



TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



Welcome Back to School 2022-2023

CALENDAR

Sept. 5 Labor Day—No School
 Sept. 8 Board of Ed Meeting
 Sept. 11 Church Ice Cream Social
 Sept. 14 School Pictures
 Sept. 16 Midterms go home
 Sept. 17 Ossian Days Parade
 Sept. 28 Vision Screening

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1 Mrs. Phillips
 Sept. 2 Luke Harkless
 Sept. 10 Ivan Bales
 Sept. 12 JT Holtzclaw
 Sept. 13 Clyde Holtzclaw
 Sept. 16 Aralee Price



As a parent, you probably know that keeping your kids from spending all day (and night!) on their devices can be a challenge, and you're not alone. But finding a quick and easy way to manage screen time and filter the web doesn't have to be mission impossible — or cost an arm and a leg.

Bethlehem has partnered with Bark to offer our families a **free Bark Jr subscription (\$60/year value)** for life!

Use the URL below to activate your free Bark Jr account:

<https://www.bark.us/bark-jr/signup?ref=JFK944B>

What am I getting with a free Bark Jr account?

- Ability to manage screen time on mobile devices
- Set different rules for school time and bedtime
- Filter which websites your kids can visit
- Keep up with kids with location check-ins



What is Bark?

In addition to screen time, Bark can help parents proactively monitor text messages, YouTube, emails, and 30+ different social networks for potential safety concerns, so busy parents can save time and gain peace of mind. Bark currently helps protect over 5.6 million kids in the US.

Thank you

Bethlehem Lutheran School

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. Login information is available from your child's teacher or from the school office.

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

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

VOLLEYBALL

Practices have started this week for those girls in 3-8th grade. Thank you to Melissa Householder and Melissa Price for volunteering to coach our Tigers! No games have been scheduled as yet but stay tuned! Please be sure to have sports physicals into the office and pay the \$20 per player sports fee to PTL. Thank you



Bethlehem Lutheran School had 25 students who successfully completed the 2022 Summer Reading Program.

Congratulations to: Ellie Bales, Ivan Bales, Makayla Berkey, Jonah Bultemeier, Alex Fuhrmann, Annabelle Fuhrmann, Jonathan Fuhrmann, Vinny Fuhrmann, Kyndal Fuller, Savannah Fuller, Hunter Householder, Bailey Meyer, Maren Meyer, Aralee Price, MacKenzie Price, Paizley Price, Matthew Rekeweg, Emma Schueler, June Trammel, Ronnie Trammel, Evelyn Wanner, Emma Wirgau, Ginny Wirgau, Jude Wirgau, Sarena Wirgau.

SGO for tuition assistance

If you have not done so already, Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) application forms need to be turned into the school office by **Friday, September 16th**. Forms are available from the school office or by downloading at www.lutheransgo.org. Proof of income and household size will need to be included, such as your 2021 federal tax return showing Adjusted Gross Income and household size. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

This scholarship is donor based assistance that will be determined by how much is in the fund in order to equally distribute. If assistance is not what you need and you'd like to help another student by donating to this fund, go to www.lutheransgo.org.



The Bethlehem 125th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, September 11th 9:00 am Divine Service along with a special Bible Class led by church historian, Nathan Bienz. We will have an Old-Fashioned Picnic lunch beginning around noon in the north parking lot; meat will be provided but please bring a dish to share. Please notify the school if you plan to attend the luncheon. The LYF will provide ice cream please bring a pie to share! We will have some old fashioned, fun outdoor games. Everyone is invited to dress up for the occasion in old-fashioned dress! If you have an antique/classic car or tractor, plan on parking it at the picnic for everyone to enjoy! Melissa Householder will be organizing a coed slow-pitch softball game. Anyone that is interested in playing, please contact Melissa at 260-210-4085.

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. NO SCHOOL—September 5th for Labor Day



School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, September 14th** by Gibby's Photo. Order forms are being sent home TODAY.

Please return the order form along with your payment on picture day.

All students will be included in the classroom composites.

PTL NEWS

OSSIAN DAYS! On Saturday, September 17th Bethlehem Lutheran School will be walking in the Ossian Days Parade. Asking all parents and students to meet at the old drive in across from the Marathon gas station in Ossian at 4:40. The parade will kick off at 5:00pm. We will be passing out candy and Bethlehem info to parade goers. Come join us for a fun time as we show our Bethlehem pride! Don't forget to wear your Bethlehem shirts!

