



**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**  
1121 Georgia Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Non-Profit Org  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Sheboygan Falls, WI  
Permit No. 11

Address service requested

**CONNECT WITH US**



**Bethlehem Lutheran**

1121 Georgia Avenue  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

[www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)

Church: (920) 452-4331  
[infochurch@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:infochurch@ourbethlehem.com)

School: (920) 452-5071  
[infoschool@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:infoschool@ourbethlehem.com)



[www.facebook.com/ourbethlehem](http://www.facebook.com/ourbethlehem)

<https://twitter.com/ourbethlehem>

Rev. J. Patrick Niles  
*Administrative Pastor*

Rev. Alan D. Kubow  
*Associate Pastor*

Patrick Vanic  
*Principal*

**WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Worship:**

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday School:**

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

September-May

**Bible Study**

Saturdays 4:15pm - Library

Sundays 9:15 to 10:15am  
Biblical subjects - Century Room

Mondays-6:30pm - Century Room

Wednesdays-7am  
Prayer Breakfast - Century Room



**MEMBERSHIP**



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran  
High School  
Association



Sheboygan Area  
Lutheran Schools  
Association

Updated November Calendar at [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)

# The Bethlehem Visitor

November 2019

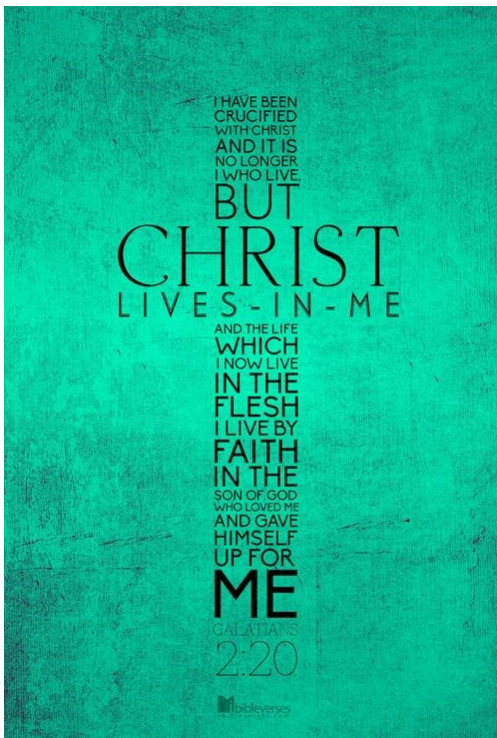
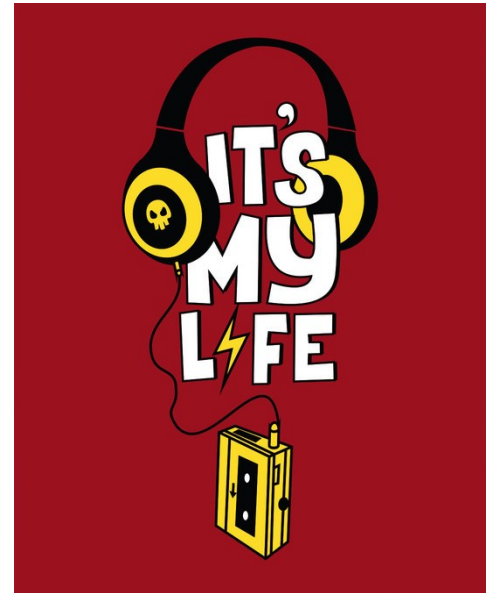
## It is My Life... Isn't it?

*For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.  
(Galatians 2:17-21)*

Bon Jovi sang the following in a popular song of the 2000's:

*It's my life  
It's now or never  
I ain't gonna live forever  
I just want to live while I'm alive  
My heart is like an open highway  
Like Frankie said  
I did it my way  
I just want to live while I'm alive  
It's my life!*

The substance of these lyrics have become an anthem of American society over the last decades. Throughout our lives, we are taught that our happiness is of utmost importance. We are taught that we are individuals with our own truths, our own thoughts, and our own lives. No one can tell us what is true for us. No one can infringe upon our opinions, our identities, or any aspect of our lives. Our pride and self-esteem are then, necessarily, attached to the ability to function as an individual amongst other individuals. My opinions are only accepted when they do not disagree or differ from the opinions and life of someone else. It becomes unimportant and, to a certain extent, immoral to try to convince others of my opinions because they are only true for my life.



