



# TIGER TALES

"SENT TO SERVE"



## Merry Christmas

Typically our school would sponsor three small families through Lutheran Social Services of Fort Wayne for Christmas. This year, unfortunately due to the global pandemic, LSSI is unable to accept donations of food and gifts as they normally do.

We, as a staff, discussed this at length to try and figure out how to best serve our community, thus our Christmas Service Project was born. Our school is supporting Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Mobile, Alabama and the Northern Wells Food Pantry.

The coin challenge (in addition to Chapel offerings) will go to support our sister school down south as they continue to recover from hurricane damage. We are collecting canned and boxed food, as well as personal hygiene items that will benefit members of our Ossian community.

Please prayerfully consider supporting both of these endeavors as we move forward into the Christmas season.



### CALENDAR

Dec. 7 Ladies Aid Children's Christmas Luncheon  
Dec. 8 Board of Education Meeting  
Dec. 16 Children's Christmas Service  
Dec. 19-Jan. 3 Christmas Break

### DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	★	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2 Annabelle Fuhrmann  
Dec. 3 Rachel Werling  
Dec. 6 Maddox Kelley  
Dec. 7 James Springer  
Dec. 26 Mr. Schallhorn



## CHAPEL OFFERING SERVICE PROJECT

**Our chapel offering for the 2nd Quarter (Oct. 10-Dec. 18)**

**is going to be collected for Trinity Lutheran Church and School of Mobile, Alabama.**

Recently Hurricane Sally devastated parts of the southern states. Seven of the Synod's historic black churches were among those in the path of the hurricane. All have buildings between 50 and 100 years old and significant history in the LCMS and the Southern District.

The Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, director of LCMS Black Ministry, said, "Those were seven of the 35 churches that Rosa Young started in the Southern District. ... All of those churches have a real history in the LCMS, as part of the largest collection of historic black congregations in the Synod. One of those churches will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. One [Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Mobile, Ala.] ... is the last congregation in the South where we have a Rosa Young school still in existence."

Johnson said that most of these seven congregations had sustained some kind of damage to their buildings or properties.

Gray said that damage to a church building is about more than just the costs and the difficulties of rebuilding.

"When people see those kinds of things happening to their church building, it creates a sense of depression, because that may be the place where they've spent all of their lives worshipping. That's where they have a history of weddings and funerals and choirs and events.

Trinity Lutheran School has an enrollment of 70 students in K-6, and 113 in Early Childhood.

Covid-19 has changed this school year and it has also affected how we will be doing our Children's Christmas Service at Bethlehem. This year ALL the students will be participating in a closed service that will be video taped during the school day on Wednesday, December 16th. This is to keep our attendance to a minimum and will provide families with a keepsake of this interesting year. More information will be sent home at a later date. Thank you for your support and understanding.

This is the student portal Mr. Meyer maintains that gives the students quick access to a lot of our programs. Parents may also access this site to see what is going on in grades 3 - 8 grades. <https://sites.google.com/bethlsossian.org/bethlehemstudentportal/home>

## PRIVACY NOTICE

We all love to share pictures of our child's school activities and accomplishments. However, we have to be very careful where those pictures are posted and respect that other students might also be in the picture. Parents please remember to respect do not post pictures that may have students in them other than your own child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office before posting anything. Thank you

*PTL NEWS*

Plan to attend the next meeting January 25th. We will be hosting a special speaker that night. Mr. Mark Muehl from the Lutheran Partnership will be talking to us about, "Why you are needed more than ever." The need for Christian families and how Lutheran schools are an essential investment of home and community. Come and listen to Mr. Muehl on Monday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather.

**Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools.** Sign up for text alerts at [www.wane.com/text-alerts](http://www.wane.com/text-alerts).