FALL FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9th from 3:30-6pm! This is a great evening of fun games, food and fellowship. We will need lots of volunteers to help with preparing and serving food as well as running some of the games/activities. We will begin contacting people very soon to help with this event!

Black tie Gala and SILENT AUCTION! Saturday, November 6th! Bethlehem Lutheran School will be having our 3rd annual Silent Auction and Gala at The Lighted Gardens. This year's theme is Midnight at the Masquerade Murder Mystery! More details and tickets are coming soon! We are once again asking for donated items and/or services for our auction. Your generosity in the past has been overwhelming and so appreciated! We ask that if you are able to donate to please let us know by September 18th. Thank you!

August/September

Pizza Birthday Lunch with the Principal

Thursday, September 15th at 12:00 Noon

Those celebrating will be:

Leila Stuchell, Emmalee Kelley, Micah Leamon, Molly Mishler,
Emma Schueler, Luke Harkless, Ivan Bales, JT Holtzclaw, Clyde
Holtzclaw, Aralee Price

Bethlehem families who shop at Kroger are encouraged to Sign up today!
Shop at Kroger and help the 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 Parents are encouraged to use the online "ShopwithScrip" app to buy and reload gift cards or for orders, contact our Scrip coordinator, Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Over the years, we have been able to financially support the church general fund and participating school families who have applied credits toward their child's tuition.



Help our 7th and 8th graders raise funds for their Washington D.C. class trip!

Please save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes (NO CARDBOARD). Bring your recyclable paper to school and dispose of in our "PaperGator."

The recycling company pays by the ton so the more you feed our Gator, the more funds we can collect!

If you need help with pick up for large amounts, please call the school and we will make arrangements to help you.

Let your family, neighbors, and friends know!

Thank you





First Quarter Chapel Mission Project

During the 1st quarter (now-October 7th) our school families will be supporting the Concordia Seminary Military Project. This project was established to support chaplains of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and other military personnel in theaters of war and their families with prayers, encouragement, and items of support for both their body and, most especially, their life in Christ. A flyer with more information is included in this newsletter.

Your weekly chapel offering is appreciated.



From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to our 125th year of school!

We are joined this year by Mrs. Amelia Phillips, Mrs. Shaeli Streeks, our newest teachers. We are excited to see the return of Mr. Dan Buchinger and Mr. Rich Brinkley out from retirement. We are thankful for the continued service of Mrs. Nancy DeFrain and Mr. Peter Meyer.

Our school year theme is "Making Disciples for Life". A nationwide theme for Lutheran Schools this year focusing on a primary reason for Lutheran Schools.

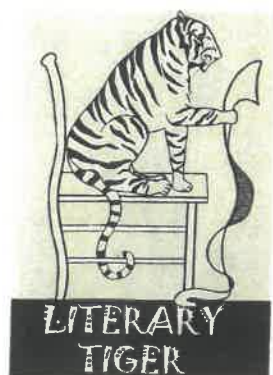
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mat 28:19-20

Bethlehem Lutheran School stands on a proud tradition of proclaiming the Gospel and training our children to walk in the paths of the Lord. We work in a strong partnership with our parents and homes as we disciple one another in Word and Sacrament.

God has lead Bethlehem mightily in the past one and a quarter centuries and I trust His guidance and leadership will see us thrive well into the next century of embracing, nurturing, and equipping our students for service in God's Kingdom.

Principal Peter J Meyer



Tales for Tigers

From Your Bethlehem School Library

Welcome to a new school year! Your school librarians, Mrs. Bultemeier and Mrs. Wirgau, are pleased to have students back in the library.

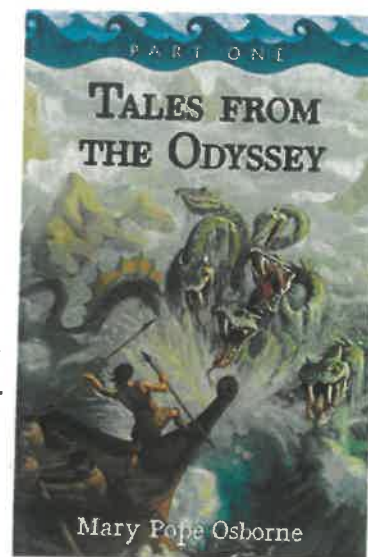
Many books were added to the collection over the summer, and we've done some rearranging to (hopefully!) make finding your favorites a little easier. Keep watching the shelves—more new books are coming soon!

