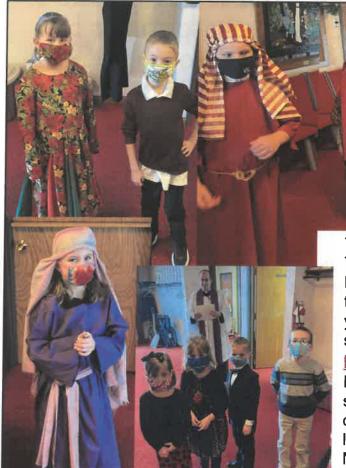


TIGER TALES







The Children's Christmas Eve Service was held on Thursday, December 17th during the school day. Due to the COVID social distancing guidelines, only the students and staff were in attendance. Thank you to our Audio Visual team for videotaping this service and streaming it on the following link

https://youtu.be/rEWyDB72srY

If you have not seen it already, please be sure to do so. The students did a wonderful job. Thank you to our Junior Choir under the direction of Kantor Brinkley and to our Tableau characters: Mary (Bailey Meyer) Joseph (Jude Wirgau) Elizabeth (Emma Kelley) Angel (Emma Schueler) Shepherds (Alex Fuhrmann, Hunter Householder, Matthew Rekeweg)

CALENDAR

Jan. 4 Back to School 2nd Semester Begins

Jan. 6 Epiphany

Jan. 7 Spelling Bee

Jan. 12 Board of Education

Jan. 18 No School

Jan. 25 PTL Meeting

Jan. 25-29 Lutheran Schools

Week

JANUARY 2021

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BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 15 MaKayla Berkey Jan. 15 Jacob Bultemeier Jan. 31 Matthew Rekeweg



CHAPEL OFFERING SERVICE PROJECT

Our Chapel offering for the 3rd quarter (Jan 4-Mar. 5) is being collected for Ascension Lutheran School in Gary, IN. Ascension is struggling to provide educational resources for the current 51 students enrolled. The state's voucher program provides much of the tuition funds but does not cover the entire cost of education one child. Donations will be used to purchase Chromebook computers, classroom supplies, Literature and Poetry bundles, Resource kits. Please prayerfully consider your weekly offering to help support this school.



Our chapel offering for the 2nd Quarter (Oct. 10-Dec. 18)
was collected for Trinity Lutheran
Church and School of Mobile, Alabama
which was devastated by Hurricane
Sally. Along with what was collected thru
our weekly chapel offerings we added
\$107.40 thru a classroom coin challenge.
We also collected items for the Northern
Wells Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone for your gracious donations.

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.



Bethlehem will be <u>closed</u> on Monday, January 18th along with the public schools due to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Good News!- The USDA has approved us to continue with the grant for the rest of the school year that will enable us to continue serving all students a breakfast and a lunch each school day at no cost to the students.

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 and click on the green Log In button.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANY HELP

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Roll With the Punches!

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

There's a spiritual disease you need to be inoculated against—hardening of the attitudes. It's a disease that makes you think your opinion is the only right one. And as long as life cooperates with you, you're fine, but when it doesn't, you charge ahead from one brick wall into another, bruised and bloodied, until you quit in frustration. Then you start blaming others, life, the devil, or God. Your faith may be well-intentioned, but faith without flexibility is just failure looming! Experienced kayakers know how to perform the 'Eskimo roll'. It's a technique that enables you to roll 360 degrees under the water and up again without drowning. It's the strategy Paul used to overcome the challenges he faced in life. '...I have learned the secret of living in every situation...' (v. 12). He didn't acquire it naturally, or learn it at a 'flexibility seminar' or get it from a guru. He learned it in the rough-and-tumble school of patience, persistence, humility, self-denial, dedication and confidence in God. As a result he rolled with the punches of persecution, hunger, poverty, prison, and execution, never abdicating, while demonstrating how to 'rejoice in the Lord always...' (Philippians 4:4). When faith collides with reality, it flexes and holds on until victory emerges. It's like a tree that bends in the storm, then bounces back.

As Bethlehem Lutheran School has just celebrated the birth of our Lord, and are celebrating a new year. We can all be thankful on what God has done for us and we can reflect and look to the future on what Paul said to the Philippians, 'I have learned...I am ready for anything through...the One who lives within me!' (Philippians 4:12-14).

So let us learn to roll with the punches!

Happy New Year with Christ,

Mark Schallhorn



December / January Birthday Pizza lunch with the Principal

Thursday, January 14
Students celebrating birthdays:

Annabelle Fuhrmann, Maddox Kelley, MaKayla Berkey, Matthew Rekeweg, Jacob Bultemeier, Rachel Werling, James Springer





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, 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

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. Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe online.

Best wishes.

sending your labels.

Peter Meyer, Teacher, Google Suite for Education Administrator

National Lutheran Schools Week January 24-29, 2021

"Sent to Serve" is the theme for the 2021 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Matthew 20:28 which says:

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"

National Lutheran Schools Week provides the network of over 1,900 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's

work in Lutheran schools.

