For Lutherans, the word "saint" does not only refer to heroes of faith canonized by the Church but to all who trust in Christ for salvation. As Paul writes, "To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 1:1). This includes every baptized believer, sinners redeemed by grace through faith. All Saints' Day is not about praising human accomplishments but rather celebrating God's faithfulness in the lives of His people. In our worship on All Saints' Day, many congregations include a time of remembrance, naming and giving thanks for members who have passed away in the last year. This provides comfort as we reflect on the hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. As we confess in the Apostles' Creed:



"I believe in... the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

This remembrance encourages us to grieve with hope, knowing that death has been defeated in Christ Jesus.

All Saints' Day also directs our hearts to the victory of Christ. Those who rest from their labors are not lost. They are with the Lord. As Revelation 7:9-10 tells us:

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

What a joyous picture of the heavenly rest that awaits all believers!

Finally, All Saints' Day encourages us to live faithfully in the present. While we are not perfect, God calls us to reflect His light in this world. Through Word and Sacrament, we are strengthened in our faith and given grace to live as His saints in the world. As the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and keeps us in the true faith, He makes us holy and set apart for that wonderful reunion in heaven with all of those who have gone before us. We look to that precious day when God calls us to rest from our labors, but we do not forget the work that we still have to do while we are still here in this world.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15)

In Christ,

Pastor Niles

A FAST START FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL:

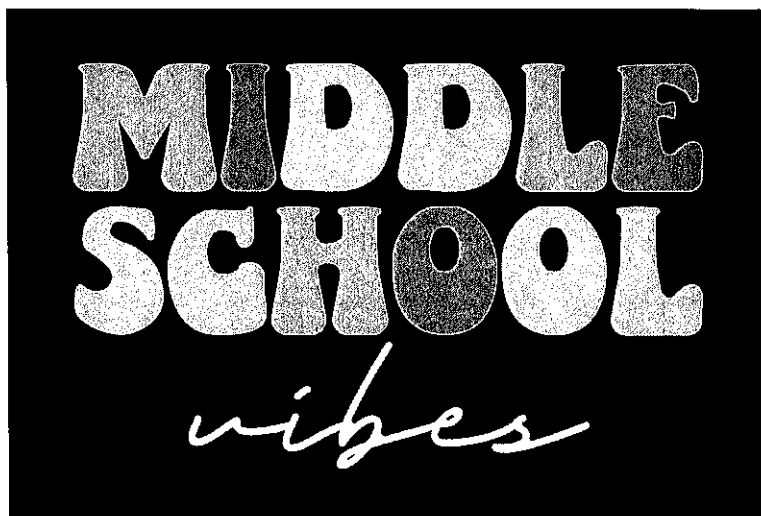


Students are off and running in our middle school! There have been many projects that have been completed for school: book reports, Google Slide presentations, speeches, cars powered by mouse traps, creative drawings, playing handball and football in PE classes, working on forensics pieces to present in a competition, taking unique elective classes to learn something a little bit different than usual, and most importantly learning about Jesus every day.

Students are off and running in our middle school! This is the first year in over a decade that we had two volleyball teams. We hope to continue with a 5th/6th grade team AND a 7th/8th grade team in the future. Thank you to our coaches who helped our girls improve throughout the season.

Students are off and running in our middle school! There were 14 students who participated in cross country. Many of these students also competed in the State cross country meet. One student, Elanore Faucher, even qualified for the National cross country meet on October 29. Congratulations Elanore! Thank you to our coach who helped the runners improve their times throughout the season.

Students are off and running in our middle school! 7th and 8th graders were able to experience a day at Lutheran High School. 8th graders spent a morning volunteering at St Paul's, Sheboygan Falls helping the Feed My Starving Children ministry. 6th graders spent a day at Camp Anokijig to learn about God's creation.



November News

LADIES: JOIN US FOR "ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT, REIMAGINED"

The Bethlehem LWML invites you and your lady friends to a relaxing evening of fellowship, consisting of light refreshments and an Advent-themed program.