However, the Scriptures remind us that the base assumption of this way of thinking is incoherent with the truth of God. Our lives are not our own. When a Christian receives the gift of faith in Christ via baptism or the Word, the Christian's life is killed, and a new life is given... a life that belongs to Christ. We have been crucified with our sins with Christ. And Christ, through faith, lives in us. We are called to live by faith in the Son of God who gave His life for us. Since we live in Christ forever, we no longer are bound to only worry about ourselves and we are free to be stewards of God's blessings to us. Our blessings of time, talents, treasures, and everything else are used for serving our neighbors. God takes care of us, and, then, uses us to care for our neighbors. Our lives are not our own. They were bought with a price that grants us freedom, and unites us with the entirety of the people of God. We are no longer individual people, but part of the body of Christ in the world. The life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Niles

# STEWARDSHIP

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

**Newsletter Article – November 2019**

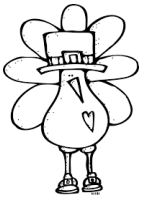
St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



# November News



## Important Visitor Deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday if you would like to submit information for the December *Visitor* please have your information to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, November 20, 2019. You can email your information to [jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com) or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the December *Visitor*.

Also due to the Christmas holiday the deadline for the *January 2020 Visitor* will be Thursday, December 12, 2019. Please make note of these earlier deadlines. Thank you in advance.

## Fall Food Drive

Social Ministry is always collecting non-perishable food items and personal care products to fill food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas and other times throughout the year. We always have a need for canned meat, such as tuna or chicken, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pudding, Jello, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, packaged meals, boxed stuffing, and boxed mashed potatoes, juices and coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner and lotion. Please place donated items in the large basket in the Century Room or the food barrel in the back of church. Also watch for the school collection before Thanksgiving. Thank you for helping others less fortunate.

## Bethlehem's Social Ministry 7th Annual Fall Craft, Artist and Vendor Show

Come join us, and bring family and friends, to Social Ministry's Craft/Artist/Vendor Show on Saturday November 9, 2019 from 9am to 3pm in the school gym. We have over 60 crafters, artists, and vendors participating again this year and many from our own church. You could also be a winner of a raffle item donated by the crafters, artists, and vendors. We will again be selling our famous turkey and gravy sandwiches on a Sheboygan hardroll. There will be other food options that will appeal to children and adults alike. But save room for a piece of delicious homemade torte! This is a great way to jump start your Christmas shopping or just indulging yourself with a special gift. We have a few opening left if you are interested or know somebody who might be interested in a booth, please see Cheryl Senkbeil or Brenda Kanz for an application, and the applications will also be available in the Century Room. Feel free to share with friends and family!

## Board of Assimilation Outing

Christmas Nostalgia - Get ready for some holiday fun! The Bethlehem Assimilation Committee invites you to a special outing on December 8th beginning right after the 10:30am service (around 11:30) with a lunch together at Al and Al's followed by the Sheboygan Theatre Company's holiday play version of the Christmas family movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$14 each for reserved seats and will be handed out at the theater before the play begins. (Alice Brown will be collecting the money for the tickets). Sign up for tickets and meal at the display table located in the Century Room. Don't miss this opportunity for Christmas sharing and enjoying a humorous and moving holiday tale.

## Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities

Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 27 - 6:00pm w/Holy Communion  
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28 - 10:00am

Happy  
Thanksgiving





# More November News



## Is There An “App” For That? You Are Invited to Find Out!

Women and Men are invited to spend an evening hearing interesting, unusual and innovative ways of spreading God’s word to peoples in our modern world! Our guest speaker, Cindy Zirbel Wruke ( a WI native) serves the Lord through the LCMS as the Director of Communications for all of the Eurasia Region! (Europe and Asia). She develops regional communication strategies and support for all LCMS personnel serving in the region. Cindy will share her unusual-non-traditional-innovative strategies (which she develops) of boldly bringing God’s word to a region that is highly atheist and where churches are mostly empty. We’re sure she will be sharing interesting stories of success, as well as cultural info of the area. We are very fortunate to have a LCMS missionary serving in such a unique position to be our guest speaker! Beverages and dessert will be served. Hope to see both Guys and Gals on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sheboygan in the Century Room.

