



TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



We Welcome Rev. Anthony Charles Dodgers

Anthony Dodgers was born on November 13, 1985, and his family lived on a small farm in Ortonville, Michigan. He was baptized on December 29, 1985 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. When he was nine, his family moved to Rockford, Michigan, so later, he was confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. His Confirmation Verse was Philippians 4:6-7.

After graduating from high school in 2004, he attended Concordia University Chicago (River Forest), where he graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Theology and a minor in Biblical Languages. One of his highlights at Concordia was studying for a semester abroad in Cambridge, England at Westfield House, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (along with Pastor Samuel Wirgau). One of his other highlights at Concordia was meeting his future wife, Betsy Karkan (but they had no idea that they would get married many years later, although they became good friends).

Pastor Dodgers attended Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne and graduated in 2011 with his Masters of Divinity. He did his vicarage at West Portal Lutheran Church and School in San Francisco, California. This experience made him excited about Lutheran education and he hoped that someday he could serve at a church and school. After graduation, he stayed on for a year at the seminary as a graduate assistant and worked on a Masters of Sacred Theology (again with Pastor Wirgau). In May 2012, he received his first call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charlotte, Iowa, and served there for 10 years.

Meanwhile, Betsy served as the University Deaconess at Concordia Chicago for 12 years. Finally, in 2021, Anthony and Betsy dated and were quickly engaged in June. They were married on October 9, 2021. At the end of the school year in Spring 2022, Betsy stepped down as University Deaconess and they merged their homes in Iowa, just in time to welcome their son, Nicholas, on June 18. Now, they are happily resettling their family in the Fort Wayne area. Betsy now works from home part-time for Concordia Chicago in the office of church relations. Nicholas and their black lab, Ransom, seem to be adjusting well to their new home too. And Pastor Dodgers is excited to finally be serving at a church and school, and getting to help the parents, faculty, and staff of Bethlehem provide a Lutheran education for our children.

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CALENDAR

Dec. 4 Installation Service
 Dec. 5 Christmas Lunch
 Dec. 5 Basketball Game
 Dec. 8 Basketball Game
 Dec. 9 Skating Party
 Dec. 13 Board of Ed Meeting
 Dec. 18 Church Council Meeting
 Dec. 19 Basketball Game
 Dec. 20 Basketball Game
 Dec. 21 Children's Service
 Dec. 22-Jan. 3 Christmas Break

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2 Annabelle Fuhrmann
 Dec. 3 Rachel Werling
 Dec. 6 Maddox Kelley



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.



Elearning packets for 5 missed days of school have been sent home with each student.

Bethlehem will be closed from December 22-January 3, 2023 for Christmas Break



Everyone is invited to attend the PTL Skating Party on Friday, December 9th from 4-6 pm at the West Park Skating Rink in Huntington. There is no cost for this event except for food and drink. PTL will be paying the cost. Please plan to attend for a fun evening with family and friends!



Please help our school. Bethlehem Lutheran School has begun a fundraiser through SchoolStore.net. If you wish to donate directly to the school, purchase gift cards to multiple online shopping sources, or purchase many gift items use this link: <https://bit.ly/3Wn7U8c>

to access our specific SchoolStore account. YES, you can also apply SCRIP purchases to the gift cards you buy here, doubling your benefit to the school. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Meyer @ pmeyer@bethlsossian.org Thank you for your support.



Please welcome our new student:

Daisy Glisson is in 5th grade and excited to be here!

Her parents are
Jeremy and Sarah Glisson
and Alex and Ashley Patterson



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 HOLIDAY 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.



Box Tops for Education - Use the app (BTFE.com), and scan your receipt to give credits to the school. Thank you



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



2nd Quarter Chapel Offering Project

During the 2nd Quarter (October 10-December 21) our school family will be supporting the Northern Wells Food Pantry.



Along with our weekly chapel offerings, we will be collecting different items and there will be a school-wide reward if we reach our collection goals.

October 10- October 26: Canned Goods 150 Cans
 October 27- November 9: Personal Hygiene Items 50 items
 November 10-November 30: Boxed Food 100 items

December 1- December 21: Paper Products and Snack Foods 100 items
The kids are doing great in achieving our goals! Thankyou



If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year!

No I haven't lost my mind, it is only November, but! The Church year begins with Advent. So Happy New Year!

Advent is a wonderful time where we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas. Wait, does that mean: shopping, baking, decorating, caroling, and basically losing one's mind?

No, not that type of preparation.