This will take place on Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Century Room. Here's what to expect:

YOU WILL:

1. Partake of delicious snacks.
2. Enjoy an interesting program, featuring special instrumental music, and the assembling of a virtual Advent quilt on the TV screen.
3. Experience the lighting of an Advent wreath (with narration).
4. Sing some hymns and pray some prayers in a quiet, meditative setting.

YOU WILL NOT:

1. Pay anything, not even a free will offering.
2. Feel like you're at a church service.
3. Be subject to pressure of any kind.

Why not take a leap of faith and give this gathering a try?

Here are three simple ways to sign up for the Advent event:

- ◆ Scan the QR code located on the posters, the bulletin inserts, or on the Visitor ad.
 - ◆ Call the church office at 920-452-4331.
 - ◆ Visit www.ourbethlehem.com

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 23.

We would like to have an accurate count for seating and refreshments.

INTERESTING NEW BIBLE STUDY TOPICS ARE STARTING

Pastor Niles is leading a study of Proverbs, part II. The book of Proverbs tells us how to lead a good Christian life in two lines per proverb. Talk about rapid-fire learning! Join him in the Century Room every other Saturday from 4:15-5:15 p.m. or on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Pastor Hanson leads a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke. Written by Luke, a physician and companion of Paul, this Gospel presents Jesus as the Savior for all people, and allows us to explore the transformative power of His teachings. Join Pastor Hanson every other Saturday from 4:15-5:15 p.m. or on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the library.

"COATS FOR KIDS"

Bethlehem Lutheran School and the Bethlehem Board of Social Ministry is working with Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home and the Salvation Army Corp. to help collect items for the winter season. We have a collection bin in the front lobby of school for NEW coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and scarves for children, as well as NEW adult sized coats. The Salvation Army will distribute these coats to Sheboygan County residents who would otherwise go without. We will be collecting the items until November 4, 2024.

A THANK-YOU MESSAGE FROM THE STAR GALA

The Star Gala - Blue & White Ball was a wonderful success! Thank you to all of our 2024 Star Sponsors - Irish Roofing, Zimbal Mink, Advanced Comfort Systems, Bethlehem PTL, Shorewest Realtors, Thrivent Sheboygan County Team, Wisconsin Bank & Trust, Jennifer Littmann-Pleasant View Realty. Thank you to our amazing caterer, Josh Ursprung with Joshin' Around the Pit. Thank you to all attendees, volunteers, and committee members. Your generous donations, services, help, and support were greatly appreciated. This is a successful event because of each and every one of you. Mark your calendars for The 2025 Star Gala, which is scheduled for September 27, 2025!

BETHLEHEM'S CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!

Please mark November 9 on your calendar (9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.) and plan to attend! Shop the 50+ vendors and crafters for a wide variety of items. Enjoy food items, the bake sale, and the raffles.

More November News

JOIN THE QUILTERS

The upcoming quilting dates are November 12 and November 26, beginning at 9:00am in the Century Room.

VOTERS' MEETING

Please plan to attend the next Voters' meeting, which will be held in the church on Wednesday, November 20th @ 7:00pm.

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

We have an amazing opportunity to volunteer at Making Spirits Bright, the holiday lights show at Evergreen Park, on December 28. This is a great chance for us to come together as a church community and spread joy during the holiday season. Your participation will make a real difference in our community. Sign up today in the Century Room.

DECEMBER VISITOR DEADLINE

If you would like to submit information for the December Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, November 21, 2024. 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.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Sheralyn Deckert - October 7, 2024

James Behrens - October 5, 2024



CHURCH DECORATION FUND



Please consider donating a monetary gift to the Altar Guild's Church Decoration Fund. All donor names, along with the designation as to whether the gift is being given in memory, in honor, or for blessings received, will be published.

Please designate which category, by circling in memory or in honor of.

Make checks payable to **Bethlehem Altar Guild**. (drop off in the church office).

