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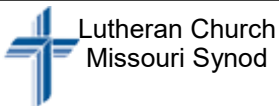
**WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Worship Times**  
  
Saturday - 5:30pm  
  
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am  
w/Sunday School at 9:15am

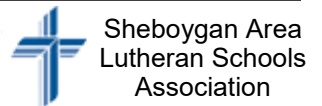
**Bible Study**  
  
Sunday Morning - 9:20 to 10:15am  
  
Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast  
7:00 to 7:45am  
  
Saturday Evening - 4:15 to 5:15pm



**MEMBERSHIP**



Sheboygan Lutheran  
High School  
Association



# March

# 2020

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship w/comm 8:00am Bible Class/SS 9:15am Worship 10:30am	2 SALSA Solo & Ensemble @ St. Mark	3 LWML 7:00pm	4 Prayer Breakfast 7:00am Lent Worship 8:30am Confirmation Class 3:00pm Soup Supper 5:00pm Lent Worship 6:00pm	5 Board of Elders 6:30pm	6	7 LWML Prayer Service 10am Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/com 5:30pm Trivia Night 5:30pm
8 Worship 8:00am Bible Class/SS 9:15am Worship w/comm 10:30am	9 Bd of Assimilation 6:00pm	10 Quilters 9:00am	11 Prayer Breakfast 7:00am Lent Worship 8:30am Confirmation Class 3:00pm Soup Supper 5:00pm Lent Worship w/HC 6:00pm	12	13	14 Pizza Making Day Bible Class 4:15pm Worship 5:30pm
15 Worship w/comm 8am Jubilate Choir 8:00am Bible Class/SS 9:15am Worship 10:30am SALSA Music Recital	16 PTL 6:00pm BCDS 7:00pm	17	18 Prayer Breakfast 7:00am Lent Worship 8:30am Confirmation Class 3:00pm Soup Supper 5:00pm Lent Worship 6:00pm	19 April Visitor Deadline	20 Early Release @ noon	21 Bible Class 4:15pm Worship 5:30pm
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29 Worship 8:00am Bible Class/SS 9:15am Worship 10:30am	30	31 Parish Ed Meeting 6:00pm				

Check for the most updated information on the Bethlehem website at [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)

# The Bethlehem Visitor - March 2020

## All Eyes on Jesus

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

~ Hebrews 12:1-2 ~

Endurance runners often talk about the end of long races as being the focus at the beginning of their race. Even though the finish line might be miles away and out of sight, they often visualize in their mind the crossing of the finish line. They imagine the feeling of the last step. They begin to feel the excitement of completing the arduous journey in front of them. For many runners, this is the source of their motivation... the end. It is what propels them through the aching, the cramping, and the feeling of lungs wanting to explode. Focusing on the goal pushes them through the immediate pains and problems.



It is not by accident or coincidence that the author of the Book of Hebrews uses this illustration when talking about the Christian life. There are trials, troubles, pains, and anxiety that weigh heavily on our immediate situations in life. The illness of a loved one can cause us to worry about life without them. The loss of a job can cause us anxiety about providing for those in our care. A breakdown in communication can cause breakdowns in relationships that can cause us loneliness and heartache. When we are continually focused on the immediate situations of our lives and do not see the big picture, it can cause us to lose perspective on what (and who) is actually active in our lives. As God's people, our goal is not our immediate context. Our goal is Jesus' gifts

for our lives, and his eventual calling us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven. We keep our eyes fixed on the goal. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Our Lenten series this year is going to focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus. We keep our eyes focused on His life, His passion, His death, His resurrection, and His eventual return for us. His grace and mercy propels us through this life no matter what might happen.

Please consider joining us for our midweek services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. May you have a blessed Lenten Journey!

Mexican and Trivia Night – Bethlehem Lutheran is hosting a night of food and fun on Saturday March 7th. Gather a team of 8 for a great dinner and fun evening of trivia. Cost is \$20 per person. Your ticket includes a Mexican Buffet, Salad, Dessert, 1 drink ticket and snacks during trivia. There will be a cash bar open during trivia. To register your team, please contact the church office at 452-4331 or send your reservation to the church at 1121 Georgia Ave (forms can be found on the website – [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)). Dinner begins at 6:00pm. Trivia begins at 7:00pm. Reservations need to be made by Monday March 2.