In this, Lutheran schools thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children they serve and for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with students and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives schools the ability to proclaim these great blessings within the communities they serve. Lutheran schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love through Christ by teachers and students alike.

Each day we will have a special activity and dress day.

Sunday, January 24 Grades K-8 will sing in church
Monday, January 25 Dress-up as a Superhero
Tuesday, January 26 Dress-up as a 100 year old person
Wednesday, January 27 Color Day
K-Yellow, 1&2-Orange, 3&4-Red, 5&6-Green, 7&8-Blue
Thursday, January 28 Dress like your favorite book character
Friday, January 29 Bethlehem Shirt

Bethlehem Lutheran School

Annual SPELLING BEE

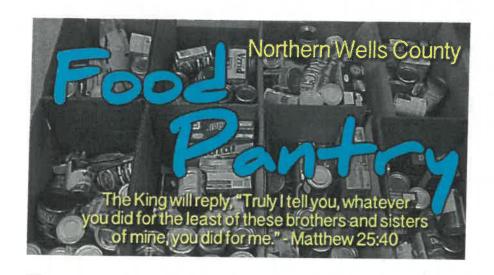
Will be held on Thursday, January 7th

Guests will need to please wear a mask and social distance

Grades 1st – 4th grade will start at 1:10

Grades 5th – 8th grade will follow

The overall school winner of the upper grades will advance to the Wells County Spelling Bee with date to be announced.



December 23, 2020

Bethlehem Lutheran School 7545 N 650 E Ossian, IN 46777

Dear Students and Staff of Bethlehem Lutheran School,

We are thrilled with all the food you collected for those in need in our area. You are certainly caring for "the least of these." We have several families using our pantry each month. Because of your donations, these families will blessed in the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being the arms of God to these folks.

No goods or services have been provided in exchange for your donation. We appreciate your support of our ministry.

Thank you for your contribution.

Betty Maloney, Secretary on behalf of

Northern Wells Food Pantry, Inc.

Name

Total Check #

If applicable - Tuition Credit For:

Date

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bethichem Lutheran School

Orders Due: All orders must be prepaid and turned in on Mondays Student Name

Phone # Parent

Check#

Send Scrip home with oldest child, or Pick Up_

*Rebates are split 50/50 between participating families & the Scrip program "Check with Scrip Coordinator **Zurcher's Tire - Monroe *Checks are made out to Bethlehem Scrip Menard's **Goodrich Theatres AMC Theatres** Speedway Viarathon S.DMO.S **Home Depot** Meijer Gordon Foods Community Markets Merchant Walmart Sam's Club Automotive (Gas, Parts, Services) Home improvement Entertainment **Grocery Stores** Ж 2.00% 1.50% 2.50% 2.50% 3 48 58 4% 3% 4 5 8 4% 3 % % 22 S \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$50/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$15 \$25 3 Total Old Navy Kohl's Walgreen's T.J. Maxx/Marshal arget Stein Mart Michael's Dick's Sporting Go Bed, Bath & Beyon Maurice's C Penney express S Claire's Cabela's Bath & Body Work Barnes & Nobje American Eagle Merchant Viacy's Land's End Build A Bear Work Bast Buy Amazon **Retail Stores** Ж 2.50% \$25/\$100 2.25% 10% \$25/\$100 9% \$10 10% 14% 10% 14% \$25/\$100 12% 15% \$25/\$100 7% \$25 4% \$25/\$100 8% \$25 10% 13 7% 5% \$25/\$100 8 1% 4% 4% \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 m \$25/\$100 \$25/\$100 \$10/\$25 \$20 \$25 \$25 \$25 \$25 \$10 PT Total Back Forty Bandido's Subway Hall's Restaurants East of Chicago Casa Restaurants Outback Steakhou O'Charley's Cracker Barrel Chill's Nine Mile Wendy's Steak-N-Shake Starbucks Red Lobster Pizza Hut Penn Station Panera Bread Olive Garden McDonaid's Logan's Steakhous Dairy Queen Chipotle **Buffalo Wild Wing** Arby's Texas Roadhouse Taco Bell **Burger King** Merchant **Bob Evans** Applebee's Ж Local Restaurants **National Restaurant Chains** 6.50% 10% 10% 10% 13% 10% 10% 10% 8% 10% 11% 9% 5% 8% 3% 8 7% 8 38 88 3 3 88 4% 8 8 3 \$10 \$20 \$20 \$15 \$10 ALD Total

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NEWS NOTES TO PARENTS

A PURDUE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

CDC Health Tips For a Safe & Healthy New Year

The holidays are a great time to celebrate life, to be grateful, and to reflect on what's important.

They are also a time to appreciate — and safeguard — the gift of health. Here are some holiday tips to support your efforts for health and safety during the season.



when you prepare and serve holiday meals such as:

- Wash your hands and work surfaces before, during, and after preparing food, and before eating.
- Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separated during preparation.