We would like to introduce some of the incoming titles, and highlight some old favorites, in each Tiger Tales issue this year. Students who are interested in writing a review are encouraged to speak with a teacher or librarian. We would love to share *your recommendations!*

Featured Book for September:

Tales from the Odyssey by Mary Pope Osborne
(Disney-Hyperion Books, 2010)

Looking for something to read that is NOT boring? How about an adventure with giants and monsters, narrow escapes, and a brave hero? Try "Tales from the Odyssey" by Mary Pope Osborne, the author of the Magic Tree House series. These tales follow clever Odysseus, a brave Greek warrior, as he journeys home after a truly epic battle. The hero and his crew face many dangers as they sail stormy seas. They must be clever as they try to escape from a one-eyed giant, courageous to travel through the Land of the Dead, and steadfast as they resist the temptation to abandon their goal. Will Odysseus ever make it home to his family?



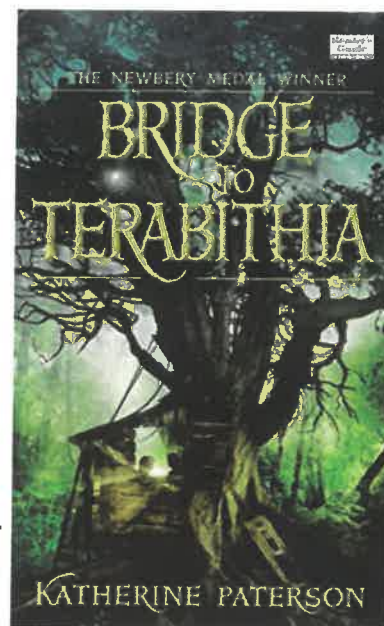
These tales are an adaptation of one of the oldest and most exciting adventure stories ever written, a work known as "The Odyssey" by Homer. Some of the names in the book are confusing and difficult to pronounce, but the author has included a handy pronunciation guide in the back, along with a bit of information about the original story. You can find two volumes (Part One and Part Two) new in our school library.

Happy Reading!

Book review:

Bridge to Terabithia By Katherine Paterson

This novel follows Jess Aarons and Leslie Burke, two fifth-graders who become best friends. Jess, overlooked among his four sisters, and Leslie, the new kid in town, bond over their shared creativity and active imaginations. One day, while in the woods by their houses, Leslie decides to create an imaginary land called Terabithia to escape their troubles at home and school. They decide to rule their world together as King and Queen.



A friendship such as Jess and Leslie share allows the two to become comfortable with themselves, to discover who they really are without worries that what they find will not fit into the "proper" mold. And when tragedy strikes, it is then that Jess realizes the strength and courage Leslie has given him.

This is a wonderful book that deals with the beauty of friendship and being an individual. Check it out of our library soon and learn how your creativity is only limited by your imagination!



Your Library Ladies are excited to announce that we are having a book fair October 9-14! It will be a Book Tasting! More details to come...but everyone will be able to "dine on" (and purchase) books after church on October 9th and everyday that week after school and during the parent teacher conferences. Join us and "feast" on some fabulous books!

Chaplain Tristan Engle: Thank you so much for your kind gift! It was a surprise to receive the beautiful icon of



Jesus in the boat with His disciples. You have always been so supportive, and I thank you for your help as we serve our service members. I also thank you for the Lutheran materials that we can set out for any and all to see and use. They've been very well received, especially the hymnals. Thank you for all that you do!



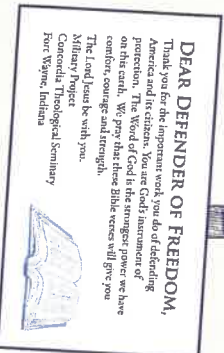
Encouragement Scripture Cards

A small, sleek

packet of 15 Bible verses has been specially designed for military

personnel to carry in their pockets. It is our prayer that this little collection

of Christ's mercy and peace will be a blessing to many who courageously toil to preserve America's freedoms.