# Bethlehem Lutheran

## Trivia Night



### Saturday March 7, 2020

**Dinner @ 6:00pm & Trivia @ 7:00pm**

Cost \$20.00 per person/\$160.00 per table

8 people maximum per table

Menu – Mexican Buffet, Salad, Dessert, (1) Drink ticket

Snacks during trivia  
Cash bar – Beer, Wine and Soda



Theme: “That’s Entertainment”

Call in, send in, or register online  
Registration and money due to the church office by  
Monday March 2, 2020 at 1121 Georgia Ave. Sheboygan WI 53081  
(920) 452-4331 or visit [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)

Takes place in the Parish Activity Center

# **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

### **Newsletter Article – March 2020**

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

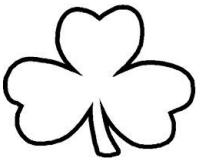
The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

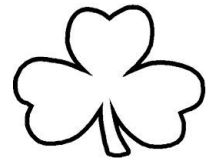
This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and [a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.



# March News



## Next Visitor Deadline

If you would like to submit information for the April *Visitor* please have your information to the church office no later than noon Thursday, March 19, 2020. You can email it 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 April *Visitor*.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the Jesus Loves Me family Sunday School breakfast as we celebrated Jesus first miracle. And a special thank you to the Sunday School teachers Dusty Stielow, Teresa Weisfeld and Carla Wiehr for putting the breakfast together, also family members that were volunteered. We enjoyed pancakes and sausage served by Lucas and Sienna. And after breakfast there were crafts for the children to make, prayer containers and valentine animals. The children had 80 balloons, purple, pink and white in the gym to play with. Everyone is a special miracle created by a loving God. Remember Matthew 19:14; Jesus said, "**Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.**"

## Bethlehem Mission Quilters Group is 5 Years Old

Our Bethlehem Mission Quilters group is celebrating its 5th anniversary this month, having started in March 2015. We thoroughly enjoy working together, making quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief, Salvation Army and a local Baby ministry. Over these 5 years, we have made 402 twin size quilts for missions and 11 for Bethlehem auctions, and we also have made 29 baby quilts. We thank Bethlehem congregation members for their donations of supplies - fabric, thread, yarn, blankets. And we thank Thrivent for their Action Team program, providing us with money to buy additional needed quilting supplies. If you are free on Tuesday, please consider joining us. We meet in the Century Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month starting at 9am. The ladies come and go at whatever time works for their schedules. It is not necessary to be there for the entire time. No previous knowledge of quilting is required. More than half of us were new to quilting when we joined the group, so give us a try. Please continue your generous donations so we can continue to turn them into quilts.



## Grief Ministry

Looking for individuals to be part of Grief Ministry. We send out support booklets to Bethlehem members who have lost loved ones. If interested contact Yo Graf at 920-254-7634 or email [jimyograf@charter.net](mailto:jimyograf@charter.net).

## Annual Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter breakfast will be served immediately following the Easter Sunrise service and will continue until 10:00am. As in previous years, the cost of the breakfast will be a free will donation. We are in need of volunteers to help Saturday, April 11 with the setup and prep from 9am until about noon, and Sunday, April 12 from 6:30am until 10am to cook, serve, and cleanup. Volunteers do not have to stay for the entire time, all help is welcomed. The menu will include scrambled eggs, cheesy hashbrowns, sausage links, fruit, baked goods, milk, juice, coffee, and the egg toppings. Please consider donating your time and talents to help keep this tradition going strong. Donations of baked goods are welcome and appreciated and can be brought to the kitchen on Friday after school or Saturday morning between 8:30am and 10:00am. If you can help please contact Megan Boerger at 920-889-0056 or email [m-boerger@hotmail.com](mailto:m-boerger@hotmail.com). All proceeds from the breakfast will go to help off setting the cost for the Sr Youth Group members attending the mission trip to Alaska. We encourage you to join us Easter morning for this fellowship gathering.

## We're Going Out To Lunch

The Board of Assimilation would like to invite ALL members, of ALL ages, to come Out to Lunch, following the 10:30am service (approx. 11:45am), on Sunday, March 29. We will be dining at Riverdale Country Club, 5008 S 12th St. Order off the menu, individual checks, pay your own way. No one will be selling you anything, just an excuse to get together to socialize with fellow Bethlehem members. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Century Room. Deadline is March 22. If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Gundlach at 920-451-7060 or 920-207-7976, or David Ames at 920-901-0474.

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## Baptisms, Deaths

### Deaths:

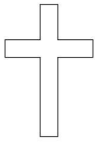
Richard Holler, age 85, passed away on December 30, 2019

### Baptisms:

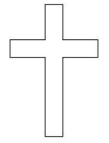
Reubyn Michael Marquez Werdel, son of Braeden M. Werdel & Tessa B. Marquez Werdel, baptized January 19.

