



# TIGER TALES

"SENT TO SERVE"



Leah Werling represented Bethlehem at the Wells County Spelling Bee on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Leah placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 participants. Congratulations!



Please welcome back to Bethlehem, Coral Weiss student in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Coral is the daughter of Devin and Amanda Weiss.



## CALENDAR

Mar. 1 Achievement Testing  
Grades K-4  
Mar. 5 End of 3rd Quarter  
Mar. 9 Board of Education Meeting  
Mar. 12 Science Fair  
Mar. 14 Daylight Savings  
Mar. 19-28 Spring Break  
Mar. 28th Palm Sunday

## MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16		18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 1 Sarena Wirgau  
Mar. 3 Lucas Werling  
Mar. 5 Mrs. Schallhorn  
Mar. 6 Mr. Brinkley  
Mar. 22 Vinny Fuhrmann  
Mar. 26 Coral Weiss



### CHAPEL OFFERING SERVICE PROJECT

**For our 4th quarter, we will be supporting the following missionaries:**

Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico. Both have served as missionaries in this region since 2008, based in Panama and then in the Dominican Republic.

James serves as a church planter and pastor in the city of Ponce, Puerto Rico. His focus is to establish a strong Lutheran presence in this city which will boldly proclaim the Gospel and meet the physical and spiritual needs of a community that is hungry for the Gospel and for hope. As pastor, James engages daily with Ponce community members to share in their lives and to bring them into the life-giving presence of Jesus in Word and Sacrament. He is also working to create a generation of local leaders and well-grounded laity and future pastors who will be able to continue to spread the Gospel throughout Puerto Rico, around the Latin America region, and the world.

As a deaconess, Christel is involved in the long-term disaster relief efforts at the mission's various Casa de Amparo y Respuesta al Desastre (House of Refuge and Disaster Response) mercy houses. From these places, LCMS missionaries and Puerto Rican Lutherans offer food, water and other basic necessities to community members affected by the hurricane. She is also engaged in assessing needs in the community and coordinating efforts to meet those needs as a congregation and mission.

James and Christel both grew up in Michigan. James, as a pastor's son, has called many places "home," most recently Ann Arbor, Mich., where he also attended Concordia University and met Christel. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in religious studies and earned his Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Christel is a native of Flushing, Mich. She also graduated from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich., with a degree in business and received her deaconess certificate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

***Our 3rd quarter Chapel Project for Ascension Lutheran School in Gary, IN, ends March 5th. Thank you for your contributions.***

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



**Parents vs Kids  
Basketball Game**  
Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.



All Bethlehem families are invited and encouraged to participate in this fun event! All kids, whether they are in school yet or not, will be able to play against their parents!

Sports awards will be handed out after the game, with a pizza party in the Fellowship Hall following the awards.

Masks are required when not playing basketball or eating.

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** on Friday, March 19th –March 28th due to Spring Break

### ACHIEVMENT TESTING

for grades Kindergarten– 6th will take place the week of March 1st.  
Please be sure your child is well rested and gets a good breakfast.

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

### The Finger of God

***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, Psalms 8:3***

Let's look at the finger of God in Scripture: **the finger of God in creation.** The Psalmist said, *'When I consider...the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him?'* (vv. 3-4). The Bible opens by telling us, *'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth'* (Genesis 1:1). In a day when many challenge the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible, we need to teach our children WHO made the universe, WHO runs it, and to WHOM each of us is ultimately accountable. They say if you counted stars at a rate of 125 a minute, it would take 2,000 years just to count the stars in our Milky Way. And that it would take ten billion human beings standing side by side to span the diameter of the average star. It takes a child-like faith to accept all that we have is a blessing from God. Too many times we try to use our own reasoning and "wisdom" in what we do and many times we fail. At Bethlehem School we teach to simply accept what God has done and it was by His words creation took place, and the finger of God is involved in everything we do. We see the world trying to teach about "billions and billions of years" for a cataclysmic explosion to form our universe, at Bethlehem we teach it was the Word of God, commanding it.



Paul says: *'For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse'* (Romans 1:20). If you look you will see God at work everywhere—including your own homes. What a great place to have the finger of God to daily touch each and every family member.

In Christ,

Mark Schallhorn

Due to the COVID -19 restrictions on gatherings, the Bethlehem Lutheran School Black Tie and Blue Jeans Silent Auction and Gala has been postponed. A proposed rescheduled date will be **November 6, 2021**. If you would like to help volunteer for this event, please contact Melissa Price or Jennifer Bultemeier. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you



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... . NEW INFORMATION

Box Tops receipts, Spirit of America labels, and Tyson labels are all worth money for our school. To redeem Box Top products, you will need to download the Box Tops app on your phone and then scan each receipt that contains your Box Tops products. The Spirit of America and Tyson labels can still be turned in to school. Since Community Market has closed in our area, we will no longer be collecting receipts from them. For questions, contact Jenny Todd our label coordinator.



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**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



Due to all of the school closings in February, students should have completed up to lesson 8 of their first 10 E-Learning packets. Additional packets for lessons 11-15 were sent home last Monday to prepare for any additional school closings.

The students were thrilled to be back to school and able to play in the huge mounds of snow during recess around the school and church property! They had so much fun using lunch trays as sleds!

A huge thank you to our Bethlehem Trustees for keeping the sidewalks and parking lots cleared.



Please join us for an open house on  
Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
View the K-8 Science Fair projects

February / March Birthday Pizza lunch with the Principal

Thursday, March 11

Students celebrating birthdays:

Leah Werling, Sarena Wirgau, Lucas Werling

Vinny Fuhrmann, Coral Weiss