**BETHLEHEM WILL BE CLOSED December 19-January 3, 2021 for Christmas Break**



On Monday, December 7th, the Bethlehem Ladies Aid will be providing the school children and staff with a special luncheon. The regular school lunch will NOT be served. Due to the Covid concerns of a carry in, this year the Ladies will be providing a boxed lunch from Subway. Student and Teachers only, no extra guests.

With Gradelink you can stay updated on your child's academic progress at school and get information on upcoming assignments such as assignment descriptions and due dates. The following information is available to you when you **log in to Gradelink:**

- Current Grade in each class
- Current GPA for the term, if applicable
- Descriptions, Grades, and Teacher Comments for graded assignments
- Descriptions and Due Dates for upcoming assignments
- Assignment handouts or documents (attachments)
- Email Alerts you can configure for grades and attendance
- Attendance Information
- Transcript Information, if applicable
- Billing Information, if applicable



To access this information go to **[www.gradelink.com](http://www.gradelink.com)** and click on the green Log In button.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANY HELP

## He Came For You!

***Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16***

He was born in poverty, yet a choir of angels filled the heavens with songs of His greatness. A star that astronomers still can't explain to this day became the compass that brought world leaders to worship at His crib. His birth defied the laws of biology, and His death defied the laws of mortality. No miracle is greater than His life and teaching. He owned no cornfields or fisheries, yet He spread a table for 5,000 and had bread and fish left over. He never walked on expensive carpeting, yet when He walked on water it supported Him; when He spoke, the wind and the seas obeyed Him. His crucifixion was the crime of all crimes, yet in God's eyes no less a price could have made your redemption possible. When He died, few mourned, yet God hung black crepe over the sun. Those who crucified Him never once trembled at what they'd done, yet the earth shook beneath them. Sin couldn't touch Him. Decay couldn't claim His body. The soil that was reddened with His blood couldn't claim His dust. For over three years He preached the gospel, yet He wrote no books, built no cathedrals, and seemingly had no great financial resources. Yet 2,000 years later, He's still the central character of human history, the perpetual theme of Christian preaching, the pivot around which the ages revolve - and the only Redeemer of the human race! For every other job, God sent a man. This is what we teach here at Bethlehem as we celebrate God becoming a man.

Let us celebrate this Advent season with true joy and thankfulness in all that God has done for all of us.

Merry Christmas,

Mark Schallhorn



Bethlehem Lutheran School invites you to a night of fun and mystery at the 2nd annual Black Tie and Blue Jeans "Murder Mystery" Silent Auction on Feb 13, 2021 at 6 pm.

Shop at Kroger and help Bethlehem Lutheran School tuition assistance fund with the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**.

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com), be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Bethlehem Lutheran School as your organization for the reward. **The NPO number for Bethlehem is WG595#.**

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered card when shopping for each purchase to count.

**PLAN TO USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS and at the same time reduce your child's tuition fees for next year! Scrip orders can be placed on Mondays. Order forms are available in this newsletter or from the school office. Please contact our Scrip coordinator, Melissa Price at 260-433-5307 if you would have any questions. Thank you**

### Keep On Clipping... .

Box Tops, Spirit of America labels, Tyson Labels and Community Market receipts (**the whole receipt**) are all worth money for our school. Please send in your labels and receipts to help purchase needed school items. See below for examples. Don't forget box tops have an expiration date and are not worth anything after they expire. So turn them in regularly to make sure they are not wasted. Classroom contests will take place quarterly. Be sure to indicate which classroom to credit when sending your labels.

For questions, contact Jenny Todd our label coordinator,

**KEEP ON CLIPPING and SCANNING!**



When possible dangers arise on school-issued accounts, Bark for Schools sends us alerts so we can address the situation in a timely manner. These alerts also give us insights that help us promote the wellness of the entire student body. Learn more about Bark for Schools — including their commitment to student privacy at <https://www.bark.us/schools> If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Meyer at [pmeyer@bethlsossian.org](mailto:pmeyer@bethlsossian.org). Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe online.

Best wishes,

Peter Meyer, Teacher, Google Suite for Education Administrator