Military Project

Bringing the Mercy of Christ to Those Who Guard Our Freedoms

Ways You Can Help

- Please keep our soldiers and chaplains in your prayers. They are God's instruments of protection. They leave family, home, and country so that we and our families can live in peace and security.
- For information on current service projects, needed supplies, or to learn how to set up a military project, call (260) 452-2140 or email MilitaryProject@ctsfiw.edu.
- Monetary donations should be mailed to Concordia Theological Seminary, Attention: **Military Project Coordinator**, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. All checks should be made payable to the CTSFW Military Project.

Concordia Theological Seminary exists to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all.

Additional Information

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Chaplain Craig Muehler, Director of the LCMS

Ministry to the Armed Forces, writes, "What a blessing the Fort Wayne Seminary Military Project has been to the Ministry to the Armed Forces for the LCMS and our chaplains! They have continually answered the call to support our LCMS military chaplains by providing them with packages of goodies as well as theological and worship resources to assist them in the ministry. We have a true partner in our efforts to take care of our chaplains, their families, and those whom they are called to serve in the most austere conditions! We thank God for our collaboration and partnership with the Military Project of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana!"

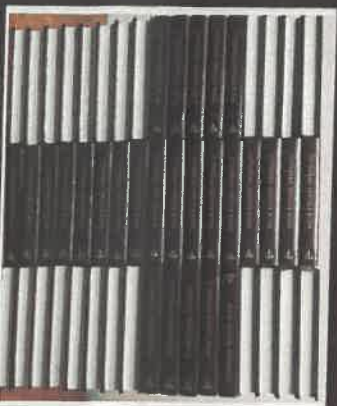


Ministry to the Armed Forces Ch. Steve Heikana (left) and Ch. Craig Muehler (right) work with Deaconess Carolyn Brinkley (middle) in the care and support of LCMS chaplains.

An amazing missions opportunity for our military!

One hundred *Lutheran Service Books* were sent to the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot (MCRD) Chapel in San Diego, to be used for Protestant services led by the Rev. Gleason Shashall (who received his Specific Ministry Program certification from CTSFW in 2015). Each month, 1,400 marines flow through the MCRD, with an average Sunday attendance of over 100. Worshipers at the chapel will read, on the inside cover of each hymnal, this grateful message: "Thank you for your important work of being God's instrument of protection. The Lord Jesus bless you and keep you safely in His care." We pray for God's blessings on these

hymnals as they bring the mercy of Christ through liturgy and song to those who protect us.



Military Project Mission

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Indiana, has established the Military Project to support chaplains of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and other military personnel in theaters of war and their families with prayers, encouragement, and items of support for both their body and, most especially, their life in Christ.

Accomplishing the Mission

- Packages are sent responding to the needs of our chaplains:
 - ◆ *The Lutheran Study Bible*
 - ◆ *Lutheran Service Book: Pew Edition*
 - ◆ *Lutheran Service Book: Psalms and Hymns Pocket Edition*
 - ◆ *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book*
 - ◆ *The Concordia Organist* (31-CD set of hymn accompaniments and liturgies)
 - ◆ *Luther's Small Catechism*
 - ◆ *Christians Can Be Soldiers* by Martin Luther
 - ◆ Devotional materials
 - ◆ Good Shepherd Institute and Kantorei CDs
 - ◆ Resources for the Church Year
 - ◆ Icons
 - ◆ Crosses
 - ◆ *Lutheran Witness*
 - ◆ *For the Life of the World*
 - ◆ Pocket scripture cards
 - ◆ Theological books
 - ◆ "Words of Encouragement" from the seminary community
 - ◆ Basic supplies of food and toiletries
 - ◆ Holiday decorations and treats
- Praying for our chaplains in chapel services.
- Caring for families at home with comfort, encouragement, and prayers.

Chaplain David

Schleusener holds gifts of catechisms, hymnals, and *The Concordia Organist* CD set from the CTSFW Military Project. "These resources will be used at the chapel in Djibouti long after my tour of duty ends."



Lending Library

The Military Project has established a lending library of *The Concordia Organist* (31-CD set of organ accompaniments for all liturgies and hymns of the *Lutheran Service Book*). This wonderful resource for worship is loaned to chaplains who return the set at the end of their deployment. It is then reissued to newly deployed chaplains. *Lutheran Service Books* are also sent upon the request of chaplains.