Eat Healthy and Be

Active. It can be challenging to eat healthy and stay active during the holidays. Allow yourself to have your favorite foods but stick to smaller servings and balance them with healthier options. Choose fresh fruit as a festive and sweet substitute for candy.

Staying active can help you keep a healthy weight during the holiday season. Go for a stroll after a family meal, take a walk at the mall, or dance to your favorite holiday music. Aim to get at least 20 minutes a day or 30 minutes five days a week.

Get Your Flu Vaccination. Flu vaccination can reduce your risk of getting sick with flu and can prevent serious flu complications. Flu vaccine has other benefits, too, including being life saving for children, protecting pregnant women and their babies, and reducing the risk of heart attack in people with heart disease.

Food Safety. Each year, an estimated 1 in 6 Americans get sick from eating contaminated food. Take simple steps to protect your family's health

- Cook food at the right internal temperature to kill harmful germs. Use a food thermometer to check.
- Refrigerate perishable foods, including leftovers, within two hours of buying or cooking.

Handwashing. Handwashing is one of the MOST effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and to keep kids and adults healthy, especially during the winter months. Evidence shows handwashing can help prevent 1 in 5 respiratory illnesses like the cold or flu. If soap and water are not available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cope with Stress. Everyone—adults, teens, and even children—experiences stress from time to time. Feeling emotional and nervous or having trouble sleeping and eating can all be normal reactions to stress. Learning healthy ways to cope with stress and getting the right care and support can help reduce stressful feelings and symptoms.

To read the full article, go to: https://bit.ly/2K1Kd4I

5 Parenting Goals to Start the New Year

Instead of making the same-old lofty New Year's Eve resolutions to hit the gym and eat healthier, here are five concrete and tangible parenting goals to set for the year ahead.

Keep kids riding rear-facing as long as possible, up to the limits of their car seat. If you are past the car-seat stage of parenting, congrats! If you're still in the thick of it, check for any new car seat laws that may be going into effect in your state in the new year.

Take a CPR class and learn to use an AED. Cardiac arrest kills more than 7,000 children and more than 345,000 adults every year. Some of these deaths could be prevented by

bystanders with training in basic lifesaving skills or access to an AED machine.

Get everyone vaccinated for flu. The flu shot is the best way to protect yourself, your children, and others from the flu! Children, especially those in child care or school settings, are more likely to get sick with flu and spread it to others. As adults, we know to wash our hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses. Help your little ones learn good hand hygiene habits in the new year.

Do better with digital. What are your kids watching on TV and online?

New Year

Devote time to researching ageappropriate media, and remember that screen time shouldn't always be alone time.

Practice some self-care. When was the last time you had a check-up? Got proper rest? We know depression and anxiety can happen to both moms and dads. If this is you, you are not alone. Seek help.

https://www.healthychildren.org/

CARROT FRIES

Forget French fries and try these carrot fries for way more antioxidants and fewer calories. They're super easy to make, too.

Ingredients:

Carrots - 1 lb.
Cooking spray
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- Before you begin: Wash your hands.
- Preheat oven to 400°F (204°C).



 Peel the carrots and cut them into strips about a ¼-inch thick and a few inches long.

- Coat a baking pan with cooking spray and spread the carrots, in a single layer, on it.
- Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Bake 15 minutes. Flip them over and coat them with a bit more cooking spray, salt and pepper; bake another 15 minutes until lightly browned.

Nutrition Information:

Serving size: 4 servings Calories: 45

Total Fat: 0g; Saturated Fat: 0g; Cholesterol Omg; Sodium: 370mg; Total Carbohydrate: 11g; Dietary

Fiber: 3g; Sugars: 5g; Protein: 1g.

Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, www.eatright.org

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Bethlehem Lutheran School Lunch Menu January 2021



Sun Mon

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Sat

Toles	0	16	23	30
	8 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Carrots Applesauce	15 Chicken Nugget Corn Vegy Choice Peaches Biscuit Stick	22 Stuffed Bread- sticks Marinara Sauce Broccoli Mixed Fruit	29 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips Carrots & Celery Slushie
	7 Quesadilla Lettuce and Salsa Refried Beans Mixed Fruit	14 Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Choice Dinner Roll	21 Popcorn Chicken Potato Cubes Baked Beans Banana Soft Pretzel	28 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Broccoli w/Cheese Pears
	6 Mini Pancakes Sausage Tri-Tator Vegy Choice Pears	13 Nachos & Meat & Cheese Lettuce & Salsa Carrots Grapes	20 Pizza Green Beans Salad Pears	27 Walking Taco Lettuce & Salsa Refried Beans Appleasauce
	5 Pizza Green Beans Warm Apples Cookie	12 Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Broccoli Peaches	19French Toast Sausage Tri-Tater Vegy Choice Applesauce	26 Chicken & Noodles & Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Choice, Roll
The state of the s	4 Chicken Tenders Broccoli Potato Cubes Peaches Corn Biscuit	11 Chicken Patty Baked Beans Peas Strawberries Motts Fruit Snacks	18 NO SCHOOL	25 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedges Vegy Choice Warm Apples
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