**Deadline for submitting donations is
noon on Friday, December 13, 2024**

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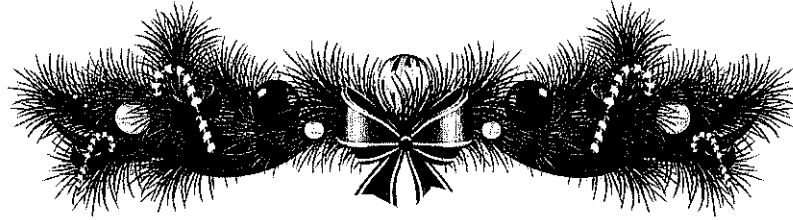
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Blessings Board

Organized by the Board of Social Ministry

The Blessings Board is set up in the Century Room and there will be no need to pick a tag or record your name.

Please help us provide Christmas blessings for our Bethlehem families and our neighborhood friends.

Choose from the supplied suggestions and return the gifts, unwrapped, at any time but no later than noon on December 8th, 2024. Items purchased can be put either in the Social Ministry basket or under the Christmas tree (both are located in the Century Room).

Listed on the back are **suggestions only**. Any and all gifts are appreciated and will be distributed to Bethlehem families, local nursing homes, and schools.

You decide how much to purchase and how much to spend.
THANK YOU for helping us make Christmas brighter for others!

Please save this sheet and take it with you when you shop.

**Together we can make a difference.
Thank you in advance for all of your support!
~ Bethlehem's Board of Social Ministry ~**

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ITEMS FOR NURSING HOMES

- Lap blankets
- Individually-wrapped soft candy (regular & sugar free)
- Wisconsin team apparel (t-shirts & sweatshirts, Badgers, Brewers, Bucks & Packers, popular sizes XL, XXL & XXXL)
- Easy to do and easy to see LARGE PRINT Adult coloring books and fat crayons
- LARGE PRINT word search books (no crossword puzzle books, please)



ITEMS FOR BETHLEHEM SCHOOL FAMILIES

- Girl tops (long-sleeve), bottoms, pajamas – size 3T, 4T, 10/12, and 14/16
- Boy tops (long-sleeve), bottoms, pajamas – size 5T
- Pull-ups (Pampers or Huggies) – size 3T-4T
- Girl & women socks – size 3T, 4T, 10/12, 4, 7/8
- Men socks (ankle, color black) – size large and XL
- Girl underwear – size 4T, 10/12 and 14/16
- Boy underwear – size 5T/6T
- Men underwear (cotton boxer briefs) – size M/L and XL
- Men tops (long-sleeve), sweatpants, pajamas – size large, XL and XL-tall
- Women tops (long-sleeve), pajamas – size large and XL
- Women bottoms – size medium, large and size 16 petite pants
- Girl NEW mittens, gloves, hats – size 3T and 4T
- Boy NEW mittens, gloves, hats – 5T
- Women NEW gloves, hats – size small, medium, and large
- Men NEW gloves, hats – size large and XL
- Men winter boots – size 9.5 and 11.5
- Adults - car air fresheners (black ice), car accessories, candles, wax melts, bath/kitchen towels, kitchen gadgets, laundry care, hygiene & household basic needs, blankets
- Age 3 – learning toys (boy/girl), dolls (girl), super hero items (boy)
- Age 5 – toys (boy)
- Age 6 – make-up set (girl)
- Age 9 – slippers, lotion, body wash, hair conditioner (girl)



GIFT CARDS TO HELP US HELP OTHERS

- We are looking for gas gift cards, grocery store gift cards, and Walmart gift cards. Any amount would be greatly appreciated (please write the amount on the back of the gift card, along with the month purchased).
- We will also gladly accept cash or checks and will therefore do the shopping for you. Checks should be made payable to *Bethlehem Social Ministry*.



PRESENTED BY BETHLEHEM LWML

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:00 - 7:30 PM
CENTURY ROOM

Ladies are invited to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship, Advent readings, and songs to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas time. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by November 23 by calling the church office at 452-4331, at ourbethlehem.com, or via the QR code:



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGES

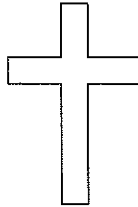
If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address, please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 920-452-4331 or email amy.weir@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

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!

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. 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 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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