Returning Chaplain John Mark Sedwick writes:

"Greetings! I put the organist CD in the mail today. I couldn't have provided Word and Sacrament ministry to soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen without your support. Take care and God bless."



The seminary community writes words of encouragement to send to military chaplains and other military personnel.

Bethlehem Lutheran School
Silent Auction and Gala
Midnight at the Masquerade Murder Mystery

Buy a mask for \$5
to wear at the auction
for a chance to win
\$100 to bid on an
auction item!



Masks will be ready for you to pick up and wear, if you choose, when you arrive at the auction.

The drawing will be held before the auction begins, so masks need to be purchased before the day of the auction.

Thank you!

News Notes to Parents

September 2022

Empower Me to be Clutter Free

Clutter – a disordered collection which impedes movement and reduces effectiveness. The negative effects of clutter include time, financial, physical safety and mental/emotional.

Time:

Takes time to find things
Takes longer to clean
Time to go to store to replace things
Time is money, which leads to:

Financial:

Expensive to replace things you can't find
Cost of storage – 1) takes up room in your home and
2) storage unit rental
Disorganization of bills leads to unpaid/late bill

Safety:

Tripping over clutter or trying to use wrong tools
Could cause you to fall

Mental/Emotional Cost:

Feel anxious when you can't find things
Feel a loss of control/overwhelmed
Family conflicts
Longer to clean
Keeps you from other things and enjoying your life

Jump into action- make rules for yourself and schedule a time to start. Plan to work for 2 hours – set a timer for 1:45, when timer goes off:

- Put trash in the trash bin
- Put donate in the trunk
- Put away the relocate items
- Place items that belong back in their space



Follow these guidelines:

- Do you have more of this kind of thing? How many do you need?
- Is it still decorative and match current decor? It looks fresh and attractive?
- It has a place to be displayed and enjoyed?
- Can you replace it if you need it, or something like it?
- If it burned up in a fire, would you miss it? Would you realize it was gone?
- When was the last time you used it? Was it more than a year ago?
- If it is still useful? Why aren't you using it?
- Can you find it when you want to use it?
- If it is valuable, do you have a way to turn it into cash?
- Are you keeping it out of obligation?
- How much is it costing you to store this?

Source: Purdue Extension Empower Me to Be Clutter Free Curriculum



The everyday way to make an impact every day

Join us in raising money for our organization simply by using gift cards where you're already shopping. It's easy, rewarding, and fits perfectly into your busy life.

A family can
earn over
\$1,000
per year

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- Grocery
- Clothing
- Dining
- Entertainment
- Home Improvement
- Travel
- Retail



See all available brands at ShopWithScrip.com

“Scrip is different because we aren't selling stuff that people don't want or need and we're not spending any extra money.”

Nicole, Byesville, OH

How it works



Buy physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloadable gift cards at face value on ShopWithScrip.com or the mobile website, MyScripWallet.com.



Easily pay online and earn a rebate between 2% and 16% that immediately goes toward funding for our organization.

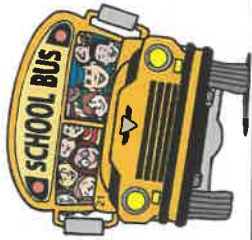


Use your gift cards for your everyday shopping.

Start earning today

1. Join our program by creating an account on MyScripWallet.com or ShopWithScrip.com.
2. Enter our organization's enrollment code: **43ALE7851441**
3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: Melissa 433-5307



Bethlehem Lutheran School

Lunch Menu

September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Carrots Mixed Berry Cup Biscuit Stick	13 Nachos w/meat Cheese Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple	14 Pancake Sauce Bites Hash Browns Fresh Vegys Juice	15 Bosco Sticks Marinara Cup Salad Carrots Peaches	16 Chicken Tenders Broccoli Tator Tots Applesauce	17
18	19 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Carrots Mandarin Oranges	20 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Choice Dinner Roll	21 Pizza Salad Corn Strawberries	22 Hot Dog Baked Beans French Fries Peaches	23 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fresh Carrots Veggy Choice Grapes Cookie	24
25	26 Pancakes Sausage Patty Hash Browns Fesh Vegys Juice	27 Walking Taco Salsa Lettuce Refried Beans Peaches	28 Ham Sandwich Potato Wedges Green Beans Banana Gram Cracker	29 Popcorn Chicken Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Goldfish Crackers	30 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Carrots & Celery Sidekick	