



TIGER TALES

"Making Disciples for Life"



The Bethlehem students and staff would like to thank the Ladies Aid for a wonderful Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 5th. The children were also given a Bethlehem 125th Anniversary ornament and a candy cane. The children thanked the ladies by singing some Christmas carols.

CALENDAR

Jan. 4 Back to School
Jan. 6 7:00 Epiphany Service
Jan. 6 Report cards sent home
Jan. 13-14 Var. Girls Tournament
Jan. 19 Pizza Birthday Lunch
Jan. 20-21 JV Boys Tournament
Jan. 22 Open House
Jan. 23 PTL Meeting
Jan. 22-27 Lutheran Schools Week
Jan. 27-28 JV Girls Tournament

JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 9 Sienna Sommer
Jan. 14 June Trammel
Jan. 15 MaKayla Berkey
Jan. 15 Jacob Bultemeier
Jan. 21 Ronnie Trammel
Jan. 31 Matthew Rekeweg



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 will be assigned on designated closings.



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.

The 3-4th grade students along with Mrs. De-Frain, Pastor Dodgers and chaperones were able to attend a performance of The Nutcracker at the Fort Wayne Creative Arts Center. The students had an opportunity to witness this wonderful Christmas musical ballet.



Fun was had by all!



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.



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



The third Quarter Chapel offering is for the Weber Fund.

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The Weber Fund is a fund created in honor of John Weber, principal at Central Lutheran, New Haven. This fund is established to help new teachers in the Northeast Indiana partnership of schools. Mr. Weber was a strong supporter of Lutheran Education and future church workers. Money given to this fund is awarded to new teachers to help with moving and living expenses as they begin their careers in church work.



Seeking Wisdom with the Wise Men

At Epiphany (Jan. 6), we remember the Wise Men who came to worship the infant Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12). They were called the Magi, which is where we get our word for "magician." But they were not mere entertainers. The Magi were the academics and scientists of their society. They studied the stars and noticed patterns in the natural world. They gathered the history and literature of their people. Their job was to seek wisdom from nature and the minds of men. Somehow, through their study of God's world (even though they were not believers in the one true God), they got the idea from a miraculous star that a King of the Jews was born. And apparently, they realized this was no ordinary king only for the Jewish people, but a King and Savior of all people. That's why they came to worship Him.

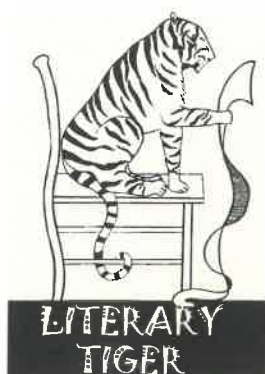
But a problem came when all their learning, all their research, all their human wisdom only got them to Jerusalem, and there was no newborn King. They needed another kind of wisdom to get them to Bethlehem and the baby Jesus. They needed God's Word. In Jerusalem, they heard from the writings of the prophet Micah who said the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. God's Word brought them knowledge that they couldn't find anywhere else. And so then, with their wisdom and God's wisdom, with the star and the Scripture, they made their way to Bethlehem and the home of Jesus.

At a Lutheran School, we follow the example of the Wise Men. We seek wisdom from nature and great human minds. We study science and math, history and literature. But as good as that human wisdom is, it can only get us so far. We need the wisdom of God. And so our days and weeks are centered on God's Word. Everything we teach is guided by the wisdom that God gives us in the Holy Scriptures. And so then, with both man's wisdom and God's wisdom, we are able to prepare students for life in this world and for life in the world to come. We grow into people who can serve God in faith and our neighbors in love. We learn how to fulfill our various vocations in the home, in church, and in society, all the while we are making our way to that eternal home of Jesus, our Savior and King.

Happy Epiphany!

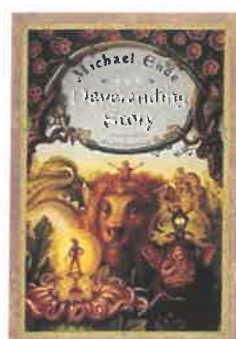
Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dodgers



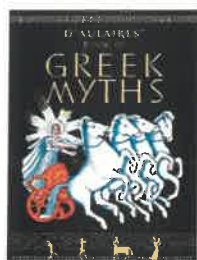
"I wonder . . . what's in a book while it's closed. Oh, I know it's full of letters printed on paper, but all the same, something must be happening, because as soon as I open it, there's a whole story with people I don't know yet and all kinds of adventures, deeds and battles. And sometimes there are storms at sea, or it takes you to strange cities and countries. All those things are somehow shut in a book. Of course you have to read it to find out. But it's already there, that's the funny thing. I just wish I knew how it could be."

Suddenly an almost festive mood came over him. He settled himself down, picked up the book, opened it to the first page, and began to read..."



You can join this adventure in Michael Ende's "The Neverending Story" – one of the many new books in our school library. It is a perfect fantasy novel for a dreary January day. After reading the book your parents may be able to help you find the 1984 movie (they probably remember it, ask!).

"The Wingfeather Saga" is another fantasy story adapted for the screen. An animated show based on the book series, by Christian author Andrew Peterson, can be found (with your parents' permission) on YouTube. Several students have checked out these books, and we would love to hear your thoughts comparing the books and the show.



Students who enjoy fantasy books will also appreciate collections of fairy tales and myths, which are the inspiration for many stories. We have a few new options in the library, and would love to help you find them!

Happy Reading!

December / January Birthday Lunch with Pastor Dodgers

Thursday, January 19th at 12:00 Noon

Those celebrating will be:

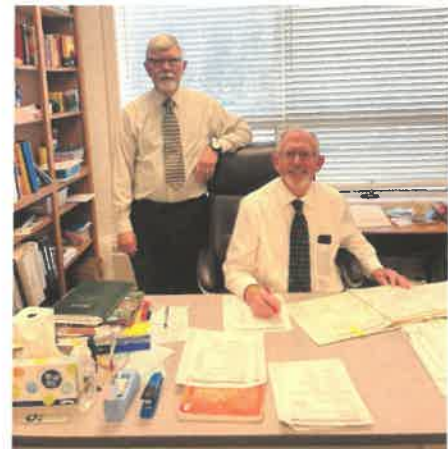
Annabelle Fuhrmann, Rachel Werling, Anna Haiflich, Maddox Kelley, Emma Campbell, Eliana Leamon, Sienna Sommer, June Trammel, MaKayla Berkey, Jacob Bultemeier, Ronnie Trammel, Matthew Rekeweg





Thank you for supporting the Northern Wells Food Pantry located in Ossian, IN. During our second quarter of the school year, our school families collected canned goods, personal hygiene items, boxed foods, paper products and snack items. Over 400 items total were collected! The students have achieved our overall goal and will be awarded later in the school year with something special! Along with the items collected we were also able to donate \$383.14 in chapel offerings. This wonderful mission will go to needy families in the community through the works of the Food Pantry. All of the items and a check will be delivered to the Food Pantry on Friday, Jan. 6th by Pastor Dodgers and his 7 & 8th grade students. Thank you so very much.

We would like to thank Mr. Buchinger and Mr. Brinkley for helping to teach our 7th & 8th grade students the 1st semester of the school year. Both, willingly, had come out of retirement to fill this position until Pastor Dodgers was hired. We appreciate their presence and willingness to help. Thank you



The Children's Christmas Service was held on Wednesday, December 21st. We thank everyone for coming to this joyous worship service. We would like to recognize our Tableau characters in costume: Mary-Aralee Price, Joseph-Tucker Eschenbacher, Angel Gabriel-Ginny Wirgau, Elizabeth-Annabelle Fuhrmann, Shepherds-Maddox Kelley, Ronnie Trammel, Lucas Haiflich and Weslynn Nahrwold. We would also like to thank our extra angels: Lacey Garwick, Sienna Sommer, Maren Meyer, Madeline Schumm, Gabby Campbell and Eliana Leamon (not pictured due to illness).

A special thank you to Kantor Brinkley and the Junior Choir, Mrs. Amy Schueler and the K-3 Choir along with our staff and students for this wonderful service.



National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-27, 2023

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

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

"Making Disciples for Life" is the theme for the 2023 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Matthew 28:18-20 which says:

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.'"

Each day of the school week, students will participate in special activities and dress up days:

Sunday, January 22 Bethlehem Lutheran School will hold an Open House from Noon-3:00

Monday, January 23rd we will celebrate 100 days of school and have a school Treasure Hunt

Tuesday, January 24th wear your favorite color and will have a Skit Show

Wednesday, January 25th "Dress your best" and will have a Service Project

Thursday, January 26th Dress as your favorite book character and overall school reading circles

Friday, January 27th wear school shirts or colors and participation in Tiger Olympics

Catch the Lutheran SPIRIT!

OPEN HOUSE

Jan 22 | Noon-3:00pm



At Bethlehem Lutheran School, you'll find a culture that puts Christ and families first.

- Every staff member knows you by name.
- Every lesson plan keeps Christ at the center.
- Every student is loved unconditionally.

At Bethlehem Lutheran school, your kids will get a high-quality education. And your whole family will find a home away from home. Because we believe every parent deserves a partner.



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If there is inclement weather, please check our Facebook page as we will publicize any updates or need to reschedule.



January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 JV girls Tournament @ SJE	2	3	4	5 JV girls Tournament @ SJE	6	7 JV girls Tournament @ SJE
8 Game @home against Sub Bethlehem 4:30 pm JV girls 5:45 pm Boys 7 pm V Girls	9	10 Girls practice after school til 5	11 Boys and Girls practice after school til 5.	12 Varsity Girls ONLY practice after school til 5.	13 Varsity Girls Tournaments	14 Varsity Girls Tournaments
15	16 Boys practice after school til 5	17 JV Girls ONLY practice after school til 5.	18 Boys and Girls practice after school til 5.	19 JV Girls ONLY practice after school til 5.	20 JV Boys Tournaments	21 JV Boys Tournaments
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