Granted, that preparation is going on too. We all have that extra anxiety with anticipating the Christmas season. We expend a lot of energy and time over gift giving, decorating, cooking, visiting family and friends. The holidays can be so very stressful.

Therefore, let me encourage you and your family to pause. Stop a moment each week before Christmas and remember what we are celebrating.

1. The birth of Jesus the Savior. The Redeemer promised all the way back in the Garden of Eden as the one who will save us from our sins.
2. The beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, being born a human child, experiencing all the same trials and temptations we endure.
3. The Return of Triumphant Jesus upon the Second Coming. He came once in blessing, He comes again to take us all home to heaven!

Each Wednesday before Christmas, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has Advent worship at 7 pm with the Youth serving a light meal at 6:00pm. On December 21, at 7:00 pm the school children will lead us in worship of the promised savior.

Whatever your church home, here or elsewhere, pause, stop, and worship. If you are seeking a church home to know Jesus our Savior, Bethlehem welcomes you. As we welcome your child each and every day with the knowledge that Jesus loves you. Jesus died for you, rose, and Redeemed you from sin, death, and the devil.

May your preparation for Christmas be blessed and fruitful.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
 Peter Meyer,
 Principal for the Interim





**LITERARY
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Tales for Tigers

The Nutcracker Prince, Rudolph, and Scrooge – what do these three Christmas characters have in common?

You may have met them on a stage, on TV, or in a movie, but they all come from books!

Many families enjoy watching Christmas movies together this time of year. If you don't already, consider making it a tradition to enjoy Christmas stories together, too. Parents or Grandparents (or kids!) can read aloud to the whole family.

We would love to help you find a new family favorite. "A Christmas Carol" is an obvious choice, and perhaps you already enjoy "A Visit from St. Nicholas" every December 24th, but maybe you could add "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" or "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" to your yearly re-read pile.



We have these classics, and a few new options, in the school library.

"The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street" by Karina Yan Glaser features five siblings who try to solve a big problem – their family may be kicked out of their beloved home, at Christmas! This is the first book in a delightful series. Readers who like the flavor of "The Boxcar Children" will likely find this satisfying.



"A Place to Hang the Moon" by Kate Albus is not really a Christmas story, though it includes some satisfying Christmas moments. This historical fiction novel takes place in England during World War II, and follows children who are evacuated from London and search for a home. Your school librarians think you need to meet the librarian in this story!

Happy Reading!

Book Review of The Twenty-One Balloons



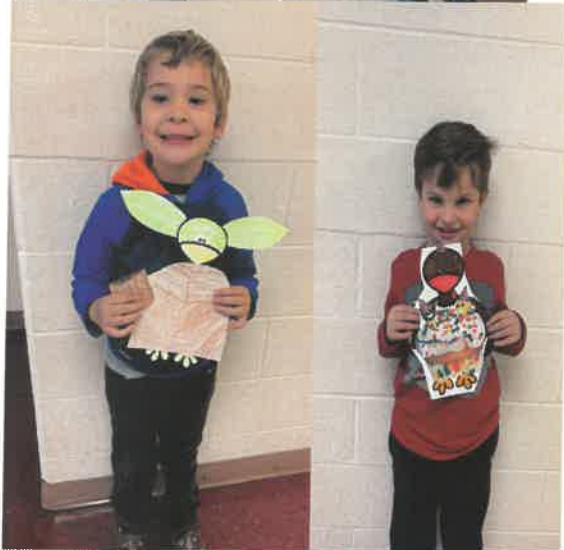
**BOOK
REVIEW**

Have you ever wanted to go for a ride in a balloon? What about 21 balloons? Ever wonder what would have if you found yourself on an island with an active volcano? Do you wonder what "B day in the month of Lamb" means? You'll experience this and much

more in a new adventure book at Bethlehem Lutheran School's library. The Twenty-One Balloons by William P. du Bois takes the reader on a journey with the narrator, a retired school teacher who builds a floating house in order to fly across the ocean. During the trip he finds himself on the island of Krakatoa, a volcanic island that was thought by all to be uninhabited. Not only does he find it inhabited, but he soon learns a secret that lies beneath the island. This book will satisfy your hunger for adventures, even if you didn't think you had a hunger for adventure! - Pastor Wirgau



The kindergarten class did a family project to protect the turkeys from being eaten on Thanksgiving! The kids disguised their turkeys and hung them around school for other students to find! (Not pictured is Leila Stuchell due to illness).



Students doing a home-made card shower for our congregational shut-ins.