## Bible Study Offerings for Fall 2019

Want to spend time studying God’s Word with other believers? We have many opportunities at different times. Don’t hesitate to try a class even for the last session. You will definitely get something out of it.

**Adult Bible Study** meets year-round between services Sunday mornings (9:20-10:15) in the Century Room. We study God’s Word on various topics. People ask interesting questions and Pastors tell interesting stories. Everyone is welcome. We will gladly bring out more chairs.

**What Lutherans Believe** This class for new members (and open to everyone) finished October 27<sup>th</sup> but will be back again next year. It meets between services Sunday mornings (9:20-10:15) in the Wolter Library and is a review of the Catechism plus a history of Bethlehem and the LCMS.

**Promises Kept** meets Monday nights 6:30-7:30pm. Last meeting for the fall is October 28th in the Century Room and studies how God kept his promises in the Old Testament. Led by Rick Zeuner from LHS.

**Ladies’ Group** meets every other Tuesday from 6-7pm in the Jr. Kindergarten Room. Reading the book: “In His Image” by Jen Wilkin. Contact MaryJo Cyr for details.

**Prayer Breakfast** meets Wednesday mornings from 7-7:45am in the Century Room. Led by Pastor Kubow.

**Saturday Evening Bible Study** meets from 4:15-5pm Saturdays in the Wolter Library before Saturday night service. “How 1<sup>st</sup> Peter deals with suffering and Persecution” studying Peter’s first letter to believers. Led by Barb Nitsch.

---

## Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages

### Baptisms:

Blate Allen Schmitz, son of John J. and Kayla M. (Knier) Schmitz, baptized October 13, 2019

Kaden Matthew Anderson, son of Jordan M. Anderson and Brittany M. Last, baptized October 13, 2019

### Deaths:

Beverly J. Schaefer, 84, passed away on September 22, 2019

Roman J. Kramer, 74, passed away on October 7, 2019

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## Pastoral Care

When you are hospitalized, please notify the church office (or have a family member or friend notify us). Due to privacy laws the hospitals no longer contact the church.

## Personal Information Changes

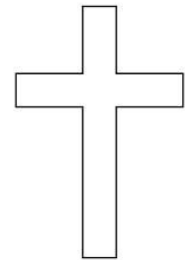
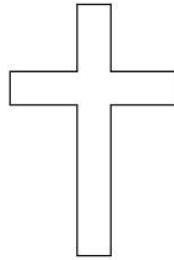
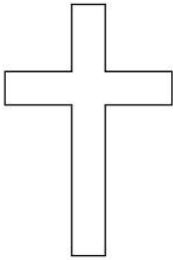
If you have changed your name, address, phone number etc. please notify the church office immediately with your information. You can call the church office at 452-4331 or email [jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com) with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## Room Reservation Reminder

Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know ASAP 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.com. Look for updates and information by typing Bethlehem Lutheran School. For more school information, please visit us at our website, [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com).



# 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 452-4331.

## Congregational Sponsors

Jim & Judy Heinecke  
Ardyth Gross  
Bethlehem MusicFest  
Bev Fischer

Dennis & Nancy Bearns  
Richard & Marge Hahn  
Leonard Johnson  
Joan Osthelder

Bob & Lori Gottowski  
Cliff & Gail Schlegel  
Roger & Sandy Fischer  
Leonard Johnson