Austin Herbert Haack, Jr., son of Austin H. and Hannah M. (Even) Haack, Sr., baptized January 26.

Dalton Jerome Crimmins, son of Dean J. Crimmins and Renee N. Tews, baptized February 1.



# More March News



## Chili/Soup Update

We wish to thank our congregation along with their family and friends for their generous support of this yearly event. About 375 servings of the chili and soup were made and we appreciated everyone for buying the tickets in advance, which in turn helps us out of what to prepare. We did have some extra for about two weeks and are now sold out.

Many THANKS goes out to the 26 volunteers who contribute their time on that weekend and for some of us, we start preparing a week or two before hand to make this event a success. We always appreciate the 20+ volunteers who make us our delicious baked goodies. Some of our own member and their business contribute generously which include: Boneck Printing, Charcoal Inn, Gibbsville Cheese and Thrivent.

In addition, there are several families each and every year who make generous donations, in which we truly appreciate the continued support.

Finally, THANKS to the many helpers (for most of us we have been doing this for over 20+ years) which included: Dave & Wendy Ames, Jane Cecil, Pam Crneckiy, Andy & Debbie Engelhardt, Cory & Kayla Fabian, Bev Fischer, Rob & Trish Fischer, Sandy Fischer, Kathy Fortuna, Brian & Jackie Hasenstein, Doug & Nancy Hasenstein, Barb Quam, Tootie Opgenorth, Joan Osthelder, Dave & Cheryl Senkbeil, Scott, Lisa & Dustin Stielow and Kim Weeden.

A special THANKS goes to Jodi and Amy, who helped me with taking messages, selling tickets and ordering supplies.

As a result of the efforts of the above congregations support, a net profit of \$2300.00 was realized, which will be given back to Bethlehem.

## What Lutherans Believe/New Member Class

Have you wondered what Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is all about? How our teachings hold up in light of what the Bible teaches? If so, we would like to invite you to the next session of “**What Lutherans Believe**” (formerly known as the New Member Class – but open to all members of the congregation) to be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am (between the services) beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>. The class will be held in the library.

*This class is held for two reasons:*

- ◆ *Inform you regarding our teachings, and*
- ◆ *Provide an opportunity for those who would like to join Bethlehem.*

You are invited to attend this class to be led by Pastor Niles. Join us and find out what you would like to know regarding Bethlehem. Ask as many questions as you wish – or just come and listen. If you are one interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem (or know someone who is interested), we would like to provide you with a packet of materials at our first session about our church, so we would ask that you contact the church office in order that we can be prepared for you. Have questions? Feel free to contact our church secretary Jodi at 452-4331 or email her at [jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com). Do join us beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## LWML News

Please join us on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00pm in the Century Room to help with our service project of addressing and decorating Easter cards for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Plans will be finalized for the Prayer Service which is open to all on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00am to be held here at Bethlehem and also the LWML Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 1st. Check out our bulletin board in the Century Room to see what we have been up to! Thanks to all who emptied their small mite boxes into our large mite box in the Century Room in February. The next collection period will be in May. Every penny, nickel and dime help to spread God's word!

## Bible Studies in March

Want to spend time studying God's Word with other believers? Sunday morning Bible study and the Wednesday morning prayer breakfast continue meeting through the winter, and a new study starts March 14<sup>th</sup> before Saturday night service.

**Adult Bible Study** meets year-round between services Sunday mornings (9:20-10:15) in the Century Room. Pastor-led classes resume March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Saturday Evening:** Are we free from the Law, or does it still apply to us after we've been saved? Come to the Wolter library on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 and join in (or just listen) our discussion of this and other topics as we learn what 2nd Peter has to say. The study lasts one hour and is facilitated by Barb Nitsch.

**Keep an eye out for more Bible studies coming soon!**

## **Join Us For One Of The Upcoming Lent/Holy Week Worship Services**

### **Lent I**

March 4, 8:30am and 6:00pm w/Holy Communion  
*Soup Supper hosted by Altar Guild*

### **Lent II**

March 11, 8:30am and 6:00pm  
*Soup Supper hosted by Board of Parish Fellowship*

### **Lent III**

March 18, 8:30am and 6:00pm w/Holy Communion  
*Soup Supper hosted by Board of Church Properties*

### **Lent IV**

March 25, 8:30am and 6:00pm  
*Soup Supper hosted by Board of Stewardship*

### **Lent V**

April 1, 8:30am and 6:00pm  
*Soup Supper hosted by LWML*

*Soup Supper is a Free Will donation*

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## **Holy Week Worship Opportunities**

Maundy Thursday - April 9 - 6:00pm w/Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 10 - 1:00pm and 7:00pm w/Holy Communion

Easter Vigil - April 11 - 5:30pm w/Holy Communion

Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion - April 12  
6:00am, 8:00am, 10:30am





LIVING IN *love*, BEARING FRUIT

2020 LWML Prayer Service, ***Living in Love, Bearing Fruit.***

Authored by The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, President of the LCMS Florida-Georgia District

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you* (John 15:16).

Prayer Service  
Saturday, March 7, 2020  
10:00AM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
1121 Georgia Ave  
Sheboygan WI

Men and Women invited; sponsored by Zone 8 of the LWML for all of the Sheboygan area. Refreshments to follow.

# 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**

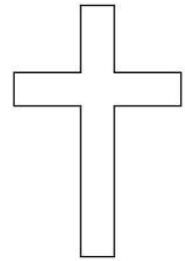
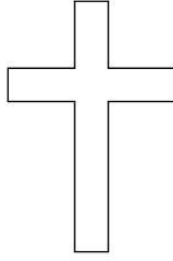
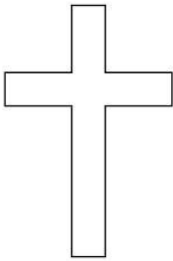
If you have changed your name, address, phone number etc. please notify the church office immediately with your information. You can call the church office at 452-4331 or email [jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com) with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## **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**

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## **Commercial Sponsors**

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# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## March

**March 1, 8:00am**  
Dan & MaLou Blackburn

**March 1, 10:30am**  
Nina Altenberger &  
Kathy Fricke

**March 7, 5:30pm**  
Jeanette Gast &  
Jessica Usadel

**March 8, 8:00am**  
John & Kathy Baird

**March 8, 10:30am**  
Jodi Damrau &  
Jeremy Crego

**March 14, 5:30pm**  
Bev Fischer &  
Linda Herber

**March 15, 8:00am**  
Jeff & Peggy Jensen

**March 15, 10:30am**  
Megan, Sienna & Maizy Boerger

**March 21, 5:30pm**  
Phyllis Barts &  
Lewis Hartmann

**March 22, 8:00am**  
Judy Friederichs &  
Darlene Nardi

**March 22, 10:30am**  
Deb Hansen &  
Grace Hartmann

**March 28, 5:30pm**  
Wilma Kasten &  
Roxy Mueller

**March 29, 8:00am**  
Yolanda Graf &  
Jane Halverson

**March 29, 10:30am**  
Laura Lienau &  
Crystal Payne

## April

**April 4, 5:30pm**  
MaryJo Cyr &  
David Strohschoen

**April 5, 8:00am**  
Janelle Gooding &  
Fred Jabs

**April 5, 10:30am**  
Shaun & Cory Brachmann

To all faithful greeters, thank you so much for being there to say welcoming words to your fellow members. New greeters are never turned away!!

Cristel Hodges, Greeter Chairlady  
Phone: 920-458-3670  
Email: [grandmatito@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmatito@yahoo.com)



## Acolyte Schedule for Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation Students

Please be in the Sacristy 10-15 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 instruction 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.

### **March 7/8**

5:30 p.m.—Jack Karpinski; 8:00 a.m.—Elliot Leibham; 10:30 a.m.—Bradley Van Engen

### **March 14/15**

5:30 p.m.—Lucas Ehaney; 8:00 a.m.—Andrew Krueger; 10:30 a.m.—Sophia Lieftring

### **March 21/22**

5:30 p.m.—Brandon Nikisch; 8:00 a.m.—Brookelyn Nachtwey 10:30 a.m.— Nathan Fischer

### **March 28/29**

5:30 p.m.—Isaiah Cyr; 8:00 a.m.—Cheyenne Stirdivant; 10:30 a.m.—Erika Bohlman

### **April 4/5**

5:30 p.m. - Karson Wyckoff; 8:00 a.m.—Lucas Ehaney; 10:30 a.m.— Quinn Littmann

*If you can please volunteer to be an acolyte for one of the following services:*

*April 9 - Maundy Thursday - 6:00pm*

*April 10 - Good Friday - 1:00pm or 7:00pm*

*April 11 - Easter Vigil - 5:30pm*

*April 12 - Easter Sunday - 6:00am, 8:00am or 10:30am*

### **April 18/19**

5:30 p.m. - Sienna Boerger; 8:00 a.m. - Ben TenPas; 10:30 a.m. - Lucy Brown

### **April 25/26**

5:30 p.m. - Chloe Walford; 8:00 a.m. - David Vanic; 10:30 a.m. - Raymond Scholz



*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*