DECEMBER 2022

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January 2023

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A note from LCMS Missionaries, James & Christel Neuendorf

The highlight of our month was almost certainly our joint reformation service between both of our missions. Although it was raining in a torrential downpour, and our outdoor plans needed to be suspended, the Mercy House was packed with people and buzzing with activity. The walls echoed with laughter and kids running around, even as the rain beat down on the zinc roof. Amazing food was shared and enjoyed by all. There were several visitors who had never attended our church before. We sang and sang, old Lutheran chorales and new songs from our brand new Latin American hymnal, everyone joined together for a somewhat ridiculous reformation drama, and the entire event culminated in the highest attended church service in all our years here in Puerto Rico. After receiving our Lord's Body and Blood together with the entire mission on the island, having begun with "A Mighty Fortress," we ended singing the new spanish version of the beloved hymn, "We Praise you and Acknowledge You," which was translated by a friend of ours from Argentina. There was not a dry eye in the sanctuary.

The thing is, we started the day completely discouraged. The amount of rain was significant and after so much preparation, it looked like the event would be a complete disaster.

Standing outside at the grill while completely drenched in rain coats, trying desperately with a broom to keep the puddles from getting more than a foot deep, for a moment the absurd notion that the event would be a failure entered our thoughts. We had put a lot of work into setting up a kind of outdoor festival, and all of it was going to be a complete waste. Of course we knew better, but every missionary knows well what Jonah was thinking when he sat under the shade of his plant outside of Nineveh.

What people needed was to receive Christ together and all His gifts. They needed to hear the forgiveness of their sins, and not only to hear it from the pulpit, but in the voices of their brothers and sisters as they confessed with one voice in the words of the creed and in the songs of the church. They needed what only God could give them, His Word and His Sacraments, and the Body of Christ in each other. These were gifts richly given, by the One from whom all blessings flow!

"Pastor, this was so encouraging and meaningful to me, our hearts leapt within us!" people said to me after the worship service. Which is strange, because the rented bouncy castle (A Mighty Fortress! Get it?) that took me forever to arrange, lay pathetically unused in the mud outside.



In early October we hosted a women's craft day. A very special thank you to Immanuel Lutheran in Seymour, IN for sending us sock pumpkin craft kits! We had quite a few visitors (not all pictured here). Apart from our craft time on Thursday and Friday at CARD we occasionally host these Saturday times for people to gather and have time together in fellowship.

One of our hopes and goals for the mercy house is for members and friends of the church to gather and invite others from the community to come and share together as the body of Christ. These kinds of activities give us those opportunities which have continued to be such a blessing for all!



Over the last several months we have set aside Thursday afternoons as "craft" days in which anyone can come in and make crafts or color at CARD. This October, member, Rosa, who is very passionate about coloring and serving at church, became an official volunteer for Thursday afternoons. It's been such a joy to serve alongside church members in serving their community.

Prayers:

- English Classes - that they continue to be an opportunity for learning and sharing of the Gospel.
- Thanksgiving for a wonderful Reformation Sunday celebration.

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News Notes to Parents

December 2022

Teaching Young Children About Money

Children often see adults exchange coins and bills when they buy things. As children grow and start to make choices, they learn that people, things, and money have value. These concepts form the foundation for understanding the importance of spending, sharing, and saving. These life skills can be taught as soon as children can count, along with the difference between a "want" and a "need."

The topic of money may not become up in conversation naturally, so make an effort to bring it up. Preschoolers watch as we drive through at the bank, make decisions at the store, and pay at the register. Seize the moment to talk about what you're doing.

Here are 3 ways to **start a conversation about money**:

1. If you found \$100, what would you do with it?
2. What are two inexpensive things our family can do for fun?
3. If you could start your own business, what would you like to do?

How can you help your child(ren) make **solid consumer decisions**? Kids are at risk of believing commercials and ads and may not have the ability to make sound decisions without a parent's guidance. Consumer decisions may be small, like picking a breakfast cereal; or large, like choosing a career. Consumers, beginning at a young age, need to become aware of outside influences.

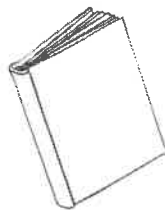
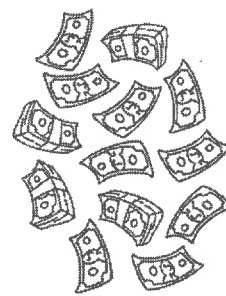
1. Teach your child to think before buying.
2. Preschoolers will respond to ads even though they can't understand how they work.
3. Guide them in learning to make decisions based on facts.

It is important to focus on **needs verses wants**. The sooner children learn this lesson, the better. Needs are things that are critical to survival, such as food, shelter, and clothing.

Wants are not necessary for health or safety. A solid spending plan covers the family's needs before putting money toward things family members want.

Fun money activities to educate children:

1. Go Shopping! Set up a pretend grocery store where children can shop, with play food, empty food containers with prices, play money, and toy cash register. Children can shop for healthy breakfast or lunch items.
2. Fill a jar with pennies! Challenge your child(ren) to estimate the amount and then count to check.
3. Does your child like history? Research the people whose pictures are found on paper money and coins.
4. Try reading stories about money, spending, and saving.
5. Discuss the cost and quality of name brand items versus store brand items.
6. Discuss the different choices that children have when they don't have enough money to purchase something they wanted to buy.



Books for young children:

- *The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money*, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- *Money Hungry Monkey*, by Paul Peters
- *One Cent, Two Cent, Old Cent, New Cent: All About Money*, by Bonnie Worth

The holidays may be the perfect time to educate your child(ren) about money. While purchasing gifts, take the opportunity to educate your child(ren) about earning, spending, and saving. Your child(ren) will continue to watch and learn from watching how you handle money and the financial decisions that you have to make.

Source: InCharge—Debt Solutions

Fun & Safe Winter Activities for Kids

No matter the time of year, playing outside is an excellent way to help a child's physical and mental development. A few benefits are; strengthening motor skills, improving overall health and muscle strength, promoting the use of their senses, encouraging independence, allowing the use of creativity and imagination, and opportunities to learn about nature. Here are a few cold weather activities to try this winter.

What freezes faster?

Put small amounts of different liquids in empty bottles or containers and place them outside. The kids can check the containers to see how long it takes for the different liquids to freeze.

Snow volcano

For this activity, you'll need:

A tall plastic cup or bottle around the same size
1/4 cup of warm water
Baking soda

1 tablespoon of dish soap
Vinegar
Food coloring (red or whatever the kids like)

Put the dish soap in the cup/bottle and then fill it halfway with baking soda. Mix in the warm water and add a few drops of food coloring. Build a small snow "volcano" around the cup/bottle and make sure that you don't cover the opening. Once it's all set, let the kids pour the vinegar in the cup/bottle and watch the volcano erupt. Keep in mind that more vinegar means even bigger eruptions.

Frozen bubbles

To make frozen bubbles, you just need bubble solution and a wand. Once you have your bubble juice of choice, take the kids outside and have them blow bubbles close to the snow instead of up in the air. Once the bubbles land on the snow, the kids can watch them freeze and examine the patterns that form on the surface.

Resource: <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/winter-activities-for-kids/>

Sweet Pea Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

12 eggs
1 can (8.5 oz.) sweet peas, drained
1 ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
1/4 c. light mayonnaise
1 1/2 tsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. cider vinegar
2 tsp. prepared mustard
Salt and black pepper, optional



Instructions:

1. Boil eggs 10 minutes. Peel and cut in half lengthwise. Discard 6 yolks
2. Place remaining 6 egg yolks in a blender or food processor with peas, avocado, mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar and mustard. Puree until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper, if desired.
3. Spoon equal amounts into each of the egg white halves. Sprinkle lightly with additional pepper, if desired.

Watch the YouTube video for making Sweet Pea Deviled Eggs:
<https://youtu.be/7-E-EL04dZO>

Source: www.healthiergeneration.org/delmonte

If you have comments or questions, contact:

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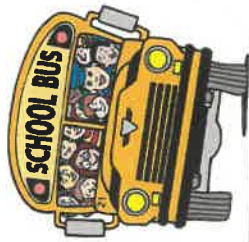


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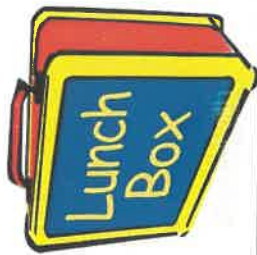
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Bethlehem Lutheran School

Lunch Menu

December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	12 Pizza Broccoli Cucumber Slices Peaches Cookie	13 Chicken Nuggets Peas Veggy Choice Juice Soft Pretzel	14 Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Carrots Blueberries Dinner Roll	15 Bosco Sticks Marinara Cup Fresh Vegys Banana	16 Quesadilla Salsa Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cocktail	17
	19 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Tator Tots Mixed Berries Gram Cracker	20 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Green Beans Applesauce Biscuit	21 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Fresh Vegys Sidekick	22	23	24
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