## Commercial Sponsors

Advanced Comfort Systems

Irish Roofing

Keith Wyckoff Siding

Boneck Printing

## **GREETERS SCHEDULE**

November 2019

**November 2, 5:30 p.m.**  
MaryJo Cyr &  
Lewis Hartmann

**November 3, 8:00 a.m.**  
Mike & Shelly Scheele

**November 3, 10:30 a.m.**  
Jane Halverson &  
Jeremy Crego

**November 9, 5:30 p.m.**  
Peter & Jennifer Nikisch

**November 10, 8:00 a.m.**  
Alice Brown &  
Janelle Gooding

**November 10, 10:30 a.m.**  
Shaun & Cory Brachmann

**November 16, 5:30 p.m.**  
Arlene Zastrow &  
Aaron Cannon

**November 17, 8:00 a.m.**  
Irene Nelson &  
Neil Jonasen

**November 17, 10:30 a.m.**  
Laura Lienau &  
Crystal Payne

**November 23, 5:30 p.m.**  
Jessica Usadel

**November 24, 8:00 a.m.**  
Dan & MaLou Blackburn

**November 24, 10:30 a.m.**  
Mike & Dawn Roelse

***Thanksgiving Eve***  
**November 27, 6:00 p.m.**  
David & Beverly Fischer

***Thanksgiving Day***  
**November 28, 10:00 a.m.**  
Kathy Fricke &  
Larry Harmelink

**November 30, 5:30 p.m.**  
Joan Strohschoen &  
David Strohschoen

December 2019

**December 1, 8:00 a.m.**  
Jeff, Peggy & Mallory Jensen

**December 1, 10:30 a.m.**  
Nina Altenberger &  
Grace Hartman

I would like to thank all greeters, I appreciate every one of you! The list keeps getting smaller each month or so, it's getting difficult to find enough people for each month! Please consider greeting by contacting me at 920-458-3670 or email [grandmatito@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmatito@yahoo.com)

*Thank you*  
*Cristel Hodges*





# Acolyte Schedule for Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation Students

\*\*Please be in the Sacristy 15 minutes before the time of service to robe up and prepare to serve at the Lord's altar.

\*\*Please find a Pastor or an Usher if you need help robing and for instructions on lighting the candles for that service

\*\*If you are unable to serve on the date or time assigned, it is your responsibility to contact another 7th or 8th grader from the list that you received in the mail to replace you.

## **November 2/3**

5:30pm - Isaiah Cyr; 8:00am - Brookelyn Nachtwey; 10:30am - Ezrabella Kubow

## **November 9/10**

5:30pm - Sienna Boerger; 8:00am - Caden Roth; 10:30am - Hunter Adams

## **November 16/17**

5:30pm - Ben TenPas; 8:00am - Lindsey Fischer; 10:30am - Maxwell Lemus

## **November 23/24**

5:30pm - Cheyenne Stirdivant; 8:00am - Dalton Zeman; 10:30am - Quinn Littmann

## **November 30/December 1**

5:30pm - Andrew Krueger; 8:00am - David Vanic; 10:30am - Raymond Scholz

## **December 7/8**

5:30pm - Karson Wyckoff; 8:00am - Nathan Fischer; 10:30am - Chloe Walford

## **December 14/15**

5:30pm - Lindsey Fischer; 8:00am - Erika Bohlman; 10:30am - Bradley Van Engen

## **December 21/22**

5:30pm - Brandon Nikisch; 8:00am - Logan Grasse; 10:30am - Adrianna Saxon

## **December 24 Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm — 6:00pm — 11:00pm ——— Please Volunteer to serve at the Lord's Altar for one of these services

## **December 25 Christmas Day**

10am — Please Volunteer to serve at the Lord's Altar for this service

## **December 28/29**

5:30pm - Jack Karpinski; 8:00am - Kaitlyn Barts; 10:30am - Aleithea Adams

## **December 31 New Years Eve**

6:00pm — Please Volunteer to serve at the Lord's Altar for this service



*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. — Matthew 5:16 ESV*

# My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



H K S S J H S K E F I A T S L  
 C T T V T D J C O U N T R Y R  
 M E R L N H A P P I N E S S U  
 P L A E R X D S E I W T T L S  
 Q E I I E R F V C O P S E A C  
 H R J M O S O X L H E U A E H  
 F C R A D L F F O O A N C Y O  
 S P C P A R E N T S C S H L O  
 M B R H E K X I H J E H E F L  
 F U I A U R T N E C F I R R S  
 A H S B Y R A M S Y O N S E F  
 M F O I L E C I T P O E G E N  
 I U T U C E R H N C D D Q D L  
 L O I U S A L V A T I O N O F  
 Y X S R J E S U S V N S G M N

FOOD	FRIENDS	FAMILY	FLOWERS	HAPPINESS
SUNSHINE	PRAYER	HOUSE	SCHOOLS	BIBLE
COUNTRY	CLOTHES	RAIN	HEALTH	LOVE
CHURCH	PEACE	FREEDOM	TEACHERS	PETS
MUSIC	PARENTS	SALVATION	TREES	JESUS