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Grandparents Day went well. Grandparents and special guests were able to enjoy Chapel, songs from the students, black light Bingo and a delicious lunch catered by Lighted Gardens. We are so glad to be able to have this event. Thank you to the PTL committee and all our volunteers.

CALENDAR

May 2 Kindergarten Roundup

May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9 Mother's Day

May 12 Ascension Service

May 13 Pizza Birthday Lunch

May 10-14 Book Fair

May 14 "Kids Praise Musical

May 20 Confirmation Examination

May 21 K-8 Bowling TBA

May 23 Confirmation Service

May 25 Last Day of School 1/2 day

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Jude Wirgau May 4 Ginny Wirgau May 11 Deaconess Boehm May 26 Paizley Price



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.

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

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.





June / July Birthday Pizza lunch with the Principal

Thursday, May 13 Students celebrating birthdays:

lan Todd, Franklin Bales, Hunter Householder
Savannah Fuller, Kyndal Fuller



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

We will have Closing Chapel, 8th Grade Graduation, Academic Awards, Field Day and end with a picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m. Students are allowed to ride their bicycles to school with parent permission and supervision. Bus service will be provided only in the morning. Dismissal will be after lunch around noon with the teachers permission. Parents will be needed to help with Field Day and serving of the lunch. There will be NO afternoon bus service.

Parents are reminded to please pay all tuition, lunch and any library fees.

Last day for library is May 11th. Students will need to return all checked out library books by May 18th. Report cards will be sent home in the mail June 7th.

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

Encouragement—It's A Powerful Thing

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:8

Many a man and woman who quit would have kept going if they had just received a word of encouragement from someone. Encouragement is so vital that the Scriptures rank it up there with gifts like teaching and leadership (Romans 12:6-8). Here is a story that illustrates the power of encouragement that fits well as baseball season is coming back. Jackie Robinson was the first black player in the U.S. to play major league baseball. While breaking baseball's color barrier, he faced jeering crowds in every stadium. Playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he made an error and his own fans began to boo him. As he stood, humiliated, at second base, 'Pee Wee' Reese came over and stood next to him. He put his arm around Robinson and they faced the crowd together. The fans grew quiet; the game continued. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career! Encouragement—it's a powerful thing. We too can make a difference in our children's lives by encouraging them to keep studying, keep attempting when things are hard, and to perceiver when it seems hopeless to them.

At Bethlehem we constantly work at encouraging the students in their daily work. We remind them that they are here for a special reason. As we come to the end of a unique school year we see the chance to connect more with our loved ones. With daily prayers and family devotions the fear of the coming year, the fear of the unknown, fear of insecurity, fear of the future, as well as all fears are fears that will pass, for all is put on the shoulders of Christ. The question each of us must ask is "Who can I encourage today?"

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, 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

For questions, contact Jenny Todd our label coordinator,

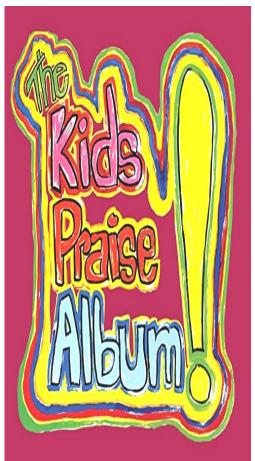
KEEP ON CLIPPING and SCANNING!

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,

Todd our label coordinator.

Peter Meyer, Teacher, Google Suite for Education Administrator



Bethlehem Lutheran School Invites you to our Spring Musical

Dress Rehearsal Thursday, May 13 at 1:30
Final Performance Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Students will need to arrive by 5:30 p.m.
Social Distancing and Mask Wearing
Is requested.

THE STORY BEHIND PSALTY THE SINGING SONGBOOK









Kindergarten has been learning about things in nature that we use to make new things. We found out what comes from trees and what comes from the crops that farmers grow. We read the book, "Bread Comes to Life A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat" by George Levenson. We learned about all the ingredients that are needed to make bread. We were surprised by what yeast can do. We had a great time mixing, kneading, and